



## Prevention Initiative



**SAL Community Services' Prevention Initiative program** offers early, continuous child development and family support services in Rock Island County. The comprehensive program is for families with children currently enrolled in SAL's early childhood programs, including Skip-a-Long Childhood Centers and select licensed homes within our Home Child Care Network. It is also available to new families in the community who are interested in establishing a strong early learning foundation for their children.

### What does the program offer?

Our Prevention Initiative offers tools and resources to support the developmental, social, and emotional growth of children from birth to age three. The program includes:

- Educational opportunities, identified in collaboration with parents, on various topics related to early childhood development.
- Referrals to community resources like funding options for early childhood education and care, housing, food, clothing, mental health, and more.
- Use of an evidence-based early learning curriculum and assessment that aligns with the Illinois Early Learning Guidelines.
- Strength-based family goal planning.
- Resource Library for books and toys to support early learning activities in the home.

### How do I know if I qualify?

Email [info@salcommunityservices.org](mailto:info@salcommunityservices.org) or complete an online interest form on our website.

### When does the program run?

The program runs Monday through Friday, year-round in our center-based sites and nine months a year in our Home Child Care Network sites.

### Want to be the best parent you can be?

We believe the family is a child's *first* teacher, and we believe a family is the child's *best* teacher. We start with understanding your strengths and build from there so we can support you in a collaborative, positive way.

### Meet our program director

Stacey Leatherman has more than 15 years of experience working with children and families, with a master of arts degree in psychology and specialized, board-certified training in developmental assessment, skill acquisition, and behavioral interventions. She is deeply committed to empowering parents.

### Contact us

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