

## Family Foundations Comprehensive Home Visiting Program

DCF, in partnership with DHS, administers the Family Foundations Comprehensive Home Visiting (FFHV) Program. We currently fund 14 evidence-based home visiting programs that operate in 15 counties and 4 tribal communities. The FFHV program serves at-risk families that live in high-risk communities identified through a needs assessment in 2010. Home visiting programs are voluntary, and our goal is to offer women supportive services as early as possible during pregnancy. Generally, home visitors are nurses, social workers, or paraprofessionals (depending on the home visiting model), and they meet with program participants in the homes on a weekly basis. Typical visit activities can include:

- Assisting with access to quality prenatal care
- Conducting screenings and assessments
- Providing health education
- Connecting the family to valuable community resources
- Offering strategies for parents to support their child's development physically, socially, and emotionally

In a collaborative way, home visitors and the families they serve identify a set of goals and activities to work on together, all with the goal of ensuring the healthy development of the child and the well-being of the family.

### Funding (SFY 14):

Federal MIECHV* discretionary grant:	\$ 6,727,566
Federal MIECHV formula grant:	1,628,586
General Purpose Revenue:	1,065,700
TANF	<u>812,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,233,852</b>

### Funded Home Visiting Programs:

Grants are provided to county agencies, non-profit agencies, and Tribes/Tribal Organizations. Many of the programs are collaborations involving multiple agencies, with a primary contractor and one or more subcontractors.

Program Name	Contracted Agency	Partner Agencies
Empowering Families Milwaukee	Milwaukee Health Department	Family Resource Center at Park Lawn Vincent Family Resource Center
Northwoods (Lincoln/Oneida/Forest) Home Visiting Program	Children's Hospital	
Racine County	Racine County Human Services	Central Racine Health Department Children's Hospital
Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe Green County Early Head Start	Dane County Parent Council	Green County Health Department
Great Lakes Intertribal Council (Bad River, Burnett County, Sokaogon and St Croix)		
Rock County	Rock County Human Services	Exchange Family Resource Center Head Start/Early Head Start
Brown County	Family Services of Northeast WI	Howe Family Resource Center Family & Child Care Resources of NE WI
Milwaukee County	Aurora	Parenting Network Rosalie Manor
Milwaukee County Kenosha Division of Health	Next Door Foundation	
Adams County <sup>+</sup>	Adams County Health Department	Renewal Unlimited
Manitowoc County <sup>+</sup>	Manitowoc County Health Department	LakeShore CAP
Winnebago County <sup>+</sup>	Family Services of Northeast WI	

\* Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting

<sup>+</sup> Program added in 2014

**Families Served:**

During the period October 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014:

Households served: 1,032

Percent of households enrolled prenatally: 77.3

Program goal: 75.0%

Percent of adult clients with 3 or more risk factors: 57.4

Program goal: 60.0%

**Program Highlights:**

During the period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013:

Average week of pregnancy when mothers enroll in home visiting and receive a prenatal assessment: 21.5 weeks

Percent of mothers screened for postpartum depression: 88.1%

Percent of children missing 1 or no well-child visits in their first 6 months of life: 94.3%

Percent of children with a screened in report of suspected maltreatment: 16.7%

Percent of children with a substantiated maltreatment report: 1.0%

Percent of mothers with an increase in educational attainment between enrollment and 12 months post-enrollment: 11.2%

**Additional Funded Activities:**

Home Visiting Professional Development System:

- *University of Wisconsin – Child Welfare Professional Development System* for development and coordination of core home visiting training and support for home visiting Communities of Practice
- *Prevent Child Abuse America* for providing required training for the Healthy Families America evidence-based home visiting model (selected by 8 of the 11 FFHV programs funded)
- *Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health* for coordination of the Home Visiting Reflective Practice Project aimed at increasing skills/knowledge of program supervisors
- *University of Wisconsin, Department of Psychiatry in the School of Medicine & Public Health* for scholarships for home visiting program staff to participate in the Infant, Early Childhood, and Family Mental Health Certificate Program and for a pilot project at 5 sites to address maternal depression

Home Visiting Data System Development:

- *WI Department of Health Services/DHS* to enhance the State's public health data base—the Secure Public Health Electronic Record Environment (SPHERE)—so that home visiting programs can use it for quality assurance and continuous quality improvement projects, and to meet federal reporting requirements and demonstrate compliance with State statutes. DHS is also facilitating a project to improve data quality and reduce data collection burden through the programming and distribution of SPHERE compatible handheld devices for home visitors to use in the field.

