



STATE PROFILE 2012



NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP IN TENNESSEE

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 Tennessee's Nurse-Family Partnership

88% of babies were born full term

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

92% of all children received all recommended immunizations by 12 months

CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

At intake

Median age: 19

94% Unmarried

59% Medicaid recipients

Cumulative data as of Sept. 30, 2011

Race

71% Black or African American

19% White

8% Declined to self-identify/No response

1% Multi-racial

1% Asian

Ethnicity

97% Non-Hispanic/Latina

2% Hispanic/Latina

1% Declined to self-identify/
No response

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



In Tennessee, Nurse-Family Partnership currently serves clients in Blount, Campbell, Knox and Shelby Counties.

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY CONTEXT

The flagship Nurse-Family Partnership, located in Memphis, is implemented by Le Bonheur Community Outreach (LCO). The mission of LCO is to promote the physical, mental, emotional, and social well-being of children and families by collaborating with the community to provide a coordinated system of family-centered prevention, education, early intervention, support services, and advocacy that extends beyond hospital walls. LCO is a division of Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare, which includes Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center, the only children's hospital in the Mid-South region. Le Bonheur is recognized in Shelby

County and across the state as a leader in issues concerning child health and well-being, and for its high-quality programs.

The newest NFP Implementing Agency is implemented through Child & Family Tennessee, a private, not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation that provides family welfare services to more than 25,000 East Tennessee residents each year. Child & Family Tennessee was founded in 1929 by local church members in response to the needs of unwed mothers in their community. Their programs are well-respected and have a long history of service, in many cases 30 years or more. The agency's goal is to offer safety net services that strengthen families and make for stronger East Tennessee communities.



FUNDING CONTEXT

Funding for the Le Bonheur Nurse-Family Partnership is derived from the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) of the Affordable Care Act and the State of Tennessee's general operating budget. Funding for the Child & Family Tennessee Nurse-Family Partnership is also provided by (MIECHV), with additional funding from the United Way of Greater Knoxville and Child & Family Tennessee Unrestricted Agency Funds.

PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM WITH PROVEN AND MEASURABLE RESULTS

Societal Benefits

Nurse-Family Partnership is a rare community health program that has been documented to achieve lasting significant effects through multiple, well-designed randomized, controlled trials. More than 30 years of research proves that it works. This evidence shows our clients — first-time, low-income 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 non-profit, non-partisan Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy finds "strong evidence of effects on life outcomes of children and mothers" in Nurse-Family Partnership.

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