



STATE PROFILE 2012



NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP IN OHIO

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 Ohio's Nurse-Family Partnership

36% of mothers who entered the program without a diploma/GED have since earned one, and another 35% are working toward obtaining one

89% of babies were born full term

93% of children received all recommended immunizations by 24 months

89% of babies were born at a healthy weight - at or above at 2500 g (5.5 lbs)

CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

At intake

Median age: 18

97% Unmarried

62% Medicaid recipients

Cumulative data as of Sept. 30, 2011

Race

65% Black or African American

27% White

4% Multi-racial

2% American Indian/Alaska Native

2% Declined to self-identify/No response

Ethnicity

86% Non-Hispanic/Latina

3% Hispanic/Latina

11% Declined to self-identify/No response

Data Oct. 1, 2010 - Sept. 30, 2011.
All data is client self-identified.



In Ohio, Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is currently serving clients in two counties: Franklin and Montgomery.

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY CONTEXT

Brighter Futures Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP), established in 1996 under the auspices of Miami Valley Hospital, was the first NFP agency in the United States. This site, located in Dayton, serves Montgomery County and is operated by the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association.

An additional program has been established in Franklin County, which is operated by the Center for Family Safety and Healing at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

FUNDING AND POLITICAL CONTEXT

The Franklin County and Montgomery County NFP programs are both supported with federal funds from the Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV). The Montgomery County program also receives a percentage of state funds that flow through Ohio's Help Me Grow system. The Bureau of Early Intervention Services, a division of the Ohio Department of Health, is the lead agency administering both the MIECHV and Help Me Grow home visiting programs in Ohio.

Ohio's NFP Implementing Agencies each supplement their programs with a variety of different funding sources.

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 – more than 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 non-profit, non-partisan Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy finds "strong evidence of effects on life outcomes of children and mothers" by Nurse-Family Partnership.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention highlights Nurse-Family Partnership in the June 3, 2009 edition of 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.

ESTABLISHED: 1996
FAMILIES SERVED: 3,643



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