

American Samoa

American Samoa 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 American Samoa:

- made 1,491 home visits to 335 parents and children in 182 families;
- enrolled 179 new parents and children to the program; and
- served families living in communities in 10 counties across the territory, or 59% of American Samoa counties, of which 100% are rural.

The Federal Home Visiting Program in American Samoa:

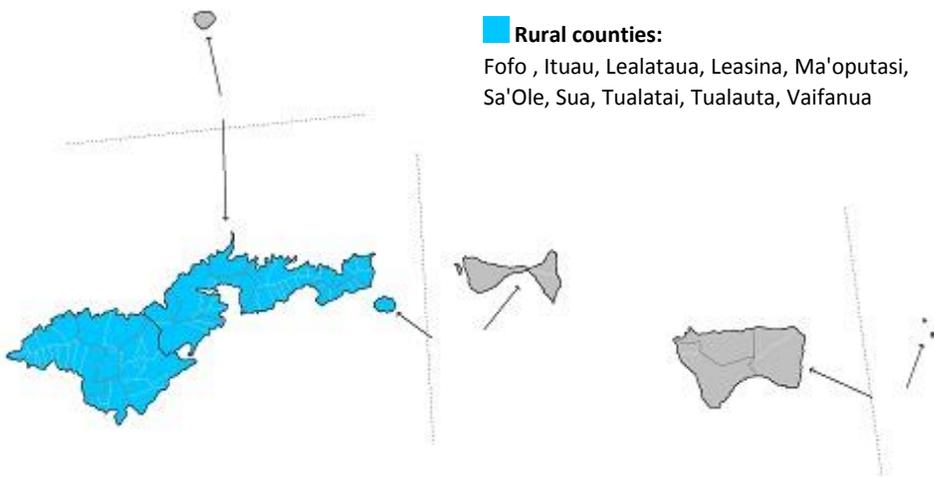
- provided locally managed Home Visiting models that meet the needs of the American Samoa at-risk communities;
- provided training to Home Visitors to improve the Home Visiting program; and
- created a data collection system that gathers and maintains data to evaluate the program’s quality

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- [Healthy Families America](#)

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.