

Home Visiting Program

Montana

The **Montana Maternal and Child Health 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 Montana:

- made 7,840 home visits to 1,605 parents and children in 861 families;
- enrolled 1,178 new parents and children to the program; and
- served families living in communities in 18 counties across the state, or 32% of Montana counties, of which 15 counties, or 83%, are rural.

The Home Visiting Program in Montana:

- provided direct technical assistance to all implementing sites through monthly coaching calls to support the quality of services and use of data;
- conducted implementation drivers analyses and developed action plans around strengthening and maintaining quality services in all programs; and
- supported evidence-based home visiting services in 19 communities, including 2 tribal communities (Northern Cheyenne and Fort Peck Tribes).

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

- [Family Spirit](#)
- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)
- [SafeCare Augmented](#)

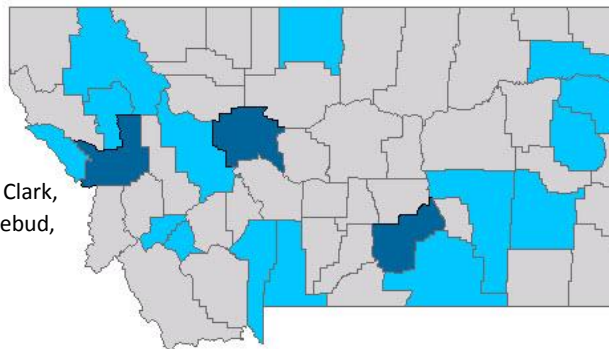
Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the Home Visiting Program (as of February 2016)*:

 **Rural counties:**

Big Horn, Custer, Dawson, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Gallatin, Hill, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Mineral, Park, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Silver Bow

 **Non-rural counties:**

Cascade, Missoula, Yellowstone



More about Montana:

[The Montana Maternal and Child Health Home Visiting Program](#)

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