

SUPPORTING MICHIGAN FAMILIES

Invest in Home Visiting Programs

Every year, Home Visiting (HV) programs serve more than 19,500 families across Michigan, providing crucial services that empower families to thrive.

These services focus on:

- Achieving family-centered goals, such as returning to school, job training, and securing stable housing
- Supporting healthy pregnancies and maternal well-being
- Promoting optimal childhood development through milestone screenings
- Connecting families with essential community resources and services
- Strengthening and nurturing deeper parent-child bonds for lasting emotional connections

The Need for Increased Funding for Rural Home Visiting (HV) Programs

- **Stagnant Funding:** Rural HV programs, such as Healthy Families, have received the same level of funding for many years, despite rising costs and demand
- **Critical Support:** For many rural parents, a home visitor is a crucial outside contact and a key resource for real-time information as they navigate the challenges of new parenting

Our Request:

We ask to maintain funding for home visiting services and increase rural area funding by \$2.25 million to a total of \$5 million to better reflect the true cost of care.



Home Visiting Programs in MI



*Map represents only those programs that are allocated funding from the state.

Program Name	Description	Enrollment & Length of Service	Frequency
Play and Learn Strategies™ (PALS-Infant)	PALS-Infant is designed to strengthen parent-child bonding and stimulate children's early language, cognitive, and social development.	Enrollment & Service length: Babies from 5-18 months for 10 weeks.	Visit frequency is weekly.
Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP)	MIHP offers home visits from caring and trustworthy social workers and nurses who work in partnership with families to ensure they feel supported through pregnancy and parenthood.	Enrollment: Medicaid-eligible pregnant persons and infants through 12 months of age. Service Length: Services continue throughout pregnancy and up to 18 months of age based on the needs of the infant and their caregiver.	Visits are offered monthly but may be more frequent.
Nurse-Family Partnership™ (NFP)	Registered nurses work to build a trusting and therapeutic partnership with first-time pregnant parents, aimed at improving pregnancy outcomes, improving child health and development and improving the economic self-sufficiency of the family.	Enrollment: Must be enrolled by 28th week of pregnancy, has income guidelines. Length of Service: Service from pregnancy through two years of age.	Visit frequency is weekly to monthly.
Infant Mental Health (IMH)	Infant Mental Health Home Visiting works with parents/caregivers that have difficulty forming a positive attachment with their infant, toddler which can affect their social, emotional, behavioral, and cognitive development. Services are provided by Infant Mental Health providers.	Enrollment & Service length: Pregnancy through age 3, has income guidelines.	Visits are usually weekly to bi-weekly.
Early Head Start™ (EHS)	Early Head Start knows parents are their child's first and most important teacher. EHS supports families to be healthy and helps parents understand how their child grows and develops.	Enrollment & Service length: Pregnancy through age 3, has income guidelines.	Visits are weekly for 90 minutes.
Family Spirit™ (FS)	Family Spirit was developed for and by American Indian communities. Supports health of family and builds strong and healthy parents.	Enrollment: Must be a member of a family in the respective Tribal Service population. Service length: Pregnancy through 3-5 years of age.	Visit frequency is weekly to monthly.
Healthy Families America™ (HFA)	HFA believes early, nurturing relationships are the foundation for healthy development. Home visitors walk alongside caregivers on their parenting journeys and provide support, encouragement, guidance and education.	Enrollment: timeframe is pregnancy to 24 months Service Length: home visitors can support families for 3 to 5 years.	Visit frequency is weekly to monthly.
Parents as Teachers™ (PAT)	Home visitors support parents in developing healthy relationships with their children. Supports and engages families in their roles as first and best teachers through positive connections and guidance.	Enrollment & Service length: pregnancy through kindergarten entry, no income guidelines.	Visit frequency is weekly to monthly.