

# State Policy Update

2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION



## State and Local Funding Victories for Families

### California

- A bill was signed into law to create a new statewide home visiting program through the agency that administers TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), the CA Department of Social Services (CDSS). Subject to annual appropriations by the Legislature, the new program has been authorized to allocate up to \$50 million annually, less administrative, training and evaluation expenses. This marks the first time the state will invest dollars to expand home visiting beyond MIECHV-, county- and privately funded efforts.

### Pennsylvania

- \$1.2 million increase to the state's NFP line-item – for the first time in ten years – bringing it up to \$13.1M (from \$11.9M). This \$1.2 million is primarily intended to provide a Cost of Living Adjustment.
- \$5.3 million increase for home visiting in PA for MIECHV-approved models. This \$5.3M will be used as follows: \$4M for home visiting expansion in communities hardest hit by opioids; \$500K for cross systems training; and \$800K for a Parents as Teachers Cost of Living Adjustment.

### Wisconsin

- Pay for Performance legislation was signed into law. Several state agencies, including the Department of Children and Families which oversees NFP programs, are to study the programs they administer to determine whether and how pay for success contracting could be utilized as an alternative to current funding models for the provision of services under the programs. The law also creates a trust fund from which payments up to \$20 million will be made.

## Ohio

- Approximately \$5 million in Medicaid funding for expansion, which was also used as a match for incentive fund dollars. All three current operating sites expanded and one new additional site was added, with an estimated 28 new nurses to be added over time.

## Illinois

- A state Medicaid waiver was approved that includes coverage of evidence-based home visiting services for mothers during their 60 day postpartum period, if they gave birth to a baby with withdrawal symptoms (also Medicaid-eligible children up to 5 years old who were born with withdrawal symptoms are now eligible for these home visiting services).

## New York State

- \$800,000 in additional state funds to support creation and expansion of NFP program.
- \$200,000 for advanced education opportunities for New York NFP nurses, in Maternal Mental Health and Certified Lactation Specialist.

## Minnesota

- Maintained statutory language placing preference on utilization of evidence-based home visiting models.

## What's Next?

Across the nation, governments at all levels increasingly recognize the value of investing limited taxpayer dollars in evidence-based programs that reliably improve outcomes for families. As we plan for the 2019 legislative season, the Nurse-Family Partnership State Government Affairs Team is working to catalyze support at the federal, state and local levels for funding and policies that sustain and enhance this important work. To receive the most up-to-date policy news and advocacy opportunities, sign up through the link below!

## Washington

- \$1.8 million in additional state funds to expand home visiting. Communities and associated home visiting programs will submit applications through the Department of Children, Youth & Families, which oversees the state's Home Visiting Services Account in partnership with Thrive Washington, to be considered for funding.
- The Legislature also passed a bill calling for the Department of Children, Youth & Families to develop a strategy to expand home visiting statewide and requiring the agency that administers Medicaid to make recommendations to use Medicaid to support delivery of home visiting statewide.

## Michigan

- A \$1 million increase in evidence-based home visiting appropriation (for which NFP may compete).

## Idaho

- A \$1.6 million allocation to public health districts for home visiting, for which NFP is being considered to expand to serve more families.

## New York City

- Baselined all NFP funding within the administration, so it will no longer require approval by the City Council. This change in the source of funding for the program has enabled the City's Office of Management and Budget to include the \$4 million for NFP as planned funding for FY 20-22 in the City's four-year financial plan.

## Utah

- A bill was signed into law to create an evidence-based nurse home visiting pay-for-success program within the Department of Health. The legislation appropriates \$520,000 in ongoing funds.