

IMPACT OF HOME VISITING

In Louisiana, the Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting program is part of the Louisiana Department of Health, Bureau of Family Health. The program uses two models: **Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)** and **Parents As Teachers (PAT)**. This program helps thousands of families in Louisiana.

PROMOTES A POSITIVE HOME ENVIRONMENT:

Parents enrolled in the home visiting program are better able to communicate with their children. When compared to control group counterparts, parents who participated in a home visiting program were more likely to read aloud, tell stories, say nursery rhymes, and sing with their child.

In an evaluation using pre-post comparisons, parents enrolled in home visiting praised and were more encouraging with their children.

Zero to Three, 2009



ENCOURAGES HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT:

- * Studies of various home visiting programs have shown **positive** impacts on indicators related to learning, including:
 - » Higher IQs and language scores
 - » Higher grade point averages and achievement scores at age 9
 - » Higher graduation rates from high school
- * By creating bonds that promote open and positive communication with parents, children are more **self-confident** and ready to **communicate and learn** in school.

Zero to Three, 2014



HELPS PARENTS BECOME MORE CONFIDENT CAREGIVERS:



- * Parents enrolled in home visiting know more about child development and are better able to **understand and support** their children.
- * Parents receive support and are connected to services which helps reduce parental stress. This **lowers the risk** of prolonged elevated stress reactions, that can undermine a baby's brain development.

Zero to Three, 2014

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

HOW DOES HOME VISITING **HELP FAMILIES** IN LOUISIANA?

A LOOK AT OUR CLIENTS:

17,500

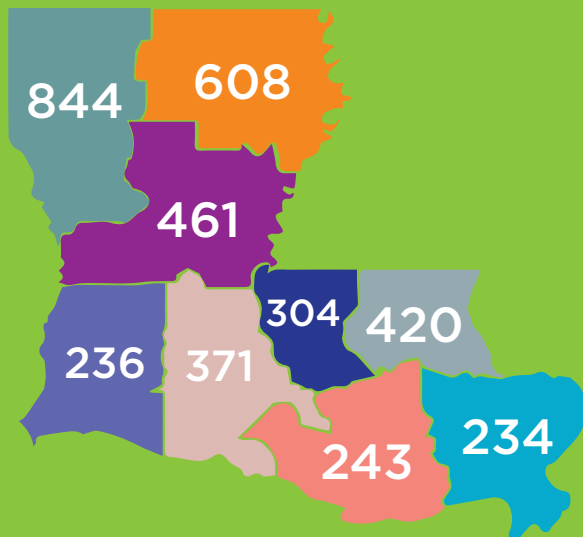
Clients served since the program began

42,022

Home visits in 2016

3,721

Clients served in 2016



Clients Served by Region in 2016

HOME VISITING HELPS **FAMILIES** THRIVE



Helps parents have increased understanding of a child's developmental milestones
Zero to Three, 2009



Reduces child abuse and neglect in the home after one year of participation
Zero to Three, 2009



Helps parents become more economically self-sufficient, with the majority working, participating in education or training, and with **higher** monthly incomes
Zero to Three, 2014

HOME VISITING HELPS **BABIES** THRIVE

Babies of parents enrolled **prenatally** in 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
- » Early Steps (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:
Reaching Families Where They Live, Zero to Three, 2009 and 2014
LDH-OPH-BFH Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, 2017