

# Home Visiting Program

## Maryland

**Maryland Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood 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 Maryland:

- made 16,346 home visits to 2,047 parents and children in 1,175 families;
- enrolled 869 new parents and children to the program; and
- served families living in communities in 10 counties across the state, or 42% of Maryland counties, of which 2 counties, or 30%, are rural.

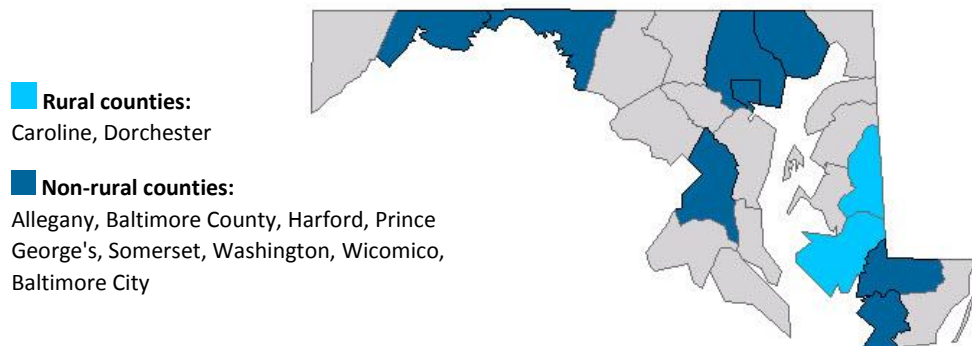
The Home Visiting Program in Maryland:

- established a multidisciplinary Statewide Home Visiting Consortium to focus on global issues such as sustainability, data, and workforce development;
- systematically identified gaps in workforce training infrastructure, and developed and implemented high quality courses to fill those gaps, affording a more competent home visiting workforce in Maryland;
- provided opportunity for increased coordination of home visiting with medical providers and support for the Medical Home model; and
- prompted a statewide focus on Continuous Quality Improvement in home visiting to ensure at-risk families are receiving the highest possible quality of home visiting.

Like all Federal Home Visiting Program grantees, Maryland uses home visiting models that are proven effective. Maryland 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)\*:**



### More about Maryland:

[Maryland Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program](#)

[National Survey of Children's Health 2011/2012 Maryland 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.