

**THE
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Unlocking Potential

Unlocking Potential: A Roadmap to Making New Jersey the Safest, Healthiest and Most Supportive Place to Give Birth and Raise a Family

The plan articulates a strategy to unlock the potential of every New Jersey child to grow up healthy, safe and educated and to unlock the potential for every parent, guardian, educator, or service provider to be the best they can be in their role in the lives of infants and toddlers.



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Goal 2: By 2023, 9,867 more families with infants and toddlers from low-income households will have access to evidence-based home visiting.

1. Increase service capacity and program completion rates within the current system of evidence -based home visitation.
2. Expand the capacity of the current evidence- based programs to provide intensive home visiting supports to additional families.
3. Reframe and develop home visiting as inclusive of all families who want to participate.



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Home Visiting In New Jersey

Goals:

- Reduce disparities in maternal, infant and early childhood health outcomes;
- Increase positive parenting;
- Prevent child abuse and neglect;
- Improve family economic self-sufficiency; and
- Promote early childhood development and school readiness.



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- 65 community-based programs providing home visiting services serving approximately 7,000 per year
- 3 evidence-based models serving all 21 NJ counties:
 - Healthy Families New Jersey
 - Nurse Family Partnership
 - Parents As Teachers
- New Universal Home Visiting Program (in planning stages)



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Home Visiting In New Jersey

PROGRAM	HOME VISITOR	ENROLLMENT	DURATION	PROGRAM OVERVIEW	High-Priority Populations These Programs Serve
HFNJ	Family Support Worker	Anytime during pregnancy or within the first few weeks of birth	The program serves families from enrollment to age 3 (some HF programs continue to age 5).	FSWs link new or expectant parents to existing social service and health care resources, and promote positive parenting and the healthy growth and development of infants and children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-income families • Pregnant or new parent under age 21 • Families with children with developmental delays or disabilities • Military families • Families at risk for: involvement in child welfare system; substance abuse; homelessness or domestic violence
NFP	Registered Nurse	First-time pregnant women prior to 29 weeks gestation	NFP families are encouraged to participate until their child is 2 years old	NFP nurses provide health education and support to improve the health, well-being and self-sufficiency of the family, conduct clinical assessments, and work to ensure that families have access to other available services and supports, as needed.	
PAT	Certified Parent Educator	Anytime during pregnancy and up until the child is age 3	The program serves families throughout pregnancy and up until their child completes kindergarten	The program is an early childhood parent education, family support and school readiness program designed to enhance child health, growth and development, and school achievement as appropriate	
Family Connects	Registered Nurse	After birth of child	1-3 visits for families welcoming a newborn into their home	Nurses conduct a clinical assessment on the infant and birth parent, address any social needs of the household and connect families to appropriate resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal

How Families Get Linked to HV

Central Intake System – Connecting NJ

- Locally Driven – Each county has a local lead coordinating agency (CI Hub)
- Single Point of Entry - easy access for information, eligibility, referral & service links
- Reach Families Earlier – beginning in pregnancy / Prenatal Risk Assessment (PRA)



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NEXT STEPS

- **Reauthorization of the MIECHV funding 2022**
 - Send letter to your Congressional Representative and encourage others to do the same
 - Follow us on Social Media and Share/Like
- **Workforce Needs**
- **Connecting NJ**



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QUESTIONS?



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