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WHO ARE WE?

Stronger Families, Brighter Futures, also known as the Arkansas Home Visiting Network, is an organization committed to devoting the resources necessary to build healthier, happier and more productive Arkansas families.

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WHAT WE DO

We work to raise awareness about home visiting, to expand and sustain home visiting services, to provide supplemental home visiting training, to collect and share data, and to share relevant policy and research information.

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ELIGIBILITY

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR HOME VISITING?

- Teen parents
- First-time parents
- Prenatal mothers
- Single parents
- Children ages birth to five years old
- Low-income families
- Limited English proficiency families
- Medically fragile/NICU



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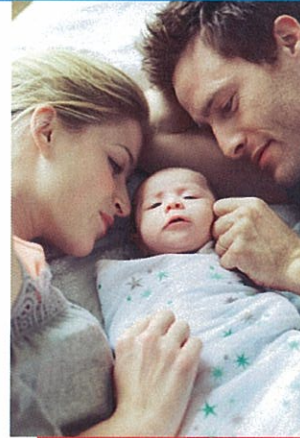
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HOME VISITORS

WHO ARE THE HOME VISITORS?

Services are provided by trained and qualified staff and address issues such as maternal and child health, positive parenting practices, child development, safe home environments, resource and referral access, literacy and school readiness.

Home visitors come from a variety of backgrounds, such as nurses, social workers, early childhood teachers and/or parent educators



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ECONOMIC BENEFITS

WHAT ARE THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF HOME VISITING?

Quality, voluntary home visiting reduces costly problems including low-weight births, emergency room visits, and the number of children in the social welfare, mental health and juvenile justice corrections systems, creating considerable cost savings for states.



Home visiting yields powerful short- and long-term effects for the families who participate, including aiding in school readiness

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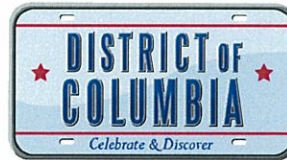




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FUNDING IS LOCALLY ADMINISTERED

- Home Visiting in Arkansas is financed via multiple funding streams with state, federal, and private backing.
- Two major sources of funding in Arkansas are **ABC (State) Funds** and **Federal** Grants.



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FEDERALLY FUNDED LOCALLY ADMINISTERED

- In **2011** Arkansas was awarded two federal MIECHV grants to help **develop**, **expand**, and **evaluate** home visiting services in the state in order to serve **2,275** more families.



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Keeping Your Hometown Healthy



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MODEL PROGRAMS

MIECHV Formula Grant

Nurse-Family Partnership
Helping First-Time Parents Succeed

MIECHV Competitive Grant

Following Baby Back Home

HIPPYUSA
Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters

Parents as Teachers

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FOUR KEY GOALS

- **Expand** the evidence based models to service 2,275 more families.
- Develop the **Arkansas Home Visiting Network Training Institute** to provide all home visitors in our state with relevant professional development
- Conduct a rigorous and comprehensive **evaluation** and show improvement in federal maternal and child health benchmarks
- **Strengthen the AHVN** to support the state's home visiting programs as they provide families with education, support and resources

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How Are We Doing?

MIECHV Formula Grant Funding

Nurse Family Partnership		
Current	162 /175 enrolled	7 nurses
Capacity	275	11 nurses

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How Are We Doing?

MIECHV Competitive Grant Funding

Models	Number of Families Projected to Enroll by Project End – 09/2015	Total Number of Families Enrolled through 06/02/2014	Total Number of Home Visits Conducted through 03/31/14
HIPPY	1050	757	10,523
PAT	660	536	4,965
HFA	500	463	5,783
FBBH	65	159	1,403
TOTAL	2,275	1915	22,674

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Training Institute

Training Institute Overview

To-Date Through 03/31/14

Number of Trainings/Modules Developed to date	23
Newest Modules Developed	Child Passenger Safety, Safe Sleep, and Shaken Baby Syndrome
Number of trainings held to date	146
Number in Attendance at trainings to date	2818
Other updates:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 trainings (total attendance 446) in 9 different locations around the state this quarter • Host Home Visiting conference September 29-30 	

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MEASURING SUCCESS

The MIECHV grant incorporates a **rigorous evaluation** component to provide accurate, measurable data about home visiting activities and a way to determine the effectiveness of home visiting interventions.

- Joint benchmarks between all five of the models funded
- A database for gathering data across models
- Expanded assessments to provide enhanced and quality data
- Extensive training on use of tools, assessments and data entry

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LESSONS LEARNED

CHALLENGES

- Developing a common vision for network participants
- Developing benchmarks to be used across models
- Using common tools and methods for data collection

ADVANTAGES

- Collaborative approach to planning and problem solving
- Having a menu of models to fit the need of the individual families in some locations
- Setting high levels of expectations

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OUR VISION FOR ARKANSAS

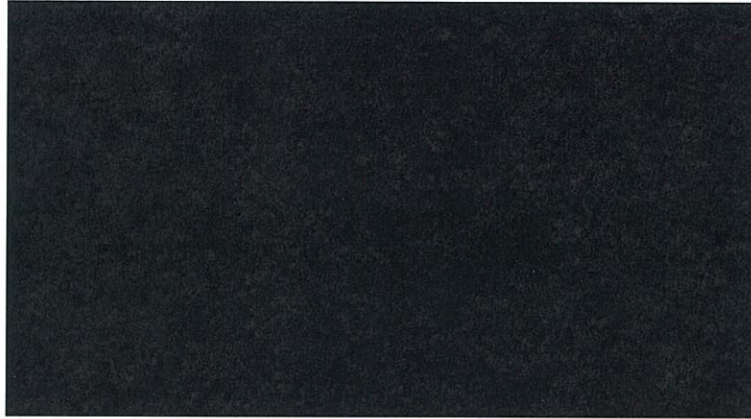
- Work with parents and caregivers to foster healthy, safe and stimulating environments for infants, toddlers and young children
- Give children and families **a strong start** and help prevent serious — and expensive — problems later in life

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Change the First 5 Years....
and you change **everything!**



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THANK YOU

To find out more about Stronger Families, Brighter Futures, the Arkansas Home Visiting Network, please visit us on our website at www.arhomevisiting.org or email me at pillowpricekl@archildrens.org.

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