

Home Visiting Program

Missouri

Missouri Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood 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 Missouri:

- made 9,251 home visits to 1,257 parents and children in 609 families;
- enrolled 596 new parents and children to the program; and
- served families living in communities in 6 counties across the state, or 5% of Missouri counties, of which 4 counties, or 67%, are rural.

The Home Visiting Program in Missouri:

- implemented a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) process to improve services to families;
- developed an integrated, web-based data collection system to monitor progress of participant outcomes; and
- developed a coordinated intake and referral system utilizing local community liaisons to assist participants and agencies to connect to appropriate services.

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

- [Early Head Start – Home Based Option](#)
- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)
- Promising Approach – Nurses for Newborns

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



- Rural counties:**
Butler, Dunklin, Pemiscot, Ripley
- Non-rural counties:**
Jasper, St. Louis city

More about Missouri:

[Missouri Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program](#)

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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.