EVIDENCE-BASED AND INNOVATIVE POLICY SOLUTIONS FOR THE EARLY YEARS

MONDAY, JUNE 24 | 9:45-11:15 A.M.

MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH FELLOWS PROGRAM | MEETING #2: POLICY SOLUTIONS AND INNOVATIONS
SESSION GOALS

• Define
• Funding
• Trends in Legislation
• Considerations
• Deep Dive Into one of the Evidence-Based Models
WHAT IS HOME VISITING?

- Prevention strategy
- Parental engagement tool
- Voluntary
- Evidence-based
- Promotes key child and adult outcomes
WHY ARE WE DISCUSSING HOME VISITING TODAY?

HEALTH
- Maternal and child health outcomes
- Nurses

HUMAN SERVICES
- Outcomes such as employment, child abuse
- Social workers

EARLY CHILDHOOD
- Outcomes such as school readiness
- Early childhood specialists

HOME VISITING
- Multiple purposes and outcomes (e.g., effective parenting, well-being)
- Requires combined approaches, trained staff
EVIDENCE-BASED MODELS

✓ Attachment and Biobehavioral Catch-Up (ABC) Intervention
✓ Child First
✓ Early Head Start–Home-Based Option (EHS-HBO)
✓ Early Intervention Program for Adolescent Mothers
✓ Early Start (New Zealand)
✓ Family Check-Up® for Children
✓ Family Connects
✓ Family Spirit®
✓ Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS) Program

✓ Healthy Beginnings
✓ Healthy Families America (HFA)®
✓ Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)®
✓ MECSH-/47/1”>Maternal Early Childhood Sustained Home-Visiting Program
✓ Minding the Baby®
✓ Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)®
✓ Parents as Teachers (PAT)®
✓ Play and Learning Strategies (PALS)–Infant
✓ SafeCare® Augmented
Selected Federal Funding Streams to Support Home Visiting

- Title V MCH Block Grant
- Medicaid (administrative or medical assistance to women and children)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Child Abuse Prevention & Treatment Act (CAPTA)
- Early Head Start
- Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)
- Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services

State General Revenue and Required State Matching Funds plus state and local special funds (e.g., Children’s Trust Fund, tobacco settlement)
HOME VISITING STATE LEGISLATIVE EXAMPLES
HOME VISITING & YOU

Why consider home visiting in your state?
• Infants and toddlers
• Strong return on investment
• Funding
  • Federal
  • State
  • Private sector

What can you do as legislators?
• Considerations
• Learn more
RESOURCES & CONTACT INFORMATION

• [www.ncsl.org/homevisiting](http://www.ncsl.org/homevisiting)

• [Legislative Database](#): Includes legislation about home visiting programs, services and parent education and involvement.

• [LegisBrief | Home Visiting: Improving Children’s and Families’ Well-Being](#)

• [National Home Visiting Resource Center](#)

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41 STATES
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5X $ RETURN
Every $1 invested in NFP saves $5.70 in future costs for the highest-risk families served
KEY GOALS

• Improve Pregnancy Outcomes

• Improve Child Health and Development

• Improve Economic Self-Sufficiency of the Family
EXPERTS:
Specially-trained BSN nurses

PROVEN:
Extensive and compelling evidence

INTENSIVE:
Pregnancy through age 2

TIMELY:
First 1000 days
Colorado – A Public/Private Partnership

- Colorado Department of Human Services – Fiscal Agent
- NFP National Service Office – Nurse Training and Evaluation
- Invest in Kids – Nurse Consultation, Site Development, & Advocacy
- University of Colorado
All 22 NFP sites in Colorado receive funding from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (MSA), per Colorado statute.

Three NFP sites in the Denver-Metro area also receive federal funding through the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV).
NFP Client Story

• April’s Story
  *Names and Photos have been changed to protect confidentiality

• One Home Visit Changes Everything
COLORADO

- 91% Babies Born at a Healthy Weight
- 93% Babies Born Full Term
- 95% Mothers Initiated Breastfeeding
- 94% Babies Received all Immunizations by 24 Months
- 65% of clients 18+ were Employed at 24 Months
- $1 invested = $7.60 returned in cost savings to society
[NFP Policy Levers]

• Colorado Nurse Home Visit Act – Updated in 2016, Joint Budget Committee bill, modifies the allocation of the tobacco funds and increases the NFP allocation to 26% of the total MSA annual allocation.

• Ohio - Approximately $5 million in Medicaid funding for expansion. Three current operating sites expanded; one new additional site was added.

• California - A bill to create a new statewide home visiting program through the CA Department of Social Services (CDSS), authorized to allocate up to $50 million annually.

• Wisconsin - Pay for Performance legislation, several state agencies, one which oversees NFP, are to determine how to pay for success contracting as an alternative to current funding models. The law also creates a trust fund from which payments up to $20 million will be made.

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