

If you are
a first-time mom in
Avondale...



The Avondale/
Every Child Succeeds
Home Visitation
Partnership Program
is for you.

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Lafawnda: Raising Her Son To Be Successful

Lafawnda Sanderson grew up in Avondale, where she is now raising her son Trayvon. She enrolled Trayvon in Every Child Succeeds in February, 2008.

My pediatrician encouraged me to join Every Child Succeeds, but I wasn't too sure about it at first because I felt like Trayvon and I were doing pretty well on our own. Now I can sit through that being part of ECS has really changed my life for the better.

Rozza, my home visitor, started coming to my apartment when Trayvon was about three months old, and she had a lot to teach me. The first lesson was about putting Trayvon down on the floor for "tummy time" to help him develop the muscles he'd need for crawling. Since then, I've learned a lot of things from Rozza, like how much a baby's brain develops in the first three years, and what I can do to help Trayvon with language development.

A few weeks after Rozza's first visit, Ms. Anita at Every Child Succeeds called and asked if I needed anything from the Pantry. I said yes and went down there, and she gave me two big bags full of diapers and clothing and supplies. I was so happy! It really lifted my spirits. Before I left that afternoon, Ms. Anita told me about the support group for mothers. I've been going ever since. The meetings are fun and the speakers are positive and inspirational.

One day, Ms. Anita called to ask if I'd be interested in working part time for ECS as a Community Liaison. This is the perfect job for me — it's close to home, I can bring Trayvon, and it involves recruiting first-time moms to be part of ECS. I like working in the Pantry, too. Some of our moms are really in need of the Pantry, and I am glad it is there for them.

This is a beautiful program and I'm very happy I'm in it. It's helping me raise Trayvon to be somebody and succeed in life. I saw our pediatrician a few months ago and thanked him for referring us to ECS. He was delighted that things are working out so well.

