



Home Visiting

Governor Mike DeWine has set a bold goal of tripling the number of Ohio families that are served by Ohio's home visiting program, called Help Me Grow. Home visiting is a two-generational approach, or one that supports parents as well as children. Home visitors can improve the lives of parents by reducing parent stress, improving parenting skill, and helping parents overcome challenges and set and keep goals, like pursuing an education. They also work with children to achieve developmental milestones, such as walking, speech development, and motor skills so that they are ready to learn once they reach kindergarten.



Personal Testimonies

"I want to thank you for everything you do for myself and my children. Being a single mother, it helps greatly, not even just the physical help but the emotional help is something I am grateful for!"

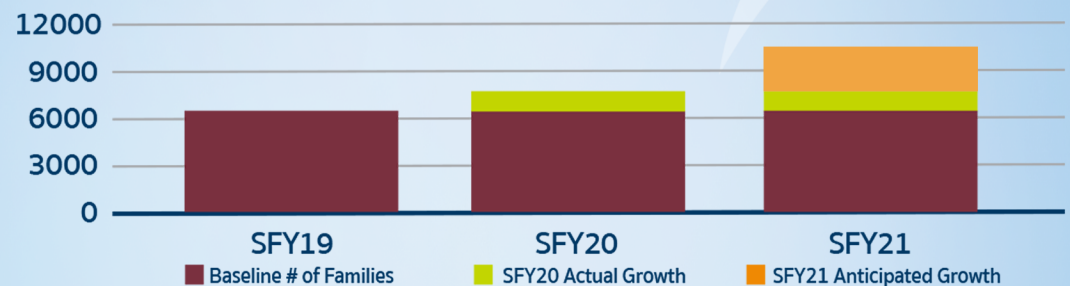
"I want to say thank you so, so much for the visits and drop offs. It helps me and my family so much. And it also relieves so much stress with all this stuff going on."

Help Me Grow: Evidence-Based Home Visiting

Evidence-Based Home Visiting is a free, voluntary program that provides pregnant women and families with resources and skills to:

- improve maternal and child health,
- encourage positive parenting,
- prevent child abuse/neglect, and
- promote child development and school readiness.

Growth In Ohio Department of Health Evidence-Based Home Visiting



The three evidence-based models used in Ohio include:

Nurse Family Partnership:

designed for first-time, low-income pregnant women and their families.

Health Families America:

designed for parents facing challenges such as single parenthood; poverty; a childhood history of abuse and other adverse child experiences; current or previous issues related to substance abuse and mental illness; and a history of domestic violence.

Parents as Teachers:

has four primary goals: increase parent knowledge of early childhood development and improve parenting practices, provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, prevent child abuse and neglect, and increase children school readiness and success.

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Help Me Grow: Early Intervention

Early Intervention is a statewide program that serves families with children under the age of three who have developmental delays or disabilities. Services are available in all 88 counties. All children enrolled in Early Intervention are assigned a service coordinator who helps guide the family through their experience. Children also receive personally tailored services, including speech, physical, and occupational therapies, while parents and caregivers learn skills and strategies to support their child's development.

To be eligible, a child must have a demonstrated delay or a medical diagnosis, such as autism or neonatal abstinence syndrome, likely to result in a developmental delay. Early Intervention serves children regardless of their family living arrangements or income.

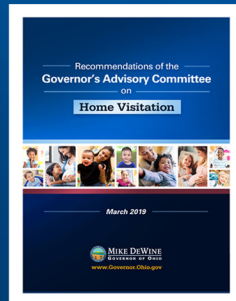
Home Visiting Advisory Council

On January 15, 2019, his first full day in office, Governor DeWine convened the Governor's Advisory Committee on Home Visitation and tasked them with developing recommendations to expand evidence-based home visiting services to help three times as many families as were previously being served. The committee was tasked with submitting their recommendations to the Governor by March 1, 2019.

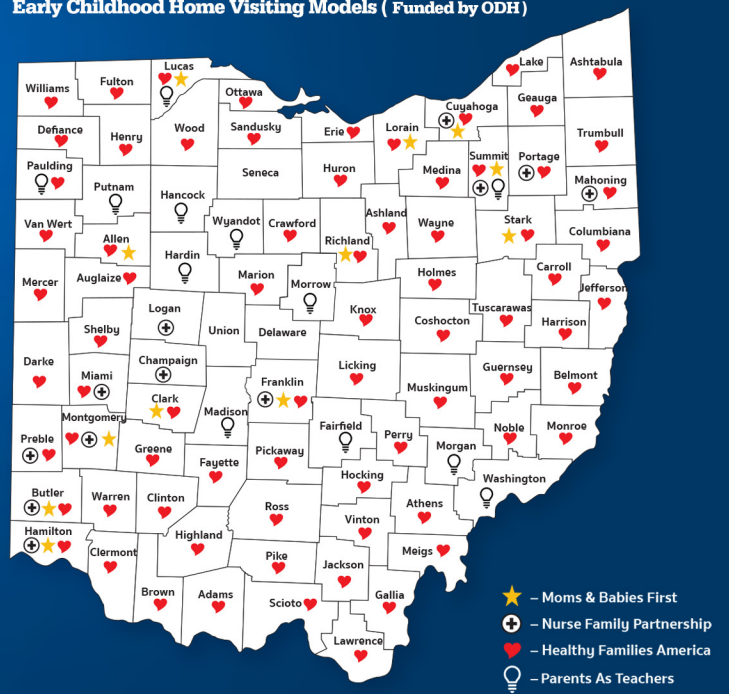
The advisory council was made up of subject matter experts from across pediatric medicine, public health, DD, home

visiting programming, minority health, and more.

The committee's final report, including their 20 recommendations is available at <https://governor.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/governor/media/news-and-media/030819>.



Early Childhood Home Visiting Models (Funded by ODH)



To see if you are eligible for home visiting services or to refer someone to home visiting, please call 1-800-755-4769 (GROW) or visit www.HelpMeGrow.org.



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