

Home Visiting Program

Arizona

Strong Families, Arizona's Home Visiting Program, is funded in part through federal investments from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (Home Visiting Program), and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to at-risk pregnant women and parents with young children.

The Home Visiting Program, which builds upon decades of scientific research, provides voluntary, culturally-appropriate, individually-tailored supports to families in their homes, including providing information about children's health, development, and safety, and when appropriate, referrals to support services.

Through federal grants from the Home Visiting Program, in fiscal year 2015, home visitors in Arizona:

- made 30,167 home visits to 4,394 parents and children in 2,261 families;
- enrolled 1,963 new parents and children to the program; and
- served families living in communities in 8 counties across the state, or 53% of Arizona counties, of which 3 counties, or 38%, are rural.

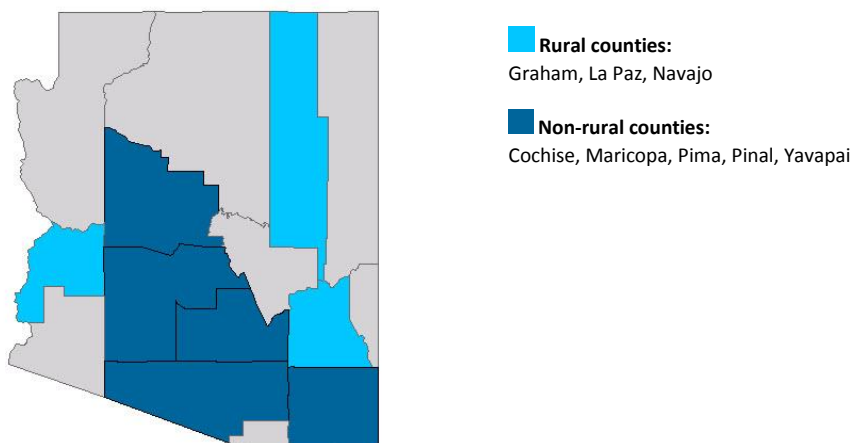
The Home Visiting Program in Arizona:

- implemented a data-management system and completed the integration of Home Visiting Programs;
- provided home visiting services to over 2000 families that would not have otherwise received services; and
- provided professional development statewide to home visitors of all programs, regardless of funding, on various topics to increase the knowledge and skill of home visitors, increase staff retention, and improve outcomes for families.

Like all Federal Home Visiting Program grantees, Arizona uses home visiting models that are proven effective. Arizona leverages federal funds to implement the following evidence-based models to serve children and families across the state:

- [Family Spirit](#)
- [Healthy Families America](#)
- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)

Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the Home Visiting Program (as of February 2016)*:



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The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in close partnership with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The Program supports at-risk pregnant women and families, and helps parents of children from birth to kindergarten entry tap the resources and hone the skills they need to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to learn.

Research shows that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of life improve maternal and child health, prevent child abuse and neglect, increase positive parenting, and enhance child development and school readiness.