

Home Visiting Program

New Hampshire

Home Visiting New Hampshire - Healthy Families America 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 New Hampshire:

- made 4,579 home visits to 487 parents and children in 233 families;
- enrolled 269 new parents and children to the program; and
- served families living in communities in 10 counties across the state, or 100% of New Hampshire counties, of which 7 counties, or 70%, are rural.

The Home Visiting Program in New Hampshire:

- implemented a state level data collection system for all local implementing agencies to increase efficiency, used for Continuous Quality Improvement activities and model fidelity;
- increased collaboration and systems building and data sharing amongst child maltreatment, developmental screening and Department of Education; and
- increased capacity of the early childhood and family support workforce to provide evidence-based home visiting services.

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

- [Healthy Families America](#)

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

- **Rural counties:**
Belknap, Carroll, Cheshire, Coos, Grafton, Merrimack, Sullivan
- **Non-rural counties:**
Hillsborough, Rockingham, Strafford



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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.