



CONVERSATIONS WITH REFERRAL SOURCES

Research shows at-risk families are more likely to accept a home visit if it is suggested by a doctor or another trusted professional.

What is home visiting?

Home visiting pairs expectant and new families with trained and trusted professionals to ensure parents receive support and babies get off to a good start. Home visits are free to families.

What are the benefits of home visiting?

Home visiting has been shown to improve maternal and child health, reduce incidents of child abuse and neglect, decrease the incidence of low birth weight babies, decrease the incidence of substance use and unintentional injuries, increase school readiness, and decrease emergency room usage.

What are the qualifications of home visitors?

All home visitors are trained professionals who provide culturally competent, family-centered support that helps families succeed. Each home visiting program has training and educational requirements ranging from a high school diploma to a college degree. Home visitors offer assistance that can make a difference in a child's health, development, and ability to learn. They provide general health education and guidance on preventive health practices. Home visitors offer connections to healthcare services and support for families to keep appointments. They help screen for maternal depression, domestic violence, and child wellness. All home visitors have a criminal background check before being hired.

What does a home visit look like?

A trained family-support professional or volunteer meets with the family in the family's home or at a place and time that is convenient for the family. The frequency of visits depends on the family's needs — they can be weekly or as little as once a month, and usually last about an hour. As a home visitor gets to know the family, they provide information about local services and provide materials that can help meet the family's needs. They offer support and encouragement, not judgment. They can also answer questions about pregnancy and parenting and help the family prepare for a new baby.

What can the home visiting program offer the referral source?

- Timely connection with referred families
- Feedback regarding family enrollment (within the confines of confidentiality)
- Regular communication and information (within the confines of confidentiality)
- Increased success with shared outcomes

Contact us for more information or to refer a family:

