

# IMPACT OF HOME VISITING

By meeting families where they are, home visiting programs have demonstrated short- and long-term impacts on the health, safety, and school-readiness of children; maternal health; family stability; and financial security.

Home visitors are able to meet with families in their homes and provide culturally competent, individualized needs assessments, and services.

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For more information about this and other Bureau of Family Health Programs, visit **PartnersforFamilyHealth.org** or call **1-800-251-BABY**.

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program is part of the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health, Bureau of Family Health. The program uses two evidence-based models to provide in-home support to families: Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) and Parents as Teachers (PAT).

THROUGH FAMILY SUPPORT AND COACHING,  
THIS PROGRAM HAS HELPED MORE THAN **30,000 FAMILIES**.

## PROMOTES HEALTHY BABIES:

- \* Pregnant participants are more likely to access prenatal care and carry their babies to term.

Home visiting promotes caregiving practices like breastfeeding, healthy sleep practices, nutrition, positive parent-child interactions, and responsive caregiving. These factors have been associated with positive, long-term outcomes related to cognitive development and child health.

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## PROMOTES SAFE HOMES AND NURTURING RELATIONSHIPS:



- \* Home visitors teach caregivers how to “baby-proof” their home to prevent accidents that can lead to emergency room visits, disabilities, or even death.
- \* Home visitors also teach caregivers how to engage with children in positive, nurturing ways, thus reducing child maltreatment.

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# HOW DOES HOME VISITING HELP FAMILIES IN LOUISIANA?

## A LOOK AT OUR FAMILIES:

**2,748**

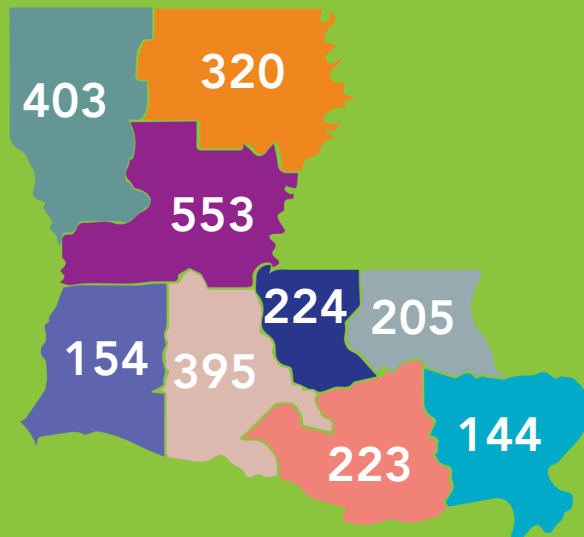
Families served in 2024

**2,187**

Children served in 2024

**28,095**

Home visits in 2024



Families Served by Region in 2024

## PROMOTES OPTIMAL EARLY LEARNING



Home visitors offer caregivers timely information about child development and the importance of early childhood in establishing the building blocks for life.



Home visitors support caregivers in promoting parent-child interactions around reading and early language development, which improves **children's development**.

## HOME VISITING HELPS BABIES THRIVE

Babies of parents enrolled prenatally in a home visiting program had:



Better birth outcomes



Better rates of immunization



Better success with breastfeeding

## HOME VISITING CONNECTS FAMILIES TO RESOURCES

- » Medicaid/health insurance
- » Medicaid and dental providers
- » Reproductive health services
- » EarlySteps (early intervention program)
- » Mental health resources (including domestic violence and counseling)
- » Food assistance (such as SNAP)



- » WIC (food assistance and breastfeeding support)
- » Transportation
- » Housing
- » Community college/education programs
- » Workforce development/job aids

Sources:

<https://nhvrc.org/about-home-visiting/why-home-visiting/>  
[LDH-OPH-BFH Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, 2023](#) (Data is approximate and reported by calendar year rather than fiscal year).

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