



STATE PROFILE 2012



NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP IN WYOMING

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 Wyoming’s Nurse-Family Partnership

90% of babies were born full term and 92% were born at a healthy weight - at or above at 2500 g (5.5 lbs)

83% of children received all recommended immunizations by 6 months and 94% received all recommended immunizations by 24 months

86% of mothers initiated breastfeeding and 30% continued breastfeeding 6 months after delivery

CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

At intake

Median age: 19
82% Unmarried
65% Medicaid recipients
Cumulative data as of Sept. 30, 2011

Race

66% White
26% Declined to self-identify/No response
5% American Indian/Alaska Native
1% Black or African American
1% Multi-racial
1% Asian

Ethnicity

69% Non-Hispanic/Latina
11% Hispanic/Latina
20% Declined to self-identify/No response

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



In Wyoming, Nurse-Family Partnership is implemented in 14 counties: Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Crook, Fremont, Goshen, Laramie, Lincoln, Natrona, Park, Platte, Sweetwater, Uinta and Weston.

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY CONTEXT

Nurse-Family Partnership is operated by the Wyoming Department of Health as a statewide initiative. The program began in 1996, adding sites annually through 2002. Currently, with the support of the state and local health departments, the Wyoming Nurse-Family Partnership is focusing its efforts on maintaining solid client referral sources over a large geographic area of the state in order to provide the best possible



services to eligible families.

FUNDING AND POLITICAL CONTEXT

Funding for the Wyoming Nurse-Family Partnership is through the MCH Block Grants, TANF funds and local city and county funds. With strong support from the state and legislative champions, the program is poised to continue its second decade of operation to families across the state.

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.
- 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 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 even appear promising. The Center fully supports and endorses NFP as one of its "Blueprints" programs.
- 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.

ESTABLISHED: 1996
FAMILIES SERVED: 2,645



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