



STRONG Beginnings

Strengthening families for a Healthy Start

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REFERRAL FORM

1. Referral Information (please print)

Date of Referral: _____

- Strong Beginnings Main Office, email connie.noel@corewellhealth.org or fax to 616.742.1015
- Strong Beginnings Fatherhood Initiative, email adnoris.torres@corewellhealth.org or fax to 616.742.1015
- Strong Beginnings at Corewell Health, email belinda.cunningham@corewellhealth.org or fax to 616.391.6185
- Strong Beginnings at Cherry Health Services, email latifangeze@cherryhealth.com or fax to 616.235.7506
- Strong Beginnings at Kent Co. Health Dept., email molly.perez@kentcountymi.gov or fax to 616.632.7015
- Strong Beginnings at Trinity Health, email latscht@trinity-health.org or fax to 616.685.3369

Referred By: Name _____

Agency _____

Phone _____

2. Client Information

Pregnant Parenting child <4 mos → Name and DOB of child: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ DOB: ____ / ____ / ____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Other: _____

Email (optional): _____

Primary Language: English Spanish Other (please specify) _____

Is client or her child currently enrolled in a home visiting program? Yes No

If so, where? _____

3. Office Use Only

Referred to: _____ Date: _____

Enrolled in Strong Beginnings (check one): Yes → Date Enrolled: _____ No

Comments: _____

Program Overview

Strong Beginnings is a community program dedicated to enhancing the health of African American/Black and Latine mothers, fathers, and their babies from pregnancy to early childhood. Strong Beginnings is a partnership of agencies working together to improve birth outcomes and promote child well-being.

Services include family support to ensure that women and men are healthy and receive needed services, including prenatal care, medical care, mental health counseling, transportation, breastfeeding support, and parenting education.

Community Health Workers make home visits to provide social support, referrals, and education. They work together with nurses, social workers, and dietitians from the Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) at Kent County Health Department, Cherry Health, University of Michigan West, Trinity Health, and Corewell Health.

Behavioral and mental health counseling is provided by Arbor Circle.

Services are provided throughout pregnancy and for 18 months after delivery.

Eligibility Requirements for Enrollment

Our focus is on pregnant African American/Black and Latine persons.

We enroll:

- Pregnant persons and their partners
- Fathers, father figures, and male partners
- Who live in Kent County
- Are Medicaid Eligible
- Parents who have a child under four months of age

For More Information

For general information, contact Strong Beginnings at 616.391.3940

For information on the Fatherhood Initiative, please call 616.250.2620.

For information on community education programs such as parenting courses, safe sleep, breastfeeding, and preconception health, please call 616.391.5830.

Strong Beginnings provides services for African American and Latine mothers, fathers, and their babies through these partners:

- Arbor Circle
- Cherry Health
- Corewell Health West
- Kent County Health Department
- Trinity Health
- University of Michigan Health West