

Home Visiting Program

Georgia

Great Start Georgia 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 Georgia:

- made 9,611 home visits to 1,549 parents and children in 816 families;
- enrolled 583 new parents and children to the program; and
- served families living in communities in 7 counties across the state, or 4% of Georgia counties, of which 1 county, or 14%, are rural.

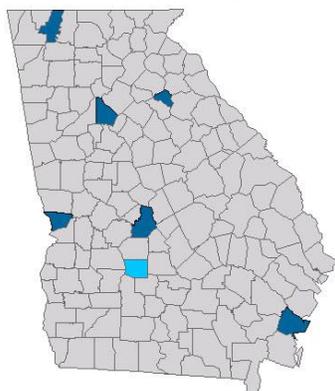
The Home Visiting Program in Georgia:

- promoted comprehensive, community-based early childhood systems development across the state;
- served as a catalyst in developing a high quality network of evidence-based home visiting (EBHV) programs in Georgia;
- improved the quality of home visiting services across the state via the provision of technical assistance, continuous quality improvement training, and annual home visiting institutes; and
- supported a data-driven home visiting network via a focus on shared goals measured via entry into a shared EBHV data system.

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

- [Early Head Start - Home Based Option](#)
- [Healthy Families America](#)
- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)

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



Rural county:
Crisp

Non-rural counties:
Clarke, DeKalb, Glynn, Houston,
Muscogee, Whitfield

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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.