SERVICES PROVIDED:

For Families:
- Crisis evaluation and referral to community services as needed
- Regularly scheduled home visits tailored to each family’s goals and circumstances focused on parent-child interaction, child safety, nutrition, and other topics that promote healthy children and responsible parenting.
- Family Building Blocks Clothes Closet is available one time per month to families who need it.
- Family Night events are held quarterly in a community setting. Each event includes a dinner and age-appropriate children’s activities.

For Children:
- Therapeutic classroom enrollment for eligible children. Services are 2 days per week combined with regularly scheduled home visits to families.
- Emergency respite services for enrolled families that can be accessed as needed for crisis intervention.

ROLE OF THE PRACTICUM/INTERN STUDENT:

- Provides information and makes referrals.
- Communicates with FBB clients on the telephone and in person.
- May assist trained home educators with home visits.
- May assist trained facilitators in providing tours and play groups.
- May provide support to staff and model appropriate social interactions at Family Building Blocks Family Nights.
- Completes necessary forms with Healthy Start clients at FBB.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PRACTICUM/INTERN STUDENTS:

- The practicum student will work closely with staff and volunteers to develop a program that meets the mutual needs of the student and Family Building Blocks.
• Ability to prioritize tasks and projects on a routine basis.
• Flexibility and initiative that will allow the student to function within an interdependent teamwork structure.
• Non-judgmental, strength-based approach to working with families.
• Good listening skills.
• Ability to communicate well orally and in writing.
• Ability to deal with a variety of situations.
• Basic computer experience.
• Provide an automobile as a condition of employment; valid driver’s license; and personal automobile liability insurance.
• The student must provide a resume & two letters of recommendation at the time of the interview.

FAMILY BUILDING BLOCKS’ INTERN APPLICATION PROCESS:
(This process may take a couple of weeks; tours are typically scheduled twice per month)

• Attend a regularly scheduled FBB tour
• Fill out a volunteer application
• File background check
• Interview for intern position
• Complete orientation with Internship Coordinator and Practicum Supervisor
  o Volunteer training
  o Sign paperwork including a confidentiality statement
  o Complete food handler’s license

A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK IS REQUIRED OF ALL INTERN/PRACTICUM STUDENTS.

As of April 15, 2011, practicum sites that use the Department of Human Services Background Check Unit will now conduct a weighing test and fitness determination when an individual has been identified as the perpetrator of abuse in certain cases of sexual abuse, physical abuse or financial exploitation. The Background Check Unit will specifically consider the most serious cases of abuse reported and substantiated from January 1, 2010, forward.