

The planning and preparation needed to establish Nurse-Family Partnership successfully through a multi-site state initiative typically takes anywhere from 12-24 months depending on both state and local context, including budget cycles and RFP procedures. You will work with a Nurse-Family Partnership Regional Program Developer who will support you through every step of your feasibility analysis and implementation planning process, which includes:

- Making sure those in leadership positions in state government understands the requirements for successful Nurse-Family Partnership program operation to assure local programs can achieve outcomes comparable to those achieved in the randomized, controlled trials.
- Developing a financing strategy for local program operations and state program management.
- Choosing an agency home for the program that fosters direct relationships with implementing agencies and can provide both programmatic and fiscal oversight as well as strong support to the nurses in the field in collaboration with program consultants from the Nurse-Family Partnership National Service Office.
- Developing a management structure for communications with prospective implementing agencies and communities, support for local planning, implementing agency selection and ongoing technical assistance in collaboration with the Nurse-Family Partnership National Service Office.
- Clarifying the roles of state agency program leaders and the NFP National Service Office.
- Developing a Sponsor Agreement between the state agency and Nurse-Family Partnership National Service Office.
- Making decisions about program evaluation and reporting requirements in light of what is available through the national NFP data and reporting system.
- Making decisions about sponsoring legislation or other policy actions that can secure sustainability in financing and program fidelity, and execute those strategies over a one- to two-year period.