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## MELD MISSION

Rockford MELD's Mission is ***“guiding young parents to build a strong family and lead a responsible life by providing shelter, education and life skills training.”*** MELD provides programs and services for young families in our community including a homeless shelter and transitional living housing for pregnant and parenting young mothers and their children, education and employment assistance and parenting support groups for young moms and dads.

## **MELD PROGRAMS, FUNDING SOURCES AND STATISTICS FOR 2015 (JULY 2014-JUNE 2015)**

### MELD PROGRAMS

MELD at Trinity House Homeless Shelter  
MELD Young Moms Parenting Support Groups\*  
MELD Young Dads Parenting Support Groups\*  
\*A United Way Partner Agency

MELD Transitional Living Program  
Education and Employment Assistance Program  
Homeless Prevention/Rapid Re-Housing Program

### FUNDING SOURCES

Youth Services Network  
Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Illinois School Board of Education  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Department of Human Services

United Way  
City of Rockford  
Donations  
Fundraising Events

### PROGRAM STATISTICS

- MELD at Trinity House Homeless Shelter housed, fed and clothed **34** mothers and **30** children for a total of **2231** bed nights
- **257** requests were made to MELD for shelter or housing. **193** mothers and children were turned away due to lack of space.
- **148** young mothers and fathers received parenting education, information and support in the MELD Young Moms and Dads Parenting Support Groups
- The MELD Transitional Living Program provided housing for **34** mothers and **46** children for a total of **10,478** bed nights
- **54** young women, while residing in our Homeless Shelter or our Transitional Living Programs, received or completed tutoring, educational assistance, vocational training, their GED or High School Diploma and/or attended local colleges.
- **10** participants were employed thru our MELD Employment Assistance Program at agencies, companies and/or businesses in the community
- **62** mothers, fathers and their children, who were homeless or at risk of being homeless, were provided case management and/or housing assistance, through the Homeless Prevention/Rapid Re-Housing Program
- Over **500** individuals volunteered with programs and events for MELD

## HOW YOU CAN HELP MELD

- **MELD YOUNG MOMS AND DADS PARENTING SUPPORT GROUPS**
- Assist with babysitting or by providing healthy snacks for the parents and their children
- Provide a speaker or craft project for a group meeting
- Host a MELD group at your place of worship
- Provide snacks and supplies for groups, holiday parties and special events
  
- **MELD HOMELESS SHELTER and TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM**
- Provide "Welcome to Your New Home" Baskets (supplies and items needed at our shelter and when a family moves from the shelter to their apartment or home) \*See needed items and supplies listed below.
- Assist with babysitting while parents attend weekly group meetings and GED classes
- Provide materials for art and craft projects and scrapbooking
- Have a collection drive of personal items and baby supplies for MELD families-\*See list below
  
- **ADMINISTRATIVE, FUNDRAISING, OFFICE AND BUILDING NEEDS**
- Supply paper – reams of copy paper (white and colored paper), office supplies
- Help with fundraisers (MELD Mother's Day Cards and Note Cards, MELD CLASSIC July 4th Run and Walk, Annual Sports Celebrity event, Golf Play Day and other special fundraising events)
- Provide a group to assist with outside yard and building work

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### \*Supplies and Items needed at MELD:

#### **Household Items**

Alarm Clocks  
Bath towels  
Bed pillows  
Brooms/Dustpans  
Cleaning supplies  
Dish soap  
Dish towels  
Disposable dish towels  
First aid supplies  
Laundry baskets  
Laundry soap  
Mops/Mop Buckets  
Paper plates, cups and napkins  
Paper Towels  
Plastic Silverware  
Plates/Bowls/Glasses  
Pots/Pans  
Sheet Sets/Blankets  
Silverware  
Storage Containers  
Toilet paper  
Vacuums

#### **Personal Hygiene Items**

Combs and hairbrushes  
Deodorant  
Hand and bath soap  
Hand and body lotion  
Q-Tips  
Shampoo and conditioner  
Toothbrushes and toothpaste

#### **Baby Supplies**

Baby shampoo, lotion, and baby wash  
Baby swings  
Baby wipes  
Baby wash clothes and towels  
Car seats (new)  
Crib sheets and blankets  
Cribs (new) and crib mattresses  
Disposable diapers (all sizes, always needed)  
Formula  
High chairs  
Infant and Toddler car seats  
Pull Ups (all sizes, always needed)  
Strollers  
Toddler beds

Items listed above can be brought to our MELD Homeless Shelter at 620 Kishwaukee St.  
Large household items, furniture, appliances and adult clothing can be taken to Sharestuff and More at  
Heartland Church, 1360 S. Alpine Road, 815-316-7610

***Thank you for supporting MELD programs and the services we provide  
to young families in our community.***