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Nurse-Family Partnership Honors Congressional Champions of Children

Elected Officials Lauded for their Support of Evidence-Based Home Visitation Programs

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 22, 2010) — [Nurse-Family Partnership](http://www.nursefamilypartnership.org)®, a leading non-profit organization addressing the needs of low income, first-time parents and their children, is honoring a group of U.S. Senators and Representatives as champions of evidence-based home visitation in support of America's children.

These Members of Congress are being presented with awards on Capitol Hill and during August in their local districts or states for their leadership, contributions, and dedication to improving the lives of children. Many of the honorees are noted for championing and enacting the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visitation Program. The federal program provides \$1.5 billion in funding over five years for states to implement or expand [evidence-based home visitation](http://www.nursefamilypartnership.org) programs such as Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP).

U.S. Senators being recognized include Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT); Sen. Thomas Carper (D-DE); Sen. Robert Casey (D-PA); Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL); Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY); Sen. Charles Grassley (R-IA); Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT); Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-HI); Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ); Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY); Sen. Arlen Specter (D-PA); and Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI).

U.S. Representatives being honored include Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA); Rep. James Clyburn (D-SC); Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL); Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO); Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO); Rep. Sander Levin (D-MI); Rep. Tim Murphy (R-PA); Rep. Todd Platts (R-PA); Rep. David Price (D-NC); Rep. John Spratt (D-SC); Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI); and Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA).

“These distinguished Members of Congress have been guided by their commitment and dedication to improving the lives of America's children and families,” said Thomas R. Jenkins, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer, Nurse-Family Partnership. “We are proud to recognize their tireless work over many years, particularly the effort to bring home visitation to many more vulnerable families across the country

by supporting enactment of this legislation to provide federal funding for proven home visitation programs.”

Joining Jenkins in presenting the congressional leadership awards are Nurse-Family Partnership Board of Directors members Dr. Beverly Malone, CEO of the National League of Nursing; Mr. Robin Britt, Executive Director of Guilford Child Development (Greensboro, N.C.) and former U.S. Representative from North Carolina; and Former First Lady of Pennsylvania Michele Ridge, as well as NFP program founder Dr. David Olds, director of the Prevention Research Center for Family and Child Health at University of Colorado Denver.

Today, Nurse-Family Partnership serves more than 22,000 families in 32 U.S. states in a program of ongoing [nurse home visitation](#). It is estimated that every year there are approximately 600,000 eligible first-time mothers in the U.S. that would benefit from the program.

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 public health program](#) of home visiting by registered nurses. Nurse-Family Partnership is the most rigorously tested [maternal and early childhood health 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.

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