

Home Visiting Program

Northern Mariana Islands

Healthy Outcomes for Maternal and Early Childhood (H.O.M.E.), Northern Mariana Islands' 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 Northern Mariana Islands:

- made 664 home visits to 226 parents and children in 87 families;
- enrolled 59 new parents and children to the program; and
- served families living in communities in 3 counties across the islands, or 75% of Northern Mariana Islands counties, of which counties 100% are rural.

The Home Visiting Program in Northern Mariana Islands:

- expanded home visiting services on the remote islands of Rota and Tinian since April 2015;
- established and implemented Program Policies and Procedures on May 25, 2015; and
- updated Needs Assessment in December 2015 to include entire island of Saipan to availability of services.

Like all Federal Home Visiting Program grantees, Northern Mariana Islands uses home visiting models that are proven effective. Northern Mariana Islands leverages federal funds to implement the following evidence-based models to serve children and families across the islands:

- [Healthy Families America](#)

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

 **Rural counties:**
Saipan, Rota, Tinian



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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.