

# Home visiting at work in South Carolina

In partnership with **families**, trained professionals help parents build positive **parenting skills**, connect to **resources**, and identify when kids may be missing **developmental milestones**.

Home visiting is a **proven** early intervention strategy that can significantly **reduce child abuse and neglect** and help families be healthier and stronger across a wide range of outcomes.



76

local organizations provide home visiting services



4,800

families served by home visiting in a year



MORE THAN

77,000

home visits delivered in a year

## Helping families now

Home visiting is at work in communities across the state promoting practices that build healthy children and strong families.



83%

of children served were **screened for developmental delays**, helping children keep pace with expected milestones and close learning gaps before they become too big



84%

of children received last recommended **well-child visit**, ensuring that kids stay healthy, grow as expected and get their scheduled vaccinations



98%

of infants were always placed **safely to sleep** on their backs without bed-sharing or soft bedding, preventing unsafe sleep deaths



*"I had a lot of questions before I gave birth. [My home visitor] gave me a lot of information...and we both went over it together. And if I didn't ask her a question while we were physically together, I could text her...and for my son, it's definitely helped him, because she goes over his milestones every month and lets me know hey, you need to work on this or hey, he's doing good. I definitely think he would probably be a different baby if she wasn't in my life."*

HOME VISITING PARTICIPANT

# The need for home visiting services is great

There are too many families in South Carolina that need the support home visiting programs provide.

## MORE FAMILIES NEED HELP



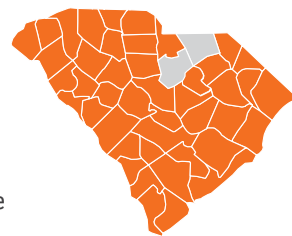
ONLY  
**10%**

of families in at-risk counties currently  
receive home visiting services

## IDENTIFIED RISK



**44/46**



**counties** were identified through an independent home visiting needs assessment to be **at-risk** for negative prenatal, maternal and newborn or child health outcomes



*"The first time [my baby] got sick... and the first thing that popped into my head was my [home visitor]. Like even though it's after hours, you could text her and she will honestly text you back or call and make sure everything's okay. Because each time something goes wrong with [my baby] the first person I will call is my [home visitor]."*

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## Ready to reach more

Federal and private investments have fostered a strong home visiting delivery system, infrastructure and leadership. Greater investments could be deployed quickly and with immediate results for children and their families.



Infrastructure and  
workforce ready

**100%**

of counties in South Carolina have  
home visiting services available  
and a ready workforce



Greater state investment  
could expand service delivery

**43%**  
FEDERAL



**22%**  
STATE

**36%**  
LOCAL AND  
PRIVATE



Well-connected leadership ensures  
high-quality and efficient service  
delivery across South Carolina

**22**

South Carolina Home Visiting  
Consortium partners

Sources: Compiled by the South Carolina Home Visiting Consortium, May 2021. Programs represented include: AIM 4 Teen Moms, Attachment Biobehavioral Catch-Up, BirthMatters, Early Steps to School Success, Healthy Families America, Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters, Nurse-Family Partnership, and Parents as Teachers. South Carolina Home Visiting Needs Assessment 2020 Update Infographic, [https://scchildren.org/wp-content/uploads/SC\\_Home\\_Visiting\\_Needs\\_Assessment\\_2020\\_Infographic.pdf](https://scchildren.org/wp-content/uploads/SC_Home_Visiting_Needs_Assessment_2020_Infographic.pdf). The data points related to safe sleep and well child visit completion is reflective of families served by one of the three largest program models in South Carolina, funded by the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program

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