



# HIGH-RISK INFANT PROGRAM

Helping families stay together through strength, empowerment and education.

For the past 22 years, many of Lake County's children have had a better start in life, thanks to the home visiting and transportation services of the High-Risk Infant Program.

High-Risk Infant services are designed to assist families who have experienced the birth of an at risk child: one who has been in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Level 3. The program also serves mothers who have been referred to us with a diagnosis of a high-risk pregnancy.

This service is available to families residing in Lake County through grants we receive from the United Way of Lake County and other Lake County organizations specifically to support the High-Risk Infant Program.

We collaborate with Evanston Hospital, Children's Memorial in Chicago, Children's Memorial in Milwaukee, the Lake County Health Department, and various social service agencies.

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## PROGRAM MISSION

The High-Risk Infant program provides preventative and supportive services to families coping with high-risk pregnancies and premature or multiple births. The program creates a support network for at-risk families by providing transportation, in-home support and referrals to other needed services such as counseling, birth to three evaluations, and medical specialists.

Additionally, the program's comprehensive services prevent high-risk families from becoming involved with the child welfare system.

A family can stay in the program until the child becomes three, the age at which the child enters the next developmental stage and can benefit from additional intervention programs.

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## SERVICE ACTIVITIES

We provide the following in-home non-medical services:

- Parenting Support and Guidance
- Links to community resources
- Review of the developmental stages of the child(ren)
- Household organization
- Meal planning and preparation
- Assistance with medical care plan
- A second pair of hands
- Transportation and escort to medical appointments and hospitals.

This list is not meant to be all-inclusive. Each case is looked at individually.

We also consider specific, unique needs that have been identified. Examples of special needs include language and special development needs. Other services are provided as needed.



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#### **TO FIND OUT MORE**

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#### **ABOUT UCAN**

UCAN (Uhlich Children's Advantage Network) was founded in 1869 as a Civil War orphanage, UCAN serves wards of the state who have suffered severe abuse or neglect as well as foster families and families in crisis.

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