

Home Visiting Program

Guam

Project Bisita I Familia, Guam's Home Visiting Program, is funded in part through federal investments from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (Home Visiting Program), and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to at-risk pregnant women and parents with young children.

The Home Visiting Program, which builds upon decades of scientific research, provides voluntary, culturally-appropriate, individually-tailored supports to families in their homes, including providing information about children's health, development, and safety, and when appropriate, referrals to support services.

Through federal grants from the Home Visiting Program, in fiscal year 2015, home visitors in Guam:

- made 1,167 home visits to 88 parents and children in 45 families;
- enrolled 19 new parents and children to the program; and
- served families living in communities in 1 county across the state, or 5% of Guam counties. That county is rural.

The Federal Home Visiting Program in Guam has:

- implemented an evidence based program for home visiting services from prenatal through five years of age;
- developed a tracking and surveillance data system for monitoring home visiting services;
- developed and conducted trainings related to children and family, for staff and other early childhood partners; and
- developed and produced social marketing products: community brochure (English and Chuukese language), service provider brochure, TV commercials and a program website.

Like all Federal Home Visiting Program grantees, Guam uses a home visiting model that is proven effective. Guam leverages federal funds to implement the following evidence-based model to serve children and families across the territory:

- [Healthy Families America](#)

Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the Home Visiting Program (as of February 2016)*:

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The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in close partnership with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The Program supports at-risk pregnant women and families, and helps parents of children from birth to kindergarten entry tap the resources and hone the skills they need to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to learn.

Research shows that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of life improve maternal and child health, prevent child abuse and neglect, increase positive parenting, and enhance child development and school readiness.