



Federal Even Start Family Literacy funds administered through the Illinois State Board of Education, contributes 50% of the funding for the Joliet Community Even Start Program.

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partners
working
together
for
Joliet
families



Joliet Community Even Start Program

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A Family Literacy
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Community Partners include:

Parent University/Education Service Network
Joliet Junior College
Joliet Public School District #86
Joliet Public Library



Our goal is
to encourage
Joliet families
to read to succeed!

What is Even Start?

The Even Start Family Literacy program, a federal grant program serving families of children birth to age 5, is a free educational program for low income families designed to improve the academic achievement of young children and their parents, especially in the area of literacy.

What is the goal of the Even Start Program?

The goal of this program is to break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy by integrating four main educational components:

- ESL classes
- Early childhood education
- Parenting education
- Interactive parent/child literacy activities/Playgroup

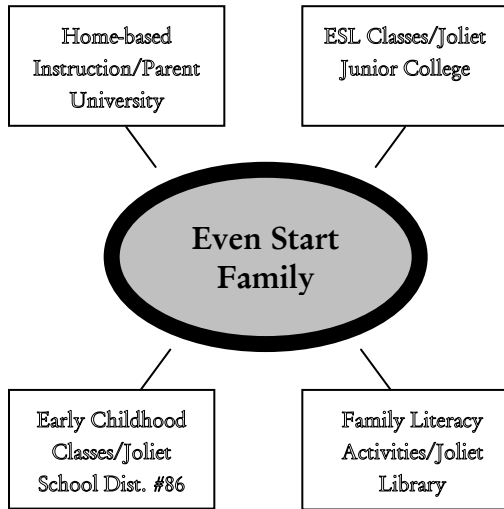
Who can receive Even Start services?

The following criteria are used to determine eligibility of Even Start families:

- Must reside in Joliet Public School District #86
- Must have a child age birth to five
- Must meet low level income guidelines
- A parent/caregiver with low level literacy:
- May need ESL classes

What services will be provided to families?

The program provides very intensive services for the whole family. Families must be willing to participate in all four components of the program.



What makes Even Start services so special?



The Joliet Community Even Start Program is certified by Parents as Teachers (PAT), an international early childhood and family support program. All parent educators are PAT trained and certified.

How can I help?

The success of this program relies upon the sharing of community resources. Referrals, donations and volunteer help from concerned community members and agencies are always welcome and most appreciated.

Joliet Community Even Start Program Response Form

Name: _____
 Organization: _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone Number: _____
 E-mail: _____

Willing to make a monetary donation
 Make checks payable to:
 Education Service Network NFP, Inc/
 Joliet Community Even Start Program

Willing to provide volunteer help
 One time event
 On-going
 Family to be referred:

Adult Name: _____
 Child Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone Number: _____

Mail/fax completed form to:
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