Home Visiting Programs: Partnering with Health Care to Support Families

**IMPROVING**

Patient Engagement, 
HEDIS Measures, 
& Health Outcomes

- Reduce hypertension and preterm birth
- Reduce unnecessary emergency care
- Provide in-home health education and breastfeeding support
- Increase timely receipt of prenatal care, Well-Child visits, and childhood immunizations
- Educate parents on developmental milestones; screen and provide resources for developmental delays
- Screen and provide resources for depression and other perinatal mood disorders
Health Impact  Women enrolled in Nurse-Family Partnership had lower rates of pregnancy-induced hypertension; attended childbirth classes more frequently; made more extensive use of the nutritional supplementation program for women, infants, and children (WIC); made greater dietary improvements; and had fewer kidney infections than those in the control.

Prenatal & Postpartum Care  Healthy Families New York home visitors improved expectant mothers’ linkage to primary care providers prior to birth. Mothers in the LA County Welcome Baby pilot program had a rate of return for postpartum care within 21-56 days of delivery of 87.5%.

Breastfeeding Support  Mothers in the Welcome Baby pilot program were almost 1.4 times more likely than mothers in the control group to exclusively breastfeed their babies during the first four months after birth.

Developmental Milestones & Growth  Children in Early Head Start home visiting had positive outcomes on the Bayley Scales of Infant Development at 36 months.

Well-Child Care Visits & Childhood Immunizations  Children participating in Parents as Teachers were more likely to be fully immunized according to schedule. Children in Healthy Families America had better access to health care, evidenced by rates of health insurance at ages one and two; connection with a primary care provider; and more completed Well-Baby visits.

Decrease Child Abuse, Neglect, & Unnecessary Health Care Encounters  Families in the Partnerships for Families program had significantly lower rates of re-referral to child protective services, substantiated allegations of maltreatment, DCFS case openings, and removal from the home. During the first 2 years after birth, children in the Nurse-Family Partnership program had fewer health care encounters in which injuries or ingestions were detected and hospitalization days due to injuries or ingestions.

The mission of the LACPECHVC is to coordinate, measure, and advocate for high quality home-based support to strengthen all expectant and parenting families so that the children of Los Angeles are healthy, safe, and ready to learn.

To learn more about home visiting programs in Los Angeles County, visit http://homevisitingla.org/