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.

**IMPACT OF HOME VISITING**

**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](http://PartnersforHealthyBabies.org) or call 1-800-251-BABY.
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

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:
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