



Maryville

Caring for Children. Strengthening Families.

Maryville Crisis Nursery

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Crisis Nurseries: A National Model

- ▶ Crisis Nurseries were formed by the Crisis Nursery Congressional Act of 1986. The Act requires:
 - ▶ Holistic Prevention and Intervention
 - ▶ Services provided at no cost to families
 - ▶ Referrals and on-going support services as needed.
- ▶ The ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center integrated the crisis nursery model into prevention services to families that are vulnerable to abuse, neglect and family instability.

Key Facts

- ▶ Immediate crisis child care offered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, for children birth to six
- ▶ Services offered at no cost to parent
- ▶ Childcare for 4 hours to 3 days
- ▶ Families may use the Crisis Nursery for up to 30 days in a year



CN Support Services



- ▶ 24- Hour Helpline
- ▶ Parent Classes
- ▶ In-kind Gifts
- ▶ Home Visiting
- ▶ Referrals
- ▶ Developmental Screenings
- ▶ Community Advocacy
- ▶ Family Activities

Goals of the Crisis Nursery



Decrease Parental
Stress

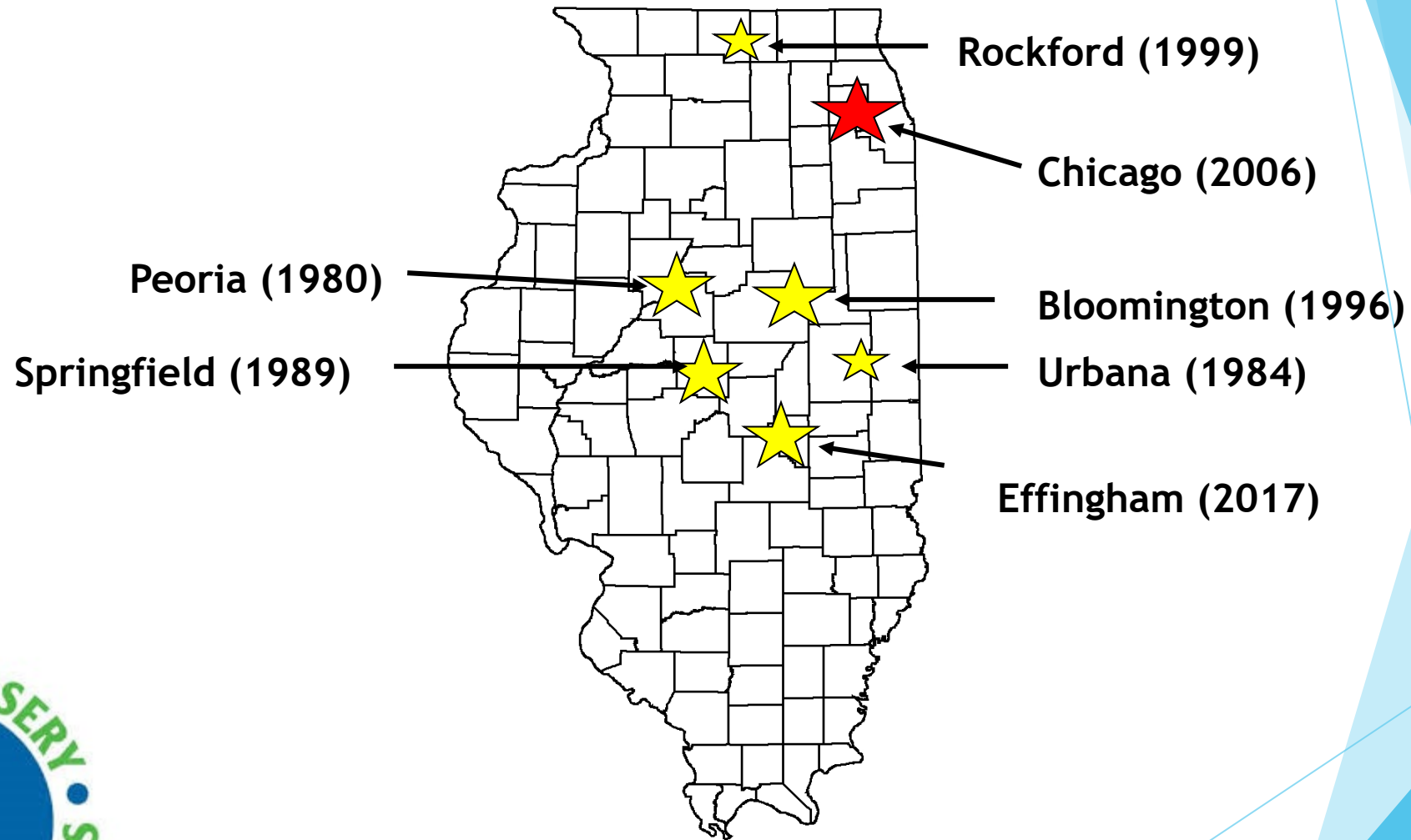


Improve Parenting
Skills



Reduce Risk of Harm to
Children

Crisis Nurseries in Illinois



Reasons Families Use the Crisis Nursery

- ▶ Parental Stress/ Respite
- ▶ Employment
- ▶ School Issues
- ▶ Family Medical Problems
- ▶ Home Crisis / Homelessness
- ▶ Domestic Violence
- ▶ Legal Issues
- ▶ Substance Abuse
- ▶ Mental Health Issues
