

Alabama

First Teacher Home Visiting, Alabama's 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 Alabama:

- made 43,644 home visits to 4,289 parents and children in 1,853 families;
- enrolled 2,459 new parents and children to the program; and
- served families living in communities in 42 counties across the state, or 63% of Alabama counties, of which 26 counties, or 62%, are rural.

The Home Visiting Program in Alabama:

- has implemented a parent educator focused technical assistance team to provide targeted support and ensure that high quality reflective supervision is provided at the service delivery level;
- is utilizing both the continuous quality improvement process and a state wide data system to ensure current best practice and maintenance of model fidelity; and
- is addressing the need for comprehensive early childhood professional development by collaborating statewide across the early childhood system and implementing statewide core competencies.

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

- [Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters](#)
- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)

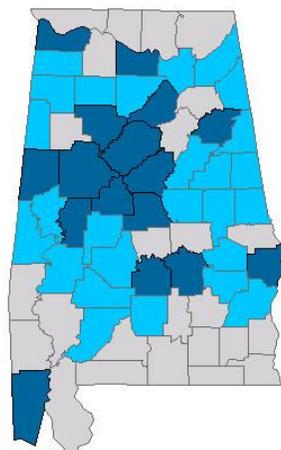
Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the Home Visiting Program (as of February 2016)*:

Rural counties:

Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Chambers, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Cullman, Dallas, DeKalb, Franklin, Greene, Lamar, Macon, Marengo, Marion, Marshall, Monroe, Perry, Randolph, Sumter, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Wilcox, Winston

Non-rural counties:

Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Chilton, Colbert, Hale, Jefferson, Lowndes, Mobile, Montgomery, Morgan, Pickens, Russell, Shelby, Tuscaloosa, Walker



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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 develop 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 child and family outcomes, including promotion of maternal and infant health, prevention of child abuse and neglect, increased positive parenting, and improved child development and school readiness.