

# Home Visiting Program

## Louisiana

**Partners for Healthy Babies, Louisiana'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 Louisiana:

- made 20,950 home visits to 3,431 parents and children in 1,965 families;
- enrolled 1,857 new parents and children to the program; and
- served families living in communities in 37 counties across the state, or 58% of Louisiana counties, of which 20 counties, or 54%, are rural.

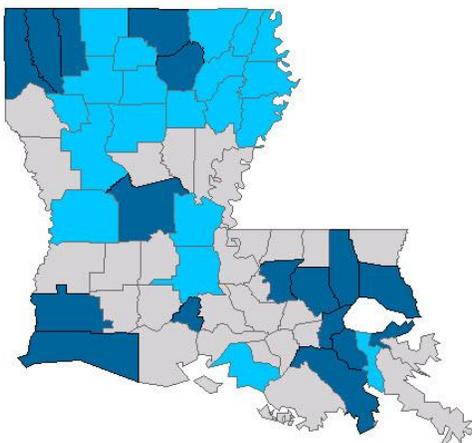
The Home Visiting Program in Louisiana:

- made home visiting available to more families in Louisiana by adding more Nurse Family Partnership teams and introducing the Parents as Teachers home visiting model;
- created a Continuous Quality Improvement Plan that enables local implementing agencies to have a framework to improve processes and increase client satisfaction; and
- created Early Childhood and Integration Specialists positions to ensure eligible participants are aware of home visiting programs in their communities and to build and strengthen partnerships with other early childhood agencies at the local and state level.

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

- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)

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



**Rural counties:**

Avoyelles, Bienville, Caldwell, Claiborne, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Red River, Richland, St. Landry, St. Mary, Tensas, Vernon, West Carroll, Winn

**Non-rural counties:**

Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Ouachita, Rapides, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Union, Webster

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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.