



## Home Visiting Budget Request

FY 2022-2023

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Home visiting is a unique and valuable service made available to families across the state of Michigan that focuses on providing families with a trusted connection to vital resources which have short and long-term impacts on their lives from pregnancy and beyond. An equitable system that is dedicated to family choice is essential. Home visiting programs nurture, coach, educate, offer encouragement, and refer families with infants and young children to other services to achieve a shared goals: building a safe, healthy, and stimulating environment for their child. Home visitors are available to families as they navigate the many stressors that life can bring including having a healthy baby, housing instability, food insecurity, job loss, etc. For example, families who participate in home visiting often experience improved rates of parenting capacity, school readiness and completion of high school, breastfeeding, smoking, child abuse prevention, and access to prenatal and postpartum care.



**"If I could tell another newly pregnant woman about Home Visiting, I'd stress that the home visitors are really kind and understanding, and above all, are there to help out with any questions you might have. Home Visiting has been a life saver for me. I don't know where I'd be without it." - Anonymous Home Visiting Mother**

### **Budget Recommendations:**

- 1. Equity: Implement policies that allow flexibility across programs that support an equitable approach to serve families that address racial, health and geographic disparities.**

Improve upon the policies that reimburse costs related to travel, education, and other expenses. In addition, improve policies that allows more flexibility for virtual visits and individual family needs.

- 2. Maintain & Expand: Support continuation of all state General fund and School Aid dollars for evidence-based home visiting programs and necessary infrastructure to ensure quality.**

This funding supports 8 evidence-based models to deliver services to families across the state in partnership with six state agencies.

- 3. Maximize: Every available dollar for home visiting including state and federal sources.**

Establish a system for grants and reimbursement that maximizes all potential funding opportunities. This includes, Federal Title IV-E Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), Medicaid, TANF, Title V and others.