

PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 94% secured and maintained stable housing after exiting the Transitional Living Program
- 90% of MELD young parents residing in our shelter or in the Transitional Living Program completed high school, GED, educational program, training and/or were employed



PARTNERSHIPS

- Partnerships with community individuals, churches and social service agencies are fundamental to the success of MELD programs
- Joint programming with local agencies and schools ensure that MELD families receive comprehensive and coordinated services
- Area churches assist MELD by hosting the Young Moms and Dads Parenting Support Groups
- Local housing developers coordinate with MELD to provide affordable and safe homes for MELD families

HOW YOU CAN HELP

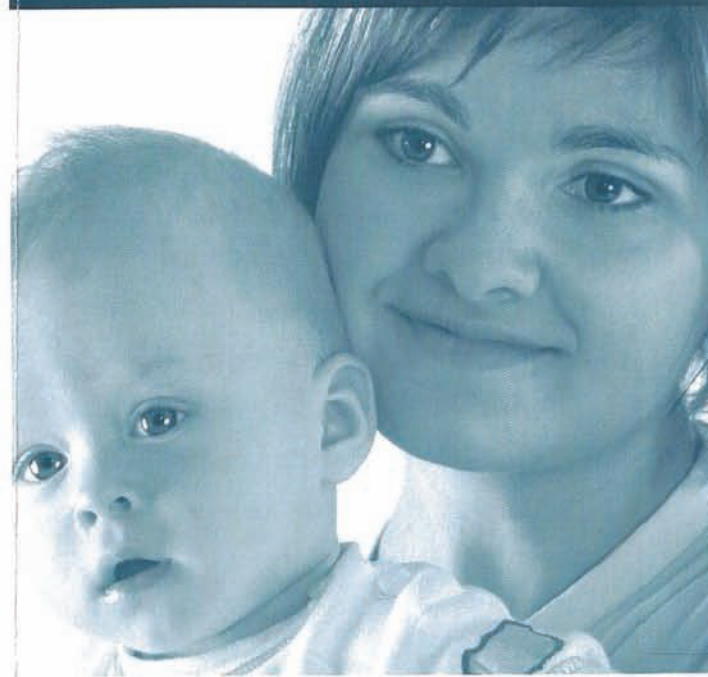
- Help babysit or provide healthy snacks for our Young Moms and Dads Groups
- Donate some time to assist with one of MELD's fundraising events:
 - MELD Mother's Day Cards and Note Cards
 - MELD July 4th Classic Run and Walk
 - MELD Annual Sports Celebrity Event
 - MELD Annual Golf Play Day
- Remember MELD in your will and estate planning
- Have a collection drive of baby supplies and personal items for MELD families

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MOTHERS & FATHERS ESTABLISHING LIFE'S DIRECTION



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".

Through our programs and services, MELD offers emergency shelter and housing, parenting information, life and job skills training, support and resources and prevention education. MELD provides programs for parents and their children in our community.

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MELD PROGRAMS

MELD at Trinity House Homeless Shelter

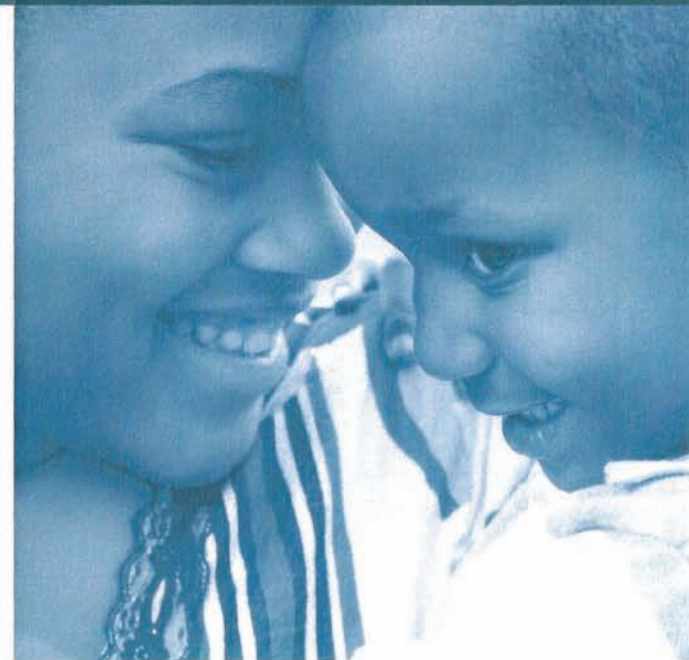
- Emergency beds for pregnant or parenting young mothers and their children
- Must be homeless and between 16 and 21 years of age
- 120 day maximum stay
- Comprehensive programming and services include:
 - Three daily nutritionally balanced meals
 - Needs assessment
 - Case management
 - Educational assessment
 - Life Skills Education
 - Parenting Education
 - Referral to mental health and substance abuse resources
 - Referrals to primary health care services
 - Transportation

MELD Transitional Living Program

- 22 apartments for independent living
- Homeless families between the ages of 17 and 21
- Participation in program for up to 2 years
- Access to MELD resources and programming
- Case management services
- Life and Job Skills Training

MELD Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program

- Housing assistance for young families 18-23 years of age who are at risk of homelessness or have recently become homeless
- Receive short term subsidy for housing
- Primary focus on housing stabilization
- Initial assessment and case management
- Linkage and referral to other community services



MELD Young Moms and Young Dads Parenting Support Groups

- Parenting information and support for young parents between 14-21 years of age
- Childcare, meals and transportation provided
- Weekly meetings held at community churches and local schools

MELD Education and Employment Assistance Program (For Shelter and Transitional Living Residents)

- GED tutoring and assistance in completing education
- Career planning and guidance
- Job skills training and pre-employment workshops
- Employment opportunities and job placement

