

Family Foundations Home Visiting Program Fact Sheet



Wisconsin's Family Foundations Home Visiting (FFHV) Program is a voluntary home-based program in which home visiting professionals partner with parents and caregivers to promote healthy social, emotional, and physical child development and overall family well-being.

Our Mission

Promote parent, infant and early childhood health and well-being, in partnership with families facing adversity, through home-based support, information, and connection to community.

Our Vision

All Wisconsin families have a strong beginning to be healthy, connected, and successful.

Serving Families Across Wisconsin

Families learn about home visiting services through several avenues, such as referrals from their health care provider, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), human service provider, or through word of mouth.

Number of:

Local Implementing Agencies— 33

Counties— 40 out of 72

Tribes—6 out of 11

Families Served in FFY20 – 2,095

**Home Visits Provided in FFY20 –
26,035**

Evidence-based Models— 4

- Early Head Start—Home Based
- Healthy Families America
- Parents as Teachers
- Nurse-Family Partnership





Who We Serve

Using a health equity lens, FFHV strives to make services and resources equitable and accessible to under resourced communities, with a focused effort towards reducing disparities in Wisconsin. While all new parents and caregivers benefit from support, it is particularly essential for those who are parenting as a young person, struggling with their mental health, living in a lower income household or facing other challenges. For this reason, the FFHV Program prioritizes serving families who are facing adversity.

In 2020, 56% of households enrolled in FFHV programs were experiencing three or more federal priority populations, including substance abuse, low student achievement, and raising children with developmental delays.

Funding

FFHV receives Federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and State General Purpose Revenue funds to support families served by evidence-based home visiting programs.

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Why Home Visiting Matters

Engaging families prenatally up to the child's fifth birthday in home visiting supports access to resources to promote maternal and child health, nurturing parent-child interaction, and overall family well-being. Home visitors use evidence-based screenings to assess key maternal and child health factors. This information is used to partner with parents to set goals and create an effective service plan. Home visitors then provide families with information and support for what they need, such as well child visit reminders, skill development, or referrals to community services.

FHV programs participate in continuous quality improvement (CQI) projects, with a special focus on partnering with families to improve services. CQI projects include work to identify ideas that might improve the focused topic area. Past topics have included infant safe sleep, developmental promotion, and domestic violence screening and safety planning, among many others.



FFHV Program Focus Areas

FFHV's strategic planning process identified these 4 focus areas to support and guide FFHV investments.



Learn more about the Family Foundations Home Visiting Program

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