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Nurse-Family Partnership and National Home Visiting Programs Share Vision for Development of Children and Families

DENVER, CO (September 10, 2008) – Nurse-Family Partnership® announced today that it has joined with four other national home visiting programs in a shared vision to nurture the healthy, secure development of the nation’s children and families.

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.

Nurse-Family Partnership joins with Healthy Families America, Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPHY), The Parent-Child Home Program and Parents as Teachers in its shared vision and commitment to improving the well being of our nation’s children and families and focusing national attention on home visiting as a critical service delivery strategy for strengthening America’s children and families.

The full shared vision statement can be viewed at www.nursefamilypartnership.org.

More than 30 years of research on Nurse-Family Partnership 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.

Today, Nurse-Family Partnership serves 15,000 families in 26 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) 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.