



Building Bridges for Brighter Futures

Birth to Five Program Mission

Our Birth to Five Program will build upon the families' strengths while offering tools and knowledge to empower families to reach their full potential.

Program Benefits

Baby TALK Curriculum



Baby TALK is a nationally recognized, research-based program where parents are valued as their child's first, and best, teacher. Family support specialists provide

developmentally appropriate parent-child activities aligned with Illinois Early Learning Guidelines.

Family Support Specialists

BabyTALK-certified Family Support Specialists collaborate with parents to set goals for your family and provide resources and community connections to achieve those goals. They offer information about child development, parenting resources, and promote healthy parent-child interactions through engaging and fun activities.

Parent Education Programs

Our free events are held throughout the school year during the day and in the evening. Parent education topics include school readiness and parenting issues. Our daytime events include a play group open to children birth to five years old.

Parent Lending Library

Available to all enrolled families, the Lending Library includes books, toys, puzzles, music CDs, and community resources. Materials available in Spanish and Arabic.



The Bridges Program

Bridges is a family-centered program offering support to those with children under the age of three, including prenatal mothers.

Our collaborative approach includes:

- Home visits
- Child developmental screenings
- Connecting families to community resources
- Individualized, educational activities for you and your child
- Family goal setting
- Childhood transitions
- Parenting support

Through Participation...

- Resources to support parents' roles as their child's "first teacher" are available
- Children are better prepared for school experiences
- A positive relationship develops between home and school
- Families are empowered to nurture their children as lifelong learners

The District 146 Bridges program serves families with children ages birth to three, including prenatal mothers. The program is funded through the Prevention Initiative Grant by the State of Illinois' Early Childhood Block Grant.

Community Consolidated School District 146

6611 W. 171st Street

Tinley Park, IL 60477

district146.org/early_learning

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Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a fee for these services?

No, all program services are free for enrolled families.

How do I enroll in the program?

Please call (708) 614-4510 ext. 4231 to request an eligibility screening. A Family Support Specialist will call to schedule a home visit appointment to conduct a child developmental screening and parent interview. Eligible families that choose to enroll will be assigned to a Family Support Specialist.

How often will you come to my home?

After enrollment, visits will be weekly or every other week, depending on your family's needs. Family Support Specialists will spend about an hour with you and your child at each visit.



What happens when my child turns three?

During the six months prior to your child's third birthday, your Family Support Specialist will work with you to plan your child's next step, whether it is preschool, child care, or some other activity that will support your goals for your child's early education.

How do I learn more?

For more information, visit district146.org/early_learning, or call 708.614.4510, ext. 4231, or 708.614.4547.

Referral Requests

Please detach and mail or bring to:

Community Consolidated School District 146
Early Learning Department
6611 W. 171st Street
Tinley Park, IL 60477

Parent(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Best way to contact you (select at least one):

Phone Email Mail

Preferred Language: _____

Translation needed?

Yes No

List of children and ages: _____

I am a resident of District 146:

Yes No I don't know

Community Consolidated School District 146

Serving the communities of Tinley Park, Oak Forest, and Orland Park

"Learning for All"

Contact the Bridges Team

For more information on the Bridges Birth to 3 program, contact any of our Bridges Team Members.

Contact by Email

earlylearning@district146.org.

Contact by Phone

Family Support Specialists

(708) 342-7346 ext. 4244

Se habla español

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Program Supervisor

(708) 614-4510 ext. 4231

(Se habla español)

Family Resource Coordinator

(708) 614-4510 ext. 4231

Early Learning Clerk

(708) 614-4547

Additional Information

Visit district146.org/early_learning for additional contact information.