- ▶ Public / Support Services





24-Hour Helpline

773-205-3637

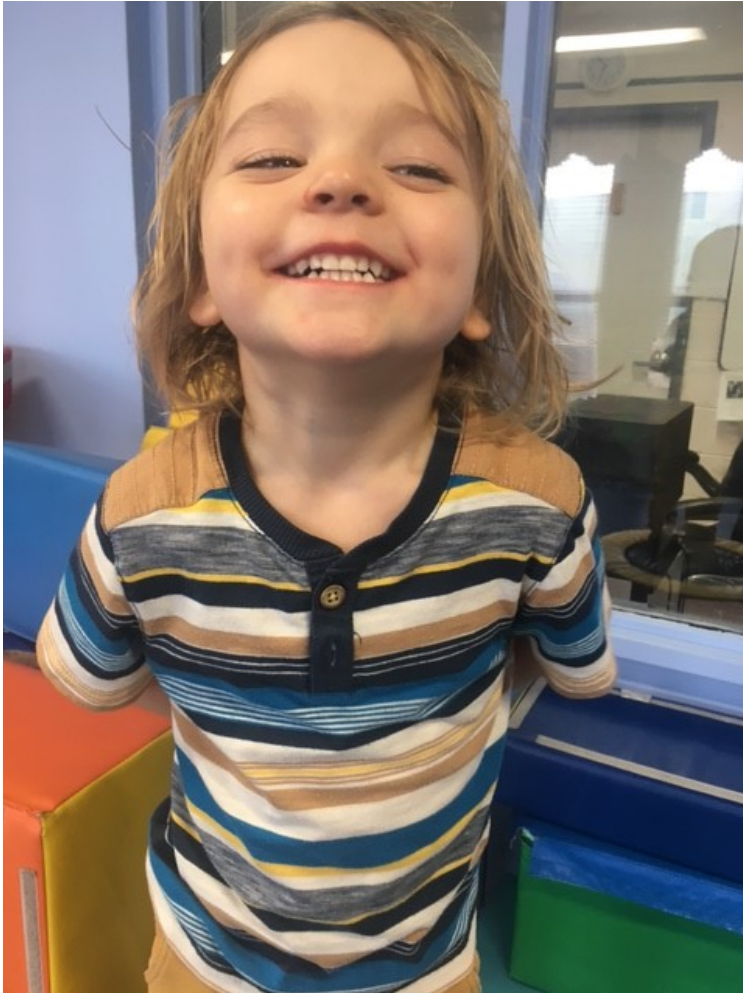
- 24/7 helpline for families seeking crisis care
- Family Advocate Workers respond to calls
- Referrals provided based on caller's need
- Crisis counseling and intervention

COVID Precautions

The Crisis Nursery has remained open through out the COVID pandemic.

- ▶ Increased cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting of all areas
- ▶ Pre-screening before any scheduled visits to the nursery
- ▶ Daily screening and monitoring of children and staff
- ▶ Staff wear face masks at all times
- ▶ Limiting in-person contact with families
- ▶ Temperature check of all staff, children, and adults before entering the building.

Intake



- ▶ Parents and providers contact the 24-hour helpline to discuss their situation
- ▶ Family Advocate Workers assess the needs of the family and schedule intake
- ▶ Gather information about the child
- ▶ Discuss the family's goals for while their child is at the nursery

Nursery Stay



- ▶ Families are not required to bring anything with them (except medication)
- ▶ We provide:
 - Clothing
 - Diapers
 - Food
 - Formula
- 4 to 1 Ratio
- ▶ Families create a password at intake and are encouraged to call and check-in on their child at any time.

Pick-up

- ▶ Follow-up on family's goals
- ▶ In-kind gifts
 - ▶ **Every child takes a book home to promote early literacy**
- ▶ Referrals and next steps





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