

 **Chernihiv Oblast Social Centre  
for Mother and Child  
“Parents and Baby Together”**

The Centre was developed jointly by EveryChild Ukraine, State Social Services for Family, Children and Youth and Chernigiv Oblast State Administration.

Building works took place during 2004-2005 and included the construction of an individual boilerhouse for the new heating system, 8 individual en-suite rooms for living, a separate communal kitchen and laundry room.

The Centre staff of qualified social workers and a psychologist began to provide services to parents in difficulty in 2006.

**Address of the Centre  
“Parents and Baby Together”**

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**CHERNIHIV  
OBLAST SOCIAL CENTRE  
FOR MOTHER AND CHILD**

**“PARENTS  
AND BABY  
TOGETHER”**

## Centre "Parents and Baby Together"

The Centre was established to provide temporary residence and support for pregnant women and mothers and fathers with children from birth till 18 months old.

## Goal

To prevent the abandonment of babies and young children up to 18 months and their subsequent placement in residential care institutions.

## Objectives

- To provide a safe and secure place to live for pregnant women, parents and babies from birth to 18 months
- To provide practical and emotional support to parents of newborn babies including assistance with registration, preparation of documents, help with claiming state benefits, liaison with extended family, support to move on to their own home To provide a safe and secure place to live for pregnant women, parents and babies from birth to 18 months
- To provide support to mothers and fathers to develop appropriate parenting skills
- To provide support to parents to develop their own skills and experience, attend further education classes etc. to increase their opportunities for employment

## Who can stay in the Centre

Women of 7-9 month's pregnancy; mothers and fathers with babies from birth till 18 months old, who are living in difficult conditions which can result in the separation of a mother and her baby or put at risk the health of mother or baby; young mothers lacking independent living or parenting skills (teenage mothers, former pupils of residential care institutions without extended family support etc.)



During their stay in the Centre, the young mothers will have an opportunity to continue with their studies, obtain a higher education or attend professional training courses. Centre staff will support parents both emotionally, psychologically and practically and can offer help in taking care of the baby. However parents have the primary responsibility for care of the child and are responsible for cleaning their own rooms, for cooking meals and taking care of laundry.

## Procedure of placement in the Centre

Approval for placement in the Centre is made by the Director of the Centre, based on:

1. Written request from Rayon State Administration (City Council) to Chernigiv Oblast Centre of Social Services for Families, Children and Youth.
2. Written referral of Chernigiv Oblast Centre of Social Services for Families, Children and Youth.
3. A document, certifying a person and Medical Reference of a mother and a baby, if a mother is to be placed with a baby.
4. Direct referrals from women in difficulty by written application

