

South Dakota

South Dakota Bright Start Home Visitation 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 South Dakota:

- made 3,055 home visits to 249 parents and children in 178 families;
- enrolled 144 new parents and children to the program; and
- served families living in communities in 12 counties across the state, or 18% of South Dakota counties, of which 11 counties, or 92%, are rural.

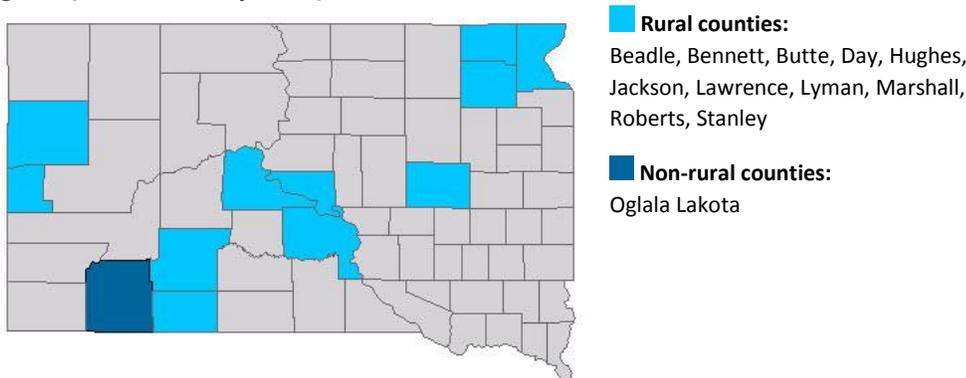
The Home Visiting Program in South Dakota:

- developed collaborations between state, tribal, and advocacy organizations to expand services to 9 additional counties, including tribal areas;
- engaged in Continuous Quality Improvement projects for program improvements which did not occur prior to HRSA Technical Assistance support;
- increased communication between partners in every Home Visiting community via Community Advisory Boards; and
- used Home Visiting Program data by evaluating construct results allowing for a better understanding of challenges and successes and enable implementing any changes to maintain or improve.

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

- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)

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



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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.