

Arkansas

Stronger Families, Brighter Futures, Arkansas' 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 Arkansas:

- made 20,954 home visits to 4,190 parents and children in 2,199 families
- enrolled 2,290 new parents and children to the program
- served families living in communities in 50 counties across the state, or 67% of Arkansas counties, of which 34, or 68%, are rural.

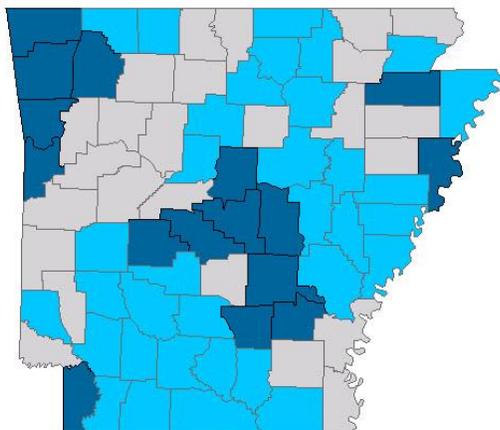
The Home Visiting Program in Arkansas:

- uses the Nurse Family Partnership model in the high-need Delta region;
- has a home visiting training institute that increases professional development opportunities for all home visitors in the state; and
- uses a standard community assessment tool developed through Coordinated Intake, resulting in a published Coordinated Intake Toolbox.

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

- [Healthy Families America](#)
- [Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters](#)
- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)
- Promising Approach – Following Baby Back Home

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



Rural counties:

Arkansas, Ashley, Boone, Bradley, Calhoun, Carroll, Clark, Columbia, Conway, Dallas, Fulton, Greene, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Independence, Izard, Lafayette, Lee, Mississippi, Monroe, Montgomery, Nevada, Ouachita, Phillips, Pike, Prairie, St. Francis, Sevier, Sharp, Stone, Union, Van Buren, White, Woodruff

Non-rural counties:

Benton, Cleveland, Craighead, Crawford, Crittenden, Faulkner, Garland, Jefferson, Lincoln, Lonoke, Madison, Miller, Pulaski, Saline, Sebastian, Washington

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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.