



STATE PROFILE 2012

NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP IN LOUISIANA



Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is an evidence-based, community health program that helps transform the lives of vulnerable mothers pregnant with their first child. Each mother served by NFP is partnered with a registered nurse early in her pregnancy and receives ongoing nurse home visits that continue through her child's second birthday. Independent research proves that communities benefit from this relationship — every dollar invested in Nurse-Family Partnership can yield up to five dollars in return.

NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP GOALS

1. Improve pregnancy outcomes by helping women engage in good preventive health practices, including thorough prenatal care from their healthcare providers, improving their diets, and reducing their use of cigarettes, alcohol and illegal substances;
2. Improve child health and development by helping parents provide responsible and competent care; and
3. Improve the economic self-sufficiency of the family by helping parents develop a vision for their own future, plan future pregnancies, continue their education and find work.

Positive Outcomes for Clients Served by Louisiana's Nurse-Family Partnership

17% reduction in smoking during pregnancy

14% increase in workforce participation among Louisiana NFP clients 18 years or older from intake to program completion

90% of 24 month olds are fully immunized

CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

At intake

Median age: 19

92% Unmarried

Cumulative data of Sept. 30, 2011

Race

59% Black or African American

34% White

4% Declined to self-identify/No Response

1% Multi-racial

1% American Indian/Alaska Native

1% Asian

Ethnicity

94% Non-Hispanic/Latina

3% Hispanic/Latina

3% Decline to self-identify/No Response

Data from Oct. 1, 2010 - Sept. 30, 2011.

All data is client self-identified.



In Louisiana, Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is operated by the Louisiana Office of Public Health (OPH), which coordinates the implementation of this program in the following parishes:

Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, De Soto, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Grant, Iberia, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lafourche, La Salle, Lincoln, Livingston, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Orleans, Point Coupee, Plaquemines, Rapides, Red River, Richland, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. James, St. Helena, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana.

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY CONTEXT

Nurse-Family Partnership is operated by the Louisiana Office of Public Health and through a strong partnership with the Tulane University Department of Psychiatry.

Individual Nurse-Family Partnership sites are implemented by the state Office of Public Health in partnership with the Louisiana State University System, local Human Service Districts, parish Hospitals, a local nonprofit, one school of nursing, and one privately owned case management firm.

FUNDING AND POLITICAL CONTEXT

Funding for Nurse-Family Partnership in Louisiana comes through the federal Title V-Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, TANF, Medicaid Targeted Case Management, the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, private foundations and state general funds.

A PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM WITH PROVEN AND MEASURABLE RESULTS

Societal Benefits

Nurse-Family Partnership is a rare community health program that is based on evidence from randomized, controlled trials – 30 years of research proves that it works. This evidence shows our clients – eligible first-time mothers – that if they follow the program and work with their nurse, they can transform their lives and the lives of their children. Moreover, independent policy research makes clear that every public health dollar policymakers and communities invest in Nurse-Family Partnership could realize up to five dollars in return.

National Recognition

- The Washington State Institute for Public Policy, The RAND Corporation and The Brookings Institution have concluded that investments in Nurse-Family Partnership lead to significant returns to society and government, giving taxpayers a \$2.88-5.70 return per dollar invested in the program.
- The Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) recognizes Nurse-Family Partnership as an Exemplary Model Program.



- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention names Nurse-Family Partnership in the Journal of the American Medical Association as the most rigorously evaluated program that promotes safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments – which can improve children's health over a lifetime and reduce the health disparities between advantaged and disadvantaged children.

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