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- Website: Parentlink.missouri.edu
- Loan Library of parenting materials
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- Tel-Link
Call 1-800-552-8522 with any parenting question
En Español: 1-888-460-0008. Find us on Facebook!
http://www.facebook.com/parentlink

ParentLink® History

ParentLink has been serving Missouri families since 1989!

ParentLink supports Missouri's families and communities by linking parents and professionals to information and resources.

ParentLink provides quality parenting information, materials, and other resources to strengthen and support Missouri's families.

ParentLink has received financial support from many generous organizations including:
- Missouri Children's Trust Fund
- Charitable Trust—Anonymous Donor
- Missouri Division of Alcohol & Drug Abuse
- University of Missouri Extension
- Missouri Department of Health (Bureau of Child & Family Health)
- U.S. Department of Education through Literacy Investment for Tomorrow
- Missouri Department of Mental Health
- Kauffman Foundation
- Missouri Department of Social Services
- Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education
- Missouri Youth Initiative
- Corporation for National Services (VISTA)
- Missouri Association of Community Task Forces
- Missouri Department of Social Services/Family Investment Trust
- Missouri Department of Public Safety
- Missouri Planning Council
- U.S. Department of Defense
- The Brookdale Foundation
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families
- AARP
- University of Missouri Interdisciplinary Innovations Fund
- University of Missouri
- Boone County Project Launch, funded by SAMHSA
- Job Point

Bootheel Baby Connect

The main purpose of the Bootheel Baby Connect program is to reduce stress of parents with new babies, to help them have realistic expectations, and to help reduce isolation to prevent child abuse and neglect. The Bootheel Baby Connect Facebook group gives parents of new babies, living in the 7 county bootheel region of the state, parenting tips and resources helpful in managing the stress of parenting more effectively.

The target audience for Bootheel Baby Connect is parents of new babies from the counties of Dunklin, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Butler, Mississippi, Scott, and Stoddard. Bootheel Baby Connect targets the Bootheel area as it is known for high poverty and high teen birth rates.

Incredible Years Parenting Class

ParentLink facilitates the Incredible Years parenting class weekly for two audiences: general parents of children ages 3-6 and also individuals involved with the juvenile justice system or are current foster youth. The Incredible Years program is evidence-based and has the goal of reducing challenging behaviors in children and increasing their social and self-control skills.

Tel-Link Referral Line:
1-800-TEL-LINK (1-800-835-5465)

ParentLink contracts with the MO Department of Health and Senior Services to offer the Tel-Link line, Missouri’s resource for maternal and child health care. This line is open 8-5 Monday through Friday and staff help callers locate maternal and child health resources such as WIC, food stamps, Medicaid, and prenatal referrals.
Support for Student Parents:

Parents in College/Project Student Parent Success

http://studentparent.ning.com/

ParentLink was a recipient of the 2010 MU Interdisciplinary Innovations Funds grant. Through this grant ParentLink created a social networking site dedicated for student parents. Each month a different theme is geared towards student parents and their needs.

Cub Hub

The Cub Hub provides child-friendly play and learning space for children of student parents. Student-parents have access to quiet Wi-Fi equipped study spaces to focus on their assignments, while MU Service Learning Students provide educational opportunities for the children in the Cub Hub. For more information, call ParentLink at 1-800-552-8522, or visit http://studentparent.ning.com

ParentLink’s Core Services

ParentLink’s Toll-Free Warm-Line:

1-800-552-8522
En Español, 1-888-460-0008

parentlink@missouri.edu

ParentLink’s WarmLine is your direct access to family strengthening information and support. Through ParentLink’s WarmLine, you can:

- Visit (on the phone or e-mail) with professionals who can assist you in thinking through solutions to your parenting concerns. WarmLine professionals have their Masters Degrees in human service fields such as Social Work, Human Development and Family Studies, and Educational, School, and Counseling Psychology.
- Have access to ParentLink’s Loan Library. See below for more information about the Loan Library.
- Obtain community service and other resource information.

ParentLink Website: parentlink.missouri.edu

ParentLink’s website includes access to WarmLine professionals (through submitting parenting questions online), library materials (titles can be viewed and ordered online), information about community opportunities, and links to parenting websites.

ParentLink on Social Media:

facebook.com/parentlink

Twitter: @MUParentLink
Library of Parenting Materials:
One way parents, professionals, and communities can get information is through ParentLink’s Loan Library. ParentLink’s library has over 1,000 titles of expert-reviewed parenting materials such as books, curricula, videotapes, and DVDs. Materials cover parenting topics such as toilet training, adolescent issues, grandparents raising grandchildren, and more. Materials can be checked out for 30 days from anywhere in Missouri and will be sent through US mail. Return postage can also be made available if needed.

Support for Incarcerated Parents Through Parenting Corners:
ParentLink reaches out to incarcerated parents through Parenting Corners. We currently have these displays of parenting information in all 21 correctional facilities throughout Missouri. Every 8 weeks the Parenting Corners have a new theme, covering topics such as child development, legal issues, education, mental health, and substance abuse. A brochure with a tear-off card is also provided and inmates are encouraged to fill out this card and mail to ParentLink with parenting questions. ParentLink also participates in yearly parenting fairs to help inmates know of resources available to them upon release.

Support for Military Families:
ParentLink, in collaboration with Lincoln University and the USDA, developed a “Healthy Parenting Toolkit” to help families and professionals talk about deployment, relocation, dangerous work, times of crisis, and other general parenting topics. The Healthy Parenting Toolkit, Step Into Your Child’s World, provides user-friendly information for military families with children, ages 0-10. Available materials include pass-along cards, bookmarks, postcards, checklists, fact sheets, and Q&A informational sheets, as well as children’s books written specifically for this audience. The goal of this project is to help military families increase their parenting effectiveness by applying strategies as a result of “stepping into their child’s world and seeing things from their children’s point of view.”

Support for GrandFamilies:
Grandfamilies.missouri.edu
ParentLink serves as the host agency for the Missouri GrandFamily Coalition. This coalition strives to reach grandparents and other relative caregivers around the state. ParentLink also maintains the statewide GrandFamily website which includes information on support groups and other activities throughout the state.

ParentLink also offers a support group for grandparents and other caregivers in Boone County. The group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 5:30-7pm. The group also has a Facebook group where they can stay connected between meetings.