FAMILY FOCUS

FY2026 IMPACT

WHO WE ARE

For more than 175 years, Family Focus has strengthened children, families, and communities by providing the resources every family deserves to thrive.

We do this through our Early Childhood Programming, Youth Development, and Family Support programs. Our programs provide families with opportunities and stability to create a better future for themselves and their children.

OUR MISSION

Family Focus invests in strengthening families and their children in Chicago and Northeast Illinois so they build social capital and achieve upward economic mobility through high-quality innovative programs and services, grounded in anti-racism and social justice.

THE FAMILY FOCUS APPROACH

Multi-Generation Model

We care for both children and caregivers with integrated teaching that strengthens parent-child interactions, thus strengthening the entire family.

Social Capital

When families are connected - to each other, to mentors and to opportunity – they are empowered to take control of their future.

Economic Mobility

When families are connected to broader resources, referrals, education and support networks, the home stabilizes giving caregivers the capacity to build and grow.

Holistic Support

By connecting families to housing, food, mental health care, and community networks, Family Focus addresses root causes of instability – not just symptoms.

Culturally Aware

90% of our population identify as black, brown or BIPOC. Our work is delivered with sensitivity to each family structure and each community's culture and needs.

FY2026 PROGRAMS AND IMPACT

20,400+

people served, representing nearly 5,775 families

2,100+

children and their families reached through early learning programs

5,100+

parents and caregivers supported with stability and healing

1,070+

Students from 11 schools built confidence, improved and strengthened well-being

When I lost my husband and my newborn, I didn't know how I was going to keep going. Family Focus stepped in before the grief could swallow us. They helped us find a safe home, got my surviving daughter the early intervention she needed to thrive, and stood by us so we could heal. They gave us a new beginning, and my family is thriving.

– TAMMIE, ENGLEWOOD PARTICIPANT

WHY OUR PROGRAMS MATTER

Disparities persist across neighborhoods. Children in underinvested neighborhoods have limited access to quality education, safe environments, and health resources.

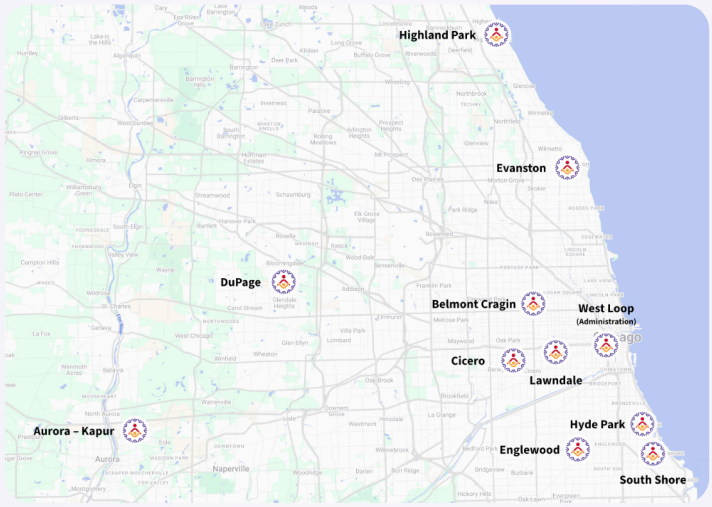
Early Childhood Education helps close the achievement gap, giving children a more equitable start in life improves their long-term academic and life outcomes.

Youth with access to out-of-school enrichment have higher graduation rates, better job readiness, and long-term earning potential.

When families have support and access to pertinent resources the family is strengthened at all levels.

OUR CENTERS

Family Focus operates 10 neighborhood-based centers across Northeast Illinois.



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