

Nebraska Home Visiting Initiatives

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What is Home Visiting?

▶ [Link to video](#)

Why Home Visiting?

- ▶ 30,000 of Nebraskans infants and toddlers live in household where parents struggle to provide consistent, high quality learning experiences.
- ▶ Significant risk factors: low income, low education, teen parents, single parents, and families that English is not first language.
- ▶ Evidence shows that families that participate in HV programs, which focus on strengthening vulnerable families with children under age 5, are often more self-sufficient and better able to handle the challenges of parenting and to raise healthier, safer children. (HomVEE, 2015)



How are the initiatives similar & different

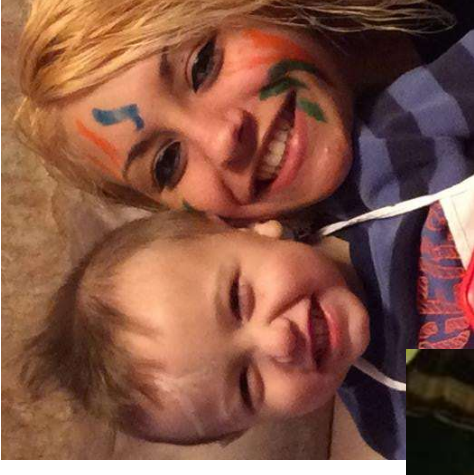


- ▶ Differences: diversity of program design, target population, service durations, and provider credentials
- ▶ Similarities- most program's primary objectives are to:
 - ▶ Cultivate parent's ability to form strong, positive attachment with their children and to keep them safe.
 - ▶ Promote children' healthy physical, cognitive, and socio-emotional development by monitoring their progress, parents in recognizing their children's and their own needs, and accessing appropriate services.
 - ▶ Improve maternal and child health.



Describe your program design and services that are offered to families.

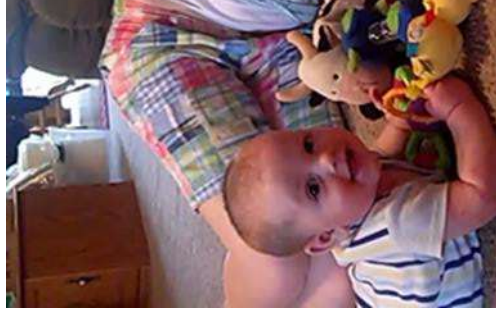
- ▶ Funding source(s)
- ▶ Monitoring/Technical Assistance
- ▶ Eligibility
- ▶ Family support/parenting education
- ▶ Model & Curricula
- ▶ Frequency & Duration
- ▶ Unique components



Describe the health & social/ emotional benefits of your program.



How does your program support families' individual needs & coordinate with other programs?



What effects are you seeing, and how are you measuring outcomes?



How do we know it works?

- ▶ More evidence is needed about the effectiveness of home visiting models, especially for immigrant families, diverse cultural backgrounds, ELL and military families.
- ▶ Local Initiative Evaluation Highlights



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