

## MISSION STATEMENT

Tri-County Opportunities Council is committed to supporting and engaging parents in pursuing further skill development and educational achievement in order to increase their family security and stability, while concurrently ensuring their children are engaged in experiences that support school readiness and build a love for life-long learning.

### Values:

- Create a community impact that builds financial stability through training, mentoring, and internship opportunities.
- Foster the continued development of children's school readiness skills.
- Build a collective impact approach to increase parent skill development and employability.
- Increase qualified candidates for the field of early childhood education.



## OFFICE INFORMATION

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8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### Head Start/Early Head Start Family & Community Service Workers

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Sterling, IL 61081  
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### CSBG Community Outreach Specialists

Sterling Township  
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Sterling, IL 61081  
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## Tri-County Opportunities Council **TWO GENERATIONS, HAND IN HAND**



***Building Pathways Towards Success,  
Two Generations at a Time.***

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## OUTCOMES

### Parent

- Increased Parent Engagement
- Strengthen Emotional Intelligence

### Child

- Improved Attendance
- Academic Achievement
- Social-Emotional Development

### Family Stability

- Employability
- Break Generational Poverty Cycles

### Agency

- Filling staff vacancies
- Increased Partnerships

### Community

- Employment
- Increase community engagement
- Build stronger communities



## TWO GENERATIONS, HAND IN HAND PROGRAM

The Two Generations, Hand in Hand Program provides the opportunity to support individuals into furthering their skills and education by enrolling in a 40-hour, 4-week class that will focus on Workforce Employability, Parenting & Child Development, Financial Planning, and Personal Care and Internship Orientation.

After successfully completing the class hours of the program, the individual will complete a Professional Development Plan with a case manager that is inclusive of a 48-hour internship working in a Head Start/Early Head Start classroom and will work on additional goal to help promote self-sufficiency.



## OPPORTUNITIES

- Peer Networking
- Paid Internship
- Mentor Coach Support
- Resume Building
- Potential Employment
- Building New Relationships
- Developing New Skills
- Gaining a “Real World” Perspective in Early Childhood Education



## HOW TO GET STARTED

- Contact a Head Start/Early Head Start Family Community Service Worker or a CSBG Community Outreach Specialist in your local area.
- Schedule an appointment and fill out the application and any other required paperwork.