

# Home Visiting Program

## California

**California 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 California:

- made 29,596 home visits to 5,549 parents and children in 3,172 families;
- enrolled 2,032 new parents and children to the program; and
- served families living in communities in 24 counties across the state, or 41% of California counties, or those 5, or 21%, are rural.

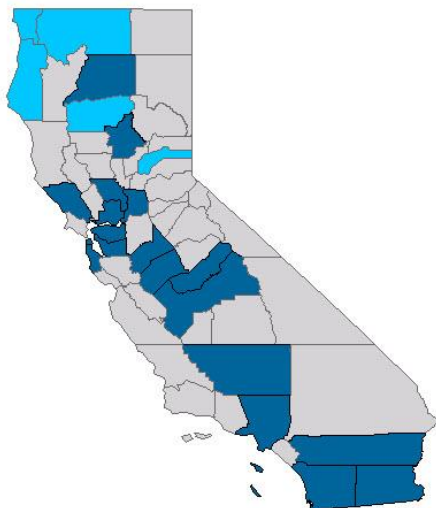
The Home Visiting Program in California:

- has created the first statewide data system resulting in greater efficiency, quality, and standardization;
- has created a mechanism for early childhood systems to work together to decrease duplication of services, increase agency collaboration, and increase comprehensive, county-wide services beyond home visiting participants; and
- has highlighted the importance and urgency of mental health services for pregnant and newly parenting women.

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

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

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



- **Rural counties:**  
Del Norte, Humboldt, Nevada, Siskiyou, Tehama
- **Non-rural counties:**  
Alameda, Butte, Contra Costa, Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Madera, Merced, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo, Shasta, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Yolo

### More about California:

[California Home Visiting Program](#)

[National Survey of Children's Health 2011/2012 California Profile](#)

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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.