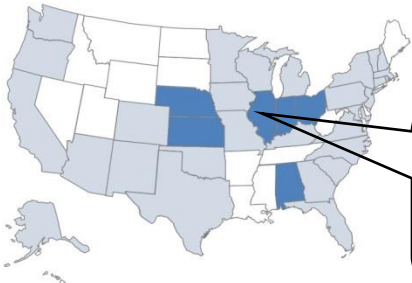




# The Baby TALK Model – Approach – Curriculum

## FACT SHEET

<b>Mission</b>	To positively impact child development and nurture healthy parent-child relationships during the critical early years	
<b>Model</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Framework for <b>building a system</b></li> <li>✓ Begins with <b>universal screen</b> of families of young children</li> <li>✓ <b>Relationship-based</b> approach to family engagement</li> <li>✓ Emphasis on identifying and serving the <b>most at-risk</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Research-based</b> curriculum</li> <li>✓ <b>Evidence-based</b> strategies for engaging and providing support</li> </ul>	
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Building strong relationships</li> <li>✓ Creating a system of support for families</li> <li>✓ Supporting parental sense of competence</li> <li>✓ Promoting healthy attachment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Promoting development in all domains</li> <li>✓ Reducing parental stress</li> <li>✓ Promoting protective factors and resilience</li> <li>✓ Promoting positive parent and child outcomes</li> </ul>
<b>Origin</b>	Baby TALK has been serving families with young children since 1986	
<b>Key Methods &amp; Approaches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Nurturing families in support of optimal early childhood development</li> <li>✓ Applying a developmental approach to family engagement</li> <li>✓ Facilitating parent-child interaction</li> <li>✓ Affirming parental competence</li> <li>✓ Using active listening, reflection and strength-based strategies</li> <li>✓ Building community connections</li> </ul>	
<b>Distinctive Features</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Proven history of identifying families with the greatest risk factors than other targeted programs of its kind</li> <li>✓ Effective approach for professionals to identify at-risk families early and to implement supportive services</li> <li>✓ Extensive protocols to guide effective encounters with families</li> <li>✓ Flexibility to tailor protocols and curriculum based on the needs of families</li> </ul>	
<b>Target</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Expectant and parenting families with children birth through age 5</li> <li>✓ Model application for a variety of Federal, State and Private funding streams</li> </ul>	
<b>Where is Baby TALK?</b>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Over 1200 trained professionals across 32 states</li> <li>✓ Fully implemented Baby TALK programs in six states</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Baby TALK is a research-based and evidence-based model approved by Illinois State Board of Education and by DFSS for all center-based programming and Prevention Initiative home visiting</li> <li>✓ Baby TALK is implemented in over 100 programs in Illinois</li> </ul> </div> </div> </div>	
<b>Delivery Methods &amp; Curriculum</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Home visiting, including comprehensive wraparound services</li> <li>✓ Center-based programming for family engagement roles and classroom teachers</li> <li>✓ 273 pieces of curricula to engage and reflect with families; 370 pieces to facilitate parent-child interaction</li> </ul>	