

Home Visiting Program

Florida

Florida Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Initiative 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 Florida:

- made 15,975 home visits to 2,742 parents and children in 1,518 families;
- enrolled 1,581 new parents and children to the program; and
- served families living in communities in 16 counties across the state, or 24% of Florida counties, of which 5 counties, or 31%, are rural.

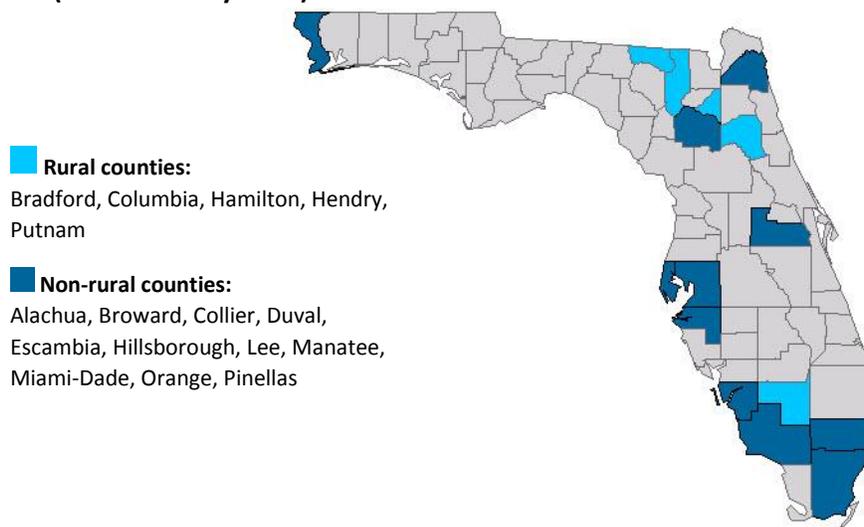
The Home Visiting Program in Florida:

- launched a Continuous Quality Improvement Learning Collaborative to address Intimate Partner Violence;
- spearheaded Florida's inaugural First 1,000 Days Conference to convene and provide professional development for early childhood professionals across disciplines; and
- launched a Data Quality workgroup with model-specific subcommittees to improve data.

Like all Federal Home Visiting Program grantees, Florida uses home visiting models that are proven effective. Florida 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](#)

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



More about Florida:

[Florida Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Initiative](#)

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