

HOME VISITING: IMPROVES LIVES, SAVES MONEY

We estimate that each year in L.A. County nearly 750,000 children up to age 5 are eligible for home visiting services, but only 34,000 receive those services. **That leaves 95.5% without in-home* support** that has shown to reduce abuse and neglect, enhance school readiness, and improve a variety of health outcomes.

What does a home visitor do?

Home visitors provide education and guidance to families prenatal through age 5 on the following topics:

- For children:
 - well-child visits
 - safe sleep practices
 - child development education and milestones screenings
 - oral health
 - feeding, including chestfeeding
 - early literacy activities for school readiness
 - positive child-parent interactions
- For parents/caregivers:
 - positive child-parent interactions
 - family planning
 - screening for mental health symptoms
 - whole family well-being (physical, mental, and emotional)
 - one-on-one support and advocacy
 - nutrition
 - provide linkages to community resources
 - social connection opportunities

Home Visiting costs approximately \$8500 per family per year.
(Yarnoff, et al., 2019).

Preventing Child Abuse

The lifetime economic burden of child maltreatment is \$830,928 per child victim while the lifetime economic burden of child fatalities is \$16,615,186 per child victim (Peterson et al., 2018).

Improving Health & Wellness

Up to 1.9 million cases of heart disease and 21 million cases of depression could have been potentially avoided by preventing adverse childhood experiences (CDC, 2021).

Screening for Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders

The cost of untreated perinatal mood and anxiety disorders for the 2017 birth cohort totaled \$14 billion USD, with an average cost of \$31,800 per mother-child pair with postpartum illness (Luca et al., 2020).

Supporting Child Development

44% of U.S. children ages 3 to 5 experience 1 to 2 risk factors that result in the poor developmental outcomes (Ghandour et al., 2018).

What is the Consortium?

The Los Angeles County Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visitation Consortium is a network of more than 60 perinatal and early childhood home visitation programs, family and child health organizations, advocacy groups, and stakeholders. For more information, visit HomeVisitingLA.org

*Home visitors provide flexibility of location for services, including virtual services, to families where it is safest (i.e. libraries).