

Home Visiting Program

South Carolina

South Carolina 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 South Carolina:

- made 13,362 home visits to 4,455 parents and children in 2,317 families;
- enrolled 2,929 new parents and children to the program; and
- served families living in communities in 38 counties across the state, or 83% of South Carolina counties, of which 14 counties, or 37%, are rural.

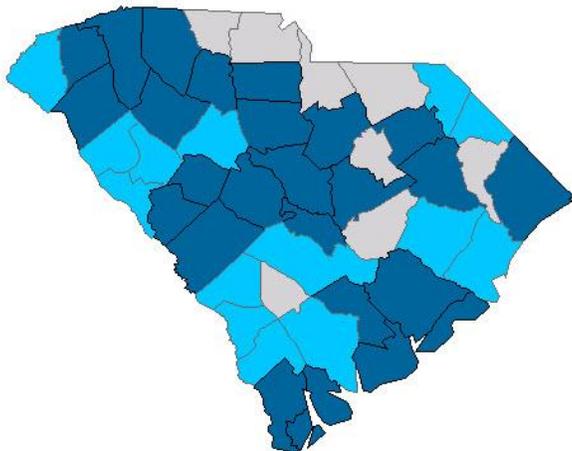
The Home Visiting Program in South Carolina:

- integrated home visiting within medical homes and all perinatal regions;
- supported 5 evidence-based home visiting models; and
- built a strong infrastructure within early childhood system in collaboration with the state ECCS initiative.

Like all Federal Home Visiting Program grantees, South Carolina uses home visiting models that are proven effective. South Carolina 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](#)
- [Healthy Steps](#)
- [Family Check-Up](#)

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



Rural counties:

Abbeville, Allendale, Barnwell, Colleton, Dillon, Georgetown, Greenwood, Hampton, McCormick, Marlboro, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Williamsburg

Non-rural counties:

Aiken, Anderson, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Chester, Darlington, Dorchester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence, Greenville, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Laurens, Lexington, Pickens, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg, Sumter, Union

More about South Carolina:

[South Carolina 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.