



# Home Visiting in Health Reform

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# Background

- Home visiting 101
- Legislative history
- Home visiting in the budget
- Role of the Home Visiting Coalition



# Key Points

- \$1.5 billion over 5 years
- \$100 million needs to be awarded by September 30, 2010
- Needs assessment required by September 23, 2010
- States need to be moving quickly
- Guidance needed



# Need Assessment

- All States must conduct as condition of receiving MCH funds by September 23, 2010
- Identify:
  - High-risk communities based on poverty, crime, child maltreatment, etc.
  - Quality and capacity of existing home visiting in the State
  - Capacity for providing substance abuse treatment and counseling services



# Grant Application

- Description of the **populations to be served**, including how the entity will serve high risk populations
- Assurance that the entity will **prioritize serving low-income eligible families and eligible families who reside in at risk communities** identified in the statewide needs assessment
- Service **delivery model or models** that the entity will use and basis for selection
- Identify how selection of populations to be served and service delivery model or models that will be used for such populations is **consistent with the results of the statewide needs assessment**
- Quantifiable, measurable **benchmarks** established by the State in key areas
- Assurances that service delivery model or models are delivered **according to the model specifications**
- Assurances that procedures will be established to ensure participation in the program is **voluntary** and services are provided to families in accordance with **individualized assessments**
- Assurances that entity will submit **annual reports to Secretary** and cooperate with national **research and evaluation activities**
- Description of, where applicable, **other State programs that include home visitation** including under CAPTA and Early Head Start
- Other information as required by the Secretary



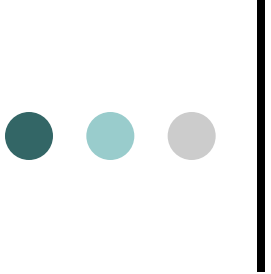
# Outcomes

## **Benchmarks**

- Improved maternal and newborn health.
- Prevention of child injuries, child abuse, neglect, or maltreatment, and reduction of emergency department visits.
- Improvement in school readiness and achievement.
- Reduction in crime or domestic violence.
- Improvements in family economic self-sufficiency.
- Improvements in the coordination and referrals for other community resources and supports.

## **Participant Outcomes**

- Improvements in prenatal, maternal, and newborn health, including improved pregnancy outcomes
- Improvements in child health and development, including the prevention of child injuries and maltreatment and improvements in cognitive, language, social-emotional, and physical developmental indicators.
- Improvements in parenting skills.
- Improvements in school readiness and child academic achievement.
- Reductions in crime or domestic violence.
- Improvements in family economic self-sufficiency.
- Improvements in the coordination of referrals for, and the provision of, other community resources and supports for eligible families, consistent with State child welfare agency training.



# Evidence-Based, Promising Approaches

- At least 75 % of funds for evidence-based home visiting models
- Up to 25% of funds for promising and new approaches
- Programs must also:
  - Employ well-trained and competent staff
  - Maintain high quality supervision
  - Demonstrate strong organizational capacity to implement home visitation activities
  - Establish appropriate linkages and referral networks
  - Monitor fidelity of implementation



# Maintenance of Effort

- Funds shall supplement, not supplant, funds from other sources for early childhood home visitation programs or initiatives



# What State Advocates Can Do

- Encourage your state and eligible entities within your state to apply
- Work with state in developing application
- Work with existing home visiting programs to educate stakeholders about value of home visiting
- Help facilitate collaboration and connections between community services and supports
- Monitor progress and outcomes