Program Evaluation Support:

- *University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and University of Illinois-Chicago* for the evaluation of on-going home visiting program implementation

**Wisconsin Home Visiting State Team:**

The Home Visiting State Team, made up of the the DCF Home Visiting Coordinator, Performance Analyst, Research Analyst, and DHS Nurse Home Visiting Consultant (currently vacant), facilitates the development of the statewide network of home visiting programs, including the on-going enhancement of professional development support systems; further advancement of SPHERE for use by the network's programs; building a network-wide continuous quality improvement process; training and technical support direct to grantee programs; and contract monitoring and oversight.

For more information and resources on the Family Foundations Comprehensive Home Visiting Program, please contact Division of Safety and Permanence Administrator, Fredi –Ellen Bove at [FrediEllen.Bove@wisconsin.gov](mailto:FrediEllen.Bove@wisconsin.gov) or visit:

[http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/children/home\\_visiting\\_needs\\_assessment/](http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/children/home_visiting_needs_assessment/).

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Evidence-Based Models in Wisconsin<sup>1</sup>

	Target Population	Program Components	Home Visitor requirements	Evidence of Effectiveness
<b>Healthy Families America (HFA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pregnant women and children birth to kindergarten</li> <li>▪ Families with risk factors (e.g., low-income, substance abuse, mental health issues)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Weekly home visits, 1 hour each, for first 6 months</li> <li>▪ Then, as determined by program</li> <li>▪ Program selects curriculum with HFA approval</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Experience working with families with multiple needs</li> <li>▪ No degree or licensing requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ↑ child development and school readiness</li> <li>▪ ↑ family economic self-sufficiency</li> <li>▪ ↑ child health</li> <li>▪ ↓ child maltreatment</li> </ul>
<b>Early Head Start (EHS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pregnant women and children birth to 3</li> <li>▪ Low-income families</li> <li>▪ Children with disabilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Weekly home visits, 1.5 hours each</li> <li>▪ Bi-monthly group socialization activities</li> <li>▪ Services provided up to age 3</li> <li>▪ Program selects curriculum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Knowledge in child development, early childhood education, child health, and family dynamics</li> <li>▪ No degree or licensing requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ↑ child development and school readiness</li> <li>▪ ↑ family economic self-sufficiency</li> <li>▪ ↑ positive parenting practices</li> </ul>
<b>Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pregnant women and children birth to 2</li> <li>▪ First-time, low-income mothers</li> <li>▪ Enrollment no later than 28<sup>th</sup> week of gestation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Weekly home visits, 75 minutes each, for first month and 6 weeks after birth</li> <li>▪ Then, every other week</li> <li>▪ Services provided up to age 2</li> <li>▪ Specified visit-by-visit curriculum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must be registered professional nurse</li> <li>▪ Bachelor's degree minimum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ↑ child development and school readiness</li> <li>▪ ↑ family economic self-sufficiency</li> <li>▪ ↑ positive parenting practices</li> <li>▪ ↑ child and maternal health</li> <li>▪ ↓ child maltreatment</li> </ul>
<b>Parents as Teachers (PAT)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pregnant women and children birth to kindergarten</li> <li>▪ Target population determined by program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monthly home visits, 1 hour each, at minimum</li> <li>▪ More frequent for higher-need families</li> <li>▪ Services provided for minimum of 2 years</li> <li>▪ Specified visit curriculum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Experience and education in early childhood field</li> <li>▪ HS diploma/GED minimum, Bachelor's degree preferred</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ↑ child development and school readiness</li> <li>▪ ↑ positive parenting practices</li> </ul>
<b>Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)<sup>2</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Parents of children 3 to 5</li> <li>▪ Parents who lack confidence in preparing children for school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bi-monthly home visits, 1 hour each</li> <li>▪ Bi-monthly group meetings, 2 hours each</li> <li>▪ 30-week curriculum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Education in early childhood or elementary education, social work, or related field</li> <li>▪ Bachelor's degree minimum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ↑ child development and school readiness</li> <li>▪ ↑ positive parenting practices</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> More information on the federally approved evidence-based home visiting models can be found at: <http://homvee.acf.hhs.gov>.

<sup>2</sup> HIPPY is not currently used by Family Foundations Home Visiting funded programs.

