

Opening Doors is improving birth outcomes for at-risk women residing in Washington County. The program seeks out low-income pregnant women who may not have access to prenatal care, motivates them to seek care, and provides the needed information, referral and advocacy to enable these women to obtain assistance.

Opening Doors was created to address a growing problem of low-income pregnant women coming to hospital emergency rooms for delivery, having had little or no prenatal care. The program is unique in that, from the start, it has been a collaborative effort of competing managed care plans and healthcare providers.

Accomplishments:

Provided 408 low-income pregnant women with prenatal care and social services.

95% of babies born to clients were born with a normal birthweight.

49 support groups meetings were held.

"The support I've received from Community Action has transformed my life and given my daughter and I hope for the future." --Angel

Personal hygiene/toiletries

Baby shampoo and soap

Baby powder

Wash Cloths

Baby Lotion

Diapers

Diaper bags

Ointment

Miscellaneous

Baby Formula

Pacifiers

Baby toys: rattles, soft toys with no loose appendages

Car safety seats

Bouncing seats

Blankets

Baby clothes: girls and boys (ages newborn to 1 year)
*most needed is newborn

** Cash donations are always appreciated, allowing the programs to purchase what they need most.