

Federal Home Visiting Program

Ohio

Help Me Grow, Ohio's Home Visiting Program, is funded in part through federal investments from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (Federal Home Visiting Program), and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to at-risk pregnant women and parents with young children.

The Federal 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 grants from the Federal Home Visiting Program, in fiscal year 2015, home visitors in Ohio:

- made 15,512 home visits to 3,515 parents and children in 1,633 families;
- enrolled 1,452 new parents and children to the program; and
- served families living in communities in 24 counties across the state, or 27% of Ohio counties, of which 14 counties, or 58%, are rural.

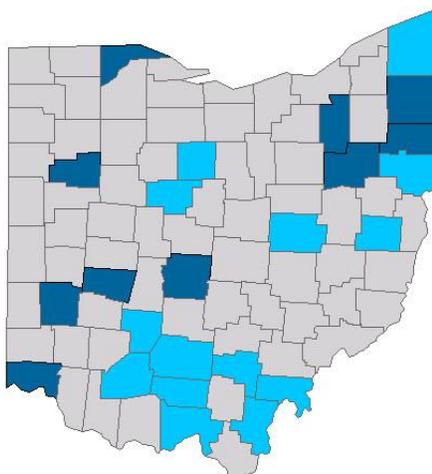
The Federal Home Visiting Program in Ohio:

- developed a statewide Home Visiting Learning Collaborative to seek improvement in topic areas such as prenatal enrolment and family engagement;
- enhanced further its centralized intake system, providing a single statewide point of entry for eligible families; and
- provided reflective supervision training to 100% of the state's credentialed Home Visiting supervisors.

Like all Federal Home Visiting Program grantees, Ohio uses home visiting models that are proven effective. Ohio 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 grants from the Federal Home Visiting Program (as of February 2016):



Rural counties:

Ashtabula, Columbiana, Coshocton, Crawford, Fayette, Gallia, Harrison, Highland, Marion, Meigs, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton

Non-rural counties:

Allen, Clark, Franklin, Hamilton, Lucas, Mahoning, Montgomery, Stark, Summit, Trumbull

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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.