

# 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                                            |
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| <b>Play and Learn Strategies™ (PALS-Infant)</b> | 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.                           |
| <b>Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP)</b>    | 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.<br>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. |
| <b>Nurse-Family Partnership™ (NFP)</b>          | 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.<br>Length of Service: Service from pregnancy through two years of age.                                                                           | Visit frequency is weekly to monthly.                |
| <b>Infant Mental Health (IMH)</b>               | 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.              |
| <b>Early Head Start™ (EHS)</b>                  | 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.                    |
| <b>Family Spirit™ (FS)</b>                      | 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.<br>Service length: Pregnancy through 3-5 years of age.                                                                                    | Visit frequency is weekly to monthly.                |
| <b>Healthy Families America™ (HFA)</b>          | 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<br>Service Length: home visitors can support families for 3 to 5 years.                                                                                                         | Visit frequency is weekly to monthly.                |
| <b>Parents as Teachers™ (PAT)</b>               | 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.                |