



All About FamilyWise



FamilyWise has been keeping children safe and helping families lead stable, healthy and productive lives since 1976. We **educate, empower** and **enrich** families who are struggling with poverty, substance abuse, mental health issues, homelessness and domestic violence.

Our programs vary, but the end result is the same: we take complex problems that affect families and work with them to create solutions that will sustain them throughout their lives.

- Parenting Education
- Supervised Visitation & Safe Exchanges
- Wraparound Program
- First Step Early Childhood Education Center
- Bright Beginnings Young Parent Services

We know that great parents aren't born, they're taught. We're in the business of preserving families. We know that parents love their children and want the best for them, but sometimes life's challenges get in the way and families need help to get through the hard times. That's why FamilyWise is here now and for families to come... because we all need help sometimes.

Where does our funding come from? Just like our families, we do a lot with a little. While FamilyWise receives funding from United Way and government contracts, we also rely on donations from individuals and companies.

About FamilyWise

- \$3 million annual operating budget
- 45+ full & part-time staff
- 12 Board of Directors (Volunteers)
- 200+ volunteers and interns each year
- Serve the 7-county Metro area

We believe that every child deserves the same chance at life, whatever their economic or ethnic background may be. In 2016:

- Nearly 85% of the families we helped live below the poverty line and two-thirds were from communities of color.
- 83% of adults either continued education or obtained and maintained employment
- 98% of parents demonstrated improved parenting techniques that foster positive parent/child interaction, early childhood development, and school readiness.
- 90% of families obtained or maintained secure housing.



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Corporate Partnerships: We make it easy for your company to be “socially responsible” and work with you to engage employees in volunteering, donation drives, etc.

Volunteering: You can make a lasting difference in the lives of children and families, whether you have a few days a week or a few hours. Visit FamilyWiseServices.org, call 612.877.7826 or email Volunteer@FamilyWiseServices.org to get started.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Individual/Youth/Groups/Families/Churches:** We always have opportunities to help with garden and landscape projects, serve as classroom helpers in our childcare center, clean and organize family rooms or work in our office.
- **Mentors:** We match young moms with caring, supportive adults to help them in their new role as parents. Mentors must be female, 21 or older, available for a one-year commitment, and able to meet twice a month. No experience needed. Training and support provided.
- **Supervised Parenting Monitors:** The Supervised Parenting Program provides non-custodial parents and their children with the opportunity to spend time together in the presence of a neutral third party. Visits are observed and notes are taken by monitors regarding their interaction and occur on-site at one of our five locations.
- **Supply Drives:** We need your help in collecting items for graduation gifts, first apartment starter kits, welcome baby baskets, personal care kits, books, art and school supplies.
- **Events:** Volunteer at one of our special events, such as our Keep Kids Safe Golf Classic in June or our Mini Golf Classic in January. We welcome groups and individual volunteers.
- **Adopt-a-Family:** There are many ways that you can participate as an individual, family, or group during the holiday season. Our Adopt-a-Family program is the most popular, but you can also host a party or volunteer at our client holiday party.
- **Board or Committee Members:** FamilyWise is seeking qualified individuals to join our Board of Directors or serve on one of our committees. Our Board meets six times per year and has four active committees: Executive, Finance, Marketing and Governance.



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