

# Home Visiting Program

## Virginia

**Virginia Home Visiting Consortium** 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 Virginia:

- made 15,374 home visits to 2,373 parents and children in 1,449 families;
- enrolled 1,025 new parents and children to the program; and
- served families living in 27 cities and counties across the state, or 20% of Virginia counties, of which 8 counties, or 30%, are rural.

The Home Visiting Program in Virginia is:

- providing reflective supervision training and mentoring to local home visiting supervisors and trauma-informed reflective practice training and mentoring to home visitors;
- implementing continuous quality improvement learning community with state and local home visiting staff to (1) increase screening rates for domestic violence and perinatal depression and (2) improve family enrollment and retention; and
- working with the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems program manager and the Early Childhood Mental Health Advisory Board to provide training in developmental screening to health care providers and child care providers in Virginia to increase identification of children at risk for developmental delays.

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

- [Healthy Families America](#)
- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)
- [Promising Approach – Resource Mothers](#)

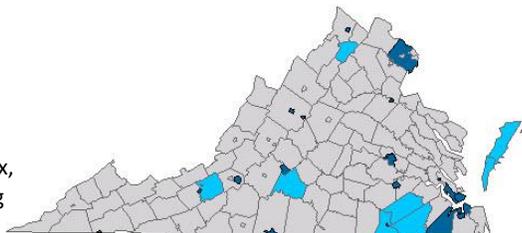
### Cities and counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the Home Visiting Program (as of February 2016):

#### Rural counties:

Accomack, Campbell, Greensville, Montgomery, Northampton, Southampton, Sussex, Warren

#### Non-rural cities and counties:

Bristol City, Danville City, Emporia City, Fairfax, Fredericksburg City, Hampton City, Lynchburg City, Newport News City, Norfolk City, Petersburg City, Portsmouth City, Radford City, Richmond City, Roanoke City, Staunton City, Suffolk City, Waynesboro City, Williamsburg City, Winchester City



### More about Virginia:

[Virginia Home Visiting Consortium](#)

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