

Home Visiting Program

Florida

Florida Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood 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 2014, home visitors in Florida:

- Made 10,193 home visits to 1,642 parents and children in 929 families
- Enrolled 1,642 new parents and children to the program
- Served families living in communities in 14 counties across the state, or 21% of Florida counties

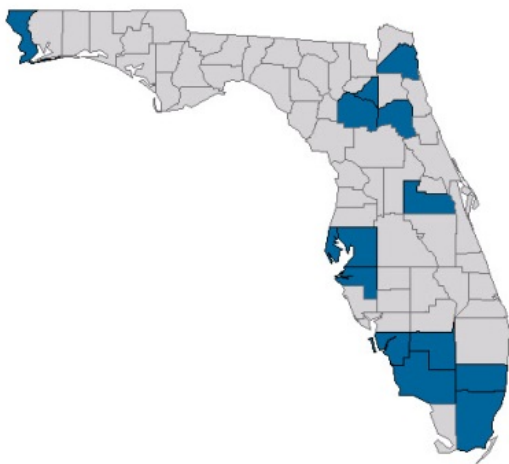
The Home Visiting Program in Florida:

- Has implemented a collaborative professional development strategy for early childhood staff
- Conducted the first state-wide home visiting summit
- Supports a state-wide assessment of community-level early childhood systems

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

- [Healthy Families America](#)
- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)

Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the Home Visiting Program (as of February 2015)*:



*Alachua, Bradford, Broward, Collier, Duval, Escambia, Hendry, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Orange, Pinellas, Putnam

More about Florida:

[Florida Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Initiative](#)

[National Survey of Children's Health 2011/2012 Florida Profile](#)

[Maternal & Child Health Measures and Grants in Florida](#)

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.