

Home Visiting Program

Massachusetts

Massachusetts 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 Massachusetts:

- made 32,459 home visits to 7,043 parents and children in 3,724 families;
- enrolled 3,972 new parents and children to the program; and
- served families living in communities in 8 counties across the state, or 57% of Massachusetts counties.

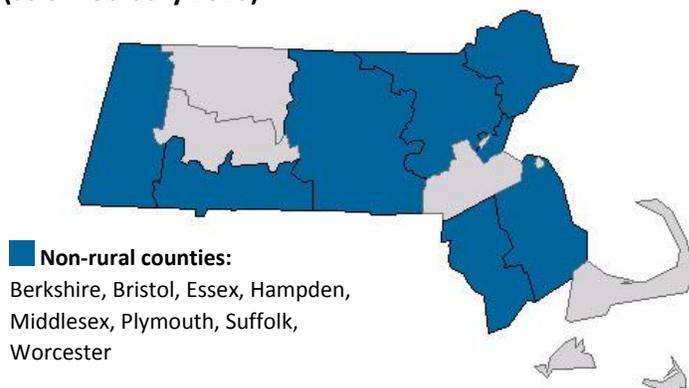
The Home Visiting Program in Massachusetts:

- implemented the Welcome Family program in 4 Home Visiting Program communities to serve as the entry point for families into the early childhood system of care; and
- expanded professional development opportunities for home visitors and supervisors of EBHV models to improve skills and enhance collaboration, opportunities include Home Visitor Networks and Supervisor Support Forums.

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

- [Early Head Start – Home Based Option](#)
- [Healthy Families America](#)
- [Healthy Steps](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)

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



More about Massachusetts:

[Massachusetts Home Visiting Initiative](#)

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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.