



STATE PROFILE 2012



NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP IN WISCONSIN

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 Wisconsin's Nurse-Family Partnership

89% of children received all recommended immunizations by 24 months

88% of babies were born full term

91% of babies were born at a healthy weight - at or above at 2500 g (5.5 lbs)

69% of mothers initiated breastfeeding and 37% continued breastfeeding 6 months after delivery

CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

At intake

Median age: 18

95% Unmarried

75% Medicaid recipients

Cumulative data as of Sept. 30, 2011

Race

70% Black or African American

14% Declined to self-identify/No response

11% White

2% American Indian/Alaska Native

2% Asian

1% Multi-racial

Ethnicity

77% Non-Hispanic/Latina

23% Hispanic/Latina

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



In Wisconsin, Nurse-Family Partnership serves clients in the City of Milwaukee.

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY CONTEXT

The City of Milwaukee Health Department is the implementing agency. The top priority for Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, when implementing NFP, was to reduce the city's infant mortality disparity gap among African-Americans and Hispanics.

FUNDING AND POLITICAL CONTEXT

Milwaukee Nurse-Family Partnership is funded by the Wisconsin Partnership Fund from the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, Title V MCH Block Grant from the State of Wisconsin and a Project LAUNCH Grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA).

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 – low-income, 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 the 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.
- Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) recognizes Nurse-Family Partnership as an Exemplary Model Program.
- The Partnership for America's Economic Success finds investments in early childhood programs, such as Nurse-Family Partnership, to be stronger investments than state business subsidies when viewed from a long-term, national perspective.



- 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.
- The Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence reviewed over 650 programs with published research in peer-reviewed literature. Nurse-Family Partnership is one of 11 (or 6%) of the programs that clearly work, or appear promising. The Center fully supports and endorses NFP as one of its “Blueprints” programs.

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