

## Oklahoma

**Oklahoma 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 Oklahoma:

- made 17,449 home visits to 3,086 parents and children in 1,584 families;
- enrolled 1,958 new parents and children to the program; and
- served families living in communities in 7 counties across the state, or 9% of Oklahoma counties, of which 4 counties, or 57%, are rural.

The Home Visiting Program in Oklahoma:

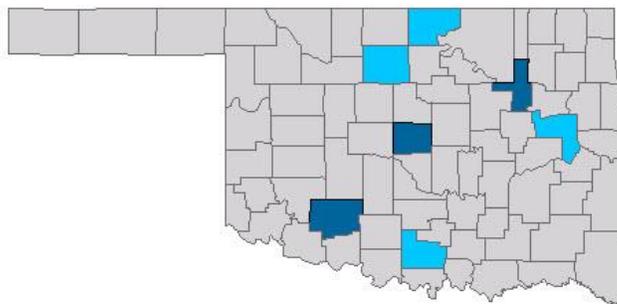
- increased local collaboration and facilitated centralized intake and partnership building with Community Connectors;
- transitioned from a purely data entry system to a case management system to allow for a more efficient identification of client needs;
- implemented new marketing campaign to promote all of the home visiting programs and a new intake system to allow referrals to be routed to the program that best suits a clients’ needs;
- improved data collection forms and processes
- provided reflective practice supervision and infant mental consultation at all sites through an outside contractor in addition to the reflective supervision provided by the supervisor

Like all Federal Home Visiting Program grantees, Oklahoma uses home visiting models that are proven effective. Oklahoma 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](#)
- [SafeCare Augmented](#)

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

- **Rural counties:**  
Carter, Garfield, Kay, Muskogee
- **Non-rural counties:**  
Comanche, Oklahoma, Tulsa



### More about Oklahoma:

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

[National Survey of Children’s Health 2011/2012 Oklahoma 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.