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## **U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASS H.R.8876**

THE JACKIE WALORSKI MATERNAL AND CHILD HOME VISITING REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2022

**DENVER, COLO.** (Dec. 02, 2022) — The National Service Office for <u>Nurse-Family Partnership</u>® and <u>Child First</u> celebrates the passage of H.R.8876, the Jackie Walorski Maternal and Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act of 2022. The bill passed in the House of Representatives today with an overwhelming bipartisan vote.

This critical legislation will reauthorize and expand the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program, which supports evidence-based home visiting programs across the country, including Nurse-Family Partnership and Child First.

"MIECHV has been critical to scaling-up evidence-based home visiting programs across the country," said **Charlotte Min-Harris**, acting president & chief executive officer of the National Service Office for Nurse-Family Partnership and Child First. "We are grateful for the passage of the Jackie Walorski Maternal and Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act, which will allow Nurse-Family Partnership and Child First partners to serve more families and strengthen outcomes for more communities across the country."

H.R.8876 reauthorizes MIECHV for five years and doubles the federal investment in the program. It also expands funding for Tribal home visiting and provides continued flexibility for the use of telehealth or virtual home visits as part of service delivery.

The National Service Office thanks Representative Danny Davis (D-IL-07), chair of the worker and family support subcommittee of the House Ways & Means Committee, and Representative Brad Wenstrup (R-OH-02), acting ranking member of the subcommittee, for their leadership in passing this legislation. The bill was named in honor of the late Representative Jackie Walorski (R-IN-02), who was a champion of home visiting in Congress and a strong supporter of the Nurse-Family Partnership programs in Indiana.

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About the National Service Office for Nurse-Family Partnership and Child First

The National Service Office (NSO) is the central, unified operational structure for two evidence-based programs: <a href="Nurse-Family Partnership">Nurse-Family Partnership</a> and <a href="Child First">Child First</a>. In 2020, what was formerly the NSO solely for Nurse-Family Partnership joined forces with Child First, a merger empowering two proven, evidence-based models to share complementary expertise, infrastructure and integrated support services. The resulting unified entity works to ensure that health care, early childhood development and the mental health of the entire family are delivered in proven ways to achieve long-term positive outcomes.