

the Baby TALKmodel

Build a system.

Identify others interested in serving young families in your community. Learn about their goals and services, and discover opportunities to assist each other in meeting goals for families. Establish a system of communication for ongoing support of families.

Screen every family.

Cast a net over your targeted population in order to identify who is raising children. Use Baby TALK's Encounter Protocol to learn about families' risk factors. This may include outreach to hospitals, WIC, clinics or other community locations where families may be found.

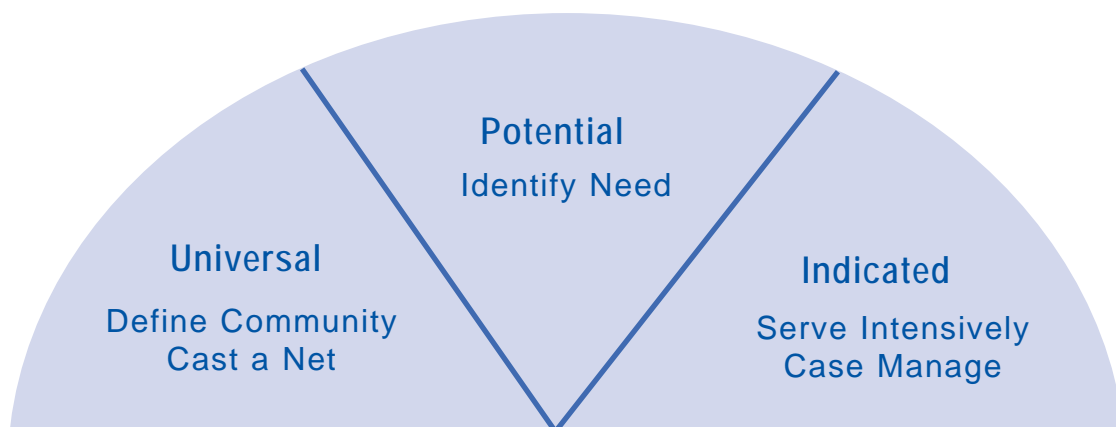
Identify the need.

Use this screening to identify which families are most at-risk, which ones are already being case managed by other agencies, and which ones have needs which can be addressed either through your resources or other community resources. Make referrals or connections immediately to establish trust with parents.

Deliver appropriate services.

Families most at-risk may enter a system of case management with purposeful, frequent personal encounters. These may be delivered through home visit as well as other points within the system of care.

Families with fewer risk factors may be served by group encounters through the community's resources, with ongoing efforts to re-examine the development of risk factors over time.



Baby TALK's Mission

Baby TALK's Mission is to positively impact child development and nurture healthy parent-child relationships during the critical early years

Systems Building

"Casting a net over the Community" - creating a community plan for the joining of services into a seamless system of care

Building Relationships

Baby TALK's "Trustworthy System of Relationships" - every level of BT's work is based on relationships

Going Where Families Are

BT's approach is to identify where families are already receiving services and build collaborations to be able to take services to those locations

Facing Difficult Issues

Real leadership entails being willing to have hard conversations with parents, colleagues, and collaborators

Parallel Process

At every level of relationship, the same processes occur and the same strategies work

"Tell me about your baby"

Establishes parent as expert and our openness/willingness to go where they need the conversation to go

Becoming Ever Better

Continuing growth as professionals

Coming Alongside

We want to join parents in the task of raising children - partnership, not advice-giving

Collaboration

Working together- with parents, colleagues, and other community agencies- toward common goals