



EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM

THE PROBLEM

Teen moms striving to break the cycle of poverty usually have a limited vocabulary and lack the ability to communicate with standard word choice. These deficiencies are passed on to their children -- which means both generations lack the language abilities necessary to succeed in school.

In fact, children of teen parents are 50% more likely to repeat a grade and are less likely to graduate from high school. This is a significant problem because education is key in breaking out of poverty.

THE SOLUTION

The good news is that children who attend a high quality Early Learning program are:

- less likely to repeat a grade in school
- less likely to drop out of high school
- more likely to attend and graduate from college
- more likely to be employed as an adult
- less likely to receive public assistance as an adult

The Early Learning Program at Hope House is designed to enhance language acquisition skills and improve social/emotional skills in the children of our teen moms, better positioning them to break the cycle of poverty. This program provides age-appropriate development lessons based on the nationally recognized *Little InvestiGators* curriculum.

Under the supervision of our Early Learning Manager, trained volunteers and teachers provide Early Learning lessons to the children of our teen moms while they are busy working in our self-sufficiency classes. The goal is to help the children of our teen moms develop the skills they need to succeed in school, as well as to help them successfully transition to a full-time, quality Early Learning Center, setting both mom and child up for long term success.

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Did you know?

A middle-class **3-year-old** has a working vocabulary of **1,200 words**. A poverty class **adult** has a working vocabulary of only **900 words**. Language development is a key component of our Early Learning Program, and we need volunteers to work with the children of our teen moms.



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

See back for details.



EMPOWERING TEEN MOMS

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