

Home Visiting Program

Vermont

The Family Place, Vermont'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 Vermont:

- made 4,111 home visits to 568 parents and children in 328 families;
- enrolled 301 new parents and children to the program; and
- served families living in communities in 12 counties across the state, or 86% of Vermont counties, of which 10 counties, or 83%, are rural.

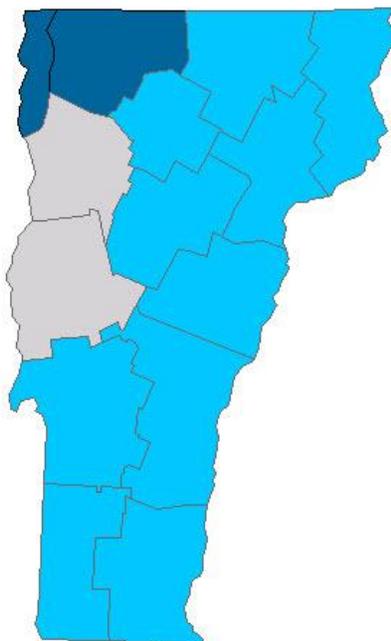
The Home Visiting Program in Vermont:

- passed state legislation requiring adoption of standards for home visiting services;
- initiated combined training of nurses and other early childhood professionals; and
- received grants for LAUNCH and Race to the Top based on evidence-based home visiting.

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

- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)

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



- **Rural counties:**
Bennington, Caledonia, Essex, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, Rutland, Washington, Windham, Windsor
- **Non-rural counties:**
Franklin, Grand Isle

More about Vermont:

[The Family Place](#)

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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.