# Los Angeles County Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visitation Consortium (LACPECHVC)

## Program Details for LA County Home Visitation Programs

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| **Early Head Start (home-based)**| Can enroll prenatally through age 3 of index child. | 1 visit/week for at least 90 minutes; 2 monthly group socialization activities. | Qualifications range; minimum requirement of a CDA (Child Development Associates) Certificate, some programs utilize Masters-level interns. | • To provide safe and developmentally enriching caregiving which promotes the physical, cognitive, social and emotional development of infants and toddlers, and prepares them for future growth and development;  
**• To support parents, both mothers and fathers, in their role as primary caregivers and teachers of their children, and families in meeting personal goals and achieving self-sufficiency across a wide variety of domains;**  
**• To mobilize communities to provide the resources and environment necessary to ensure a comprehensive, integrated array of services and support for families;**  
**• To ensure the provision of high quality responsive services to family through the development of trained, and caring staff.**                                                                 | 3452                  |
| **Healthy Families America (HFA)**| Up to age 3 or 5 of index child (depending on agency). | At least 1 visit/week for the first 6 months. Families can then receive bi-weekly, monthly or quarterly visits. | Qualifications range from high school diploma with experience working with children and families to Masters-level ECE teacher depending on agency. | • Reduce harsh parenting, neglect, physical and psychological abuse, and increase non-violent discipline.  
**• Improve birth outcomes, including low birth weight.**  
**• Increase access to primary health care and community services, and decrease child injuries and emergency department use.**  
**• Nurture child development, including long-term improvements in children’s school performance and ACEs.**  
**• Increase parents’ understanding of children’s developmental milestones and needs and help parents create a more responsive and developmentally stimulating home environment.**                                                                 | 1680 (110 in SPA 1)    |
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| Healthy Start               | Up to age 2 (24 months) of index child. | At least 2 visits/month for local program; may transition to quarterly over time. | High school diploma with social service experience and knowledge of community resources in high-risk communities. | • Reduce rates of infant mortality and improve birth weight.  
• Educate families on environmental, biological, and behavioral risk factors over their lifespan that may negatively affect pregnancy outcomes.  
• Address disparities in perinatal health for at-risk populations and minorities.  
• Enhance the capacity of a community’s perinatal and women’s health service system. | 500                   |
| Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) | Pregnancy up to age 2 of index child. | - First 4 weeks in program: 1 visit/week.  
- After 4 weeks in program until birth: biweekly.  
- Birth to 6 weeks postpartum: 1 visit/week.  
- 6 weeks postpartum to 20 months: biweekly.  
- 20-24 months: 1 visit/month. | Public Health Nurses (PHNs). | • Improve pregnancy outcomes by helping women engage in good preventive health practices, including thorough prenatal care from their healthcare providers, improving their diets, and reducing their use of cigarettes, alcohol and illegal substances;  
• Improve child health and development by helping parents provide responsible and competent care; and  
• Improve the economic self-sufficiency of the family by helping parents develop a vision for their own future, plan future pregnancies, continue their education and find work. | 1100                  |
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| **Parents as Teachers (PAT)**| Up to age 3 or 5 of index child (depending on agency); model aims to serve families for at least 2 years. | Visit frequency dependent on client's risk level; most clients receive 2 visits/month. | Qualifications range; national model’s minimum qualifications are a high school diploma or GED and 2 years of supervised work experience with young children and/or parents; most LA County agencies’ home visitors have BS/BA or higher. | • 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.  
• Increase children’s school readiness and school success. |
| **Partnerships for Families (PFF)** | Program duration is 6-12 months (can be extended with DCFS approval). | Minimum of 2 visits/month. | Master’s level clinician (can be waived if practitioner meets core infant and perinatal mental health competency requirements). | • Increase parent knowledge of early childhood development and improve parenting practices (strengthen protective factors).  
• Prevent child abuse and neglect (measured by subsequent referrals to LA County DCFS hotline).  
• Decrease parenting risk factors (as measured by FAF assessment data). |
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| Welcome Baby- Best Start Neighborhoods | Through 9 months post-partum. | 9 engagement points if enrolled prenatally; 6 if enrolled at delivery. | Varies by position. BA preferred for home visitors (Parent Coaches). BA required for Hospital Liaisons. PHN or RN pursuing PHN degree with 1 year maternal/newborn experience required for Nurse Home Visitors. All must have CLE, CLC, or IBCLC/RLC within 6 months of hire. | - Promote overall health and wellness during pregnancy through first year.  
- Increase breastfeeding rates.  
- Ensure children have health coverage and receive consistent healthcare.  
- Assist new parents in providing a safe and nurturing home environment.  
- Link families to community resources and additional supportive services, as needed. | 15000 |
| Welcome Baby- LA County | Through 2 months post-partum. | 4 engagement points starting at delivery. | Same as above (Welcome Baby – Best Start Neighborhoods). | Same as above (Welcome Baby – Best Start Neighborhoods). | Included in number above. |