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## Nurse-Family Partnership Awarded Precedent-Setting Federal Grants Administration for Children and Families Grants Support Evidence-Based Programs

**DENVER, CO** (October 23, 2008) – Nurse-Family Partnership® (NFP) announced today that multiple local and state health and human service agencies have been granted new federal funding in support of Nurse-Family Partnership from the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). ACF awarded the grants totaling \$8.5 million in support of home visiting programs that meet rigorous evidentiary standards that prove program results.

Twelve of the 17 proposals funded by ACF included Nurse-Family Partnership as part of their plans. Eight proposals focused primarily on Nurse-Family Partnership were funded; another four grantees focused on Nurse-Family Partnership together with other home visiting programs.

Nurse-Family Partnership is a voluntary prevention program providing nurse home visitation services to low income, first-time mothers. Nurses begin home visits early in the mother's pregnancy and continue visitation through the child's second year. Nurses provide support, education and counseling on health, behavioral and self-sufficiency issues.

More than 30 years of research on NFP show consistent results in improved prenatal care, fewer subsequent pregnancies, increased maternal education and employment, improved school readiness by the child, decreased childhood injuries and decreased criminal convictions.

“Nurse-Family Partnership has demonstrated remarkable results in randomized, controlled trials over three decades and that gives communities that invest in NFP confidence that they can achieve similar results when the NFP is implemented with fidelity to the model,” said Thomas R. Jenkins, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer, Nurse-Family Partnership. “We are grateful to ACF for these grant awards and for their precedent-setting direction in investing in evidence-based programs that are proven to work.”

The eight ACF grantees that focused their proposals primarily on Nurse-Family Partnership are:

- Children's Trust Fund of South Carolina, for developing program infrastructure capable of supporting Nurse-Family Partnership expansion and coordination with other services
- Minnesota Department of Health, for developing financing strategies and program supports statewide
- Solano County, California, Department of Health and Human Services, to implement and evaluate NFP within their continuum of home-based services throughout the county
- Rhode Island KIDS COUNT, to implement NFP statewide
- Children and Families First, Delaware, to implement NFP statewide
- Memphis/Shelby County, Tennessee, LeBonheur Community Outreach, to implement NFP locally and partner with other organizations for potential statewide expansion
- Knoxville, Tennessee, Children and Family Tennessee, to implement NFP within a research initiative
- Colorado Judicial Department, to create a community-wide infrastructure to support existing NFP sites and implement a home visitation program for high risk population in Denver metropolitan area

The four ACF grantees that contained Nurse-Family Partnership along with other home visiting programs are:

- Illinois Department of Human Services, in support of Nurse-Family Partnership, Healthy Families Illinois, and Parents as Teachers programs statewide
- Utah Department of Health, to support and further develop Nurse-Family Partnership and Healthy Families America programs statewide
- New Jersey Department of Children and Families, to develop and expand an integrated system of home visiting services including Nurse-Family Partnership, Healthy Families, and Parents As Teachers
- Rochester, New York, Rochester Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, to compare treatment delivered through a multi-tiered, evidence-based service delivery model with that of traditional Nurse Family Partnership

Today, Nurse-Family Partnership serves more than 16,000 families in 27 states. It's estimated that there are approximately 600,000 eligible first-time mothers in the U.S. that would benefit from the program.

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### About Nurse-Family Partnership

The Nurse-Family Partnership National Service Office ([www.nursefamilypartnership.org](http://www.nursefamilypartnership.org)) is committed to producing enduring improvements in the health and well being of low-income, first-time parents and their children by helping communities implement and sustain an evidence-based program of home visiting by registered nurses. It is the most rigorously tested program of its kind. Randomized, controlled trials conducted over 30 years demonstrate multi-generational outcomes that benefit society economically and reduce long-term social service expenditures. Nurse-Family Partnership is headquartered in Denver, Colorado.