



Union County Build Stronger Families Case Story



Single parent with 4-month-old. Infant was born with cytomegalovirus (CMV) and cerebral palsy (CP). The infant had frequent seizures requiring monitoring at a facility 130 miles from home. Having no driver's license, parent and infant lived with her parents. Parent expresses feelings of grief and depression at the possibility of not being able to bond because infant is, "Different." Feeling overwhelmed, parent mentions past dreams of living on her own, owning a vehicle, and going to college.

Building Stronger Families home visitor helped parent plan weekly schedules to meet infant's therapy needs, supported parent meeting with a counselor to lift the fog of depression and become more confident in riding the bus by riding with parent and infant for their first bus ride, and encouraged parent to take driving lessons. Parent purchased first vehicle and completed the application for housing assistance. Today, parent and infant live in their own home, closer to medical facilities, and infant receives daily care at a "special abled" children's facility. Excited about parents future, parent completed documents to fulfill her dream of going to college.

At closure, screening assessment increased in parental capabilities, family interaction, child well-being and self-sufficiency. The infant is thriving in a safe, loving nurturing home.

How Dollars Help Our Clients



\$100

\$100 provides 5 Parent Guides and Workbooks for 5 families to use and keep for future reference.

\$500

\$500 provides an Active Parenting kit with a flash drive for staff, decreasing the wear and tear and cost of buying CD's that break, skip or wear out.

\$1,000

\$1000 provides a month of travel expenses as well as cell phone reimbursement.