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Mothers and Fathers Establishing Life's Direction

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 2016 (JULY 2015-JUNE 2016)

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 **35** mothers and **33** children for a total of **1872** bed nights
- **116** 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 **39** mothers and **49** children for a total of **11,625** bed nights
- **62** 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.
- **11** participants were employed thru our MELD Employment Assistance Program at agencies, companies and/or businesses in the community
- **48** 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

*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. between 9am-3pm weekdays.**

Large household items, furniture, appliances and adult clothing can be taken to
Sharestuff and Sharestuff & More - 1360 S. Alpine Road. Rockford, IL.

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