

Home Visiting Program

Georgia

Great Start Georgia home visiting program is funded in part through federal investments from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (Home Visiting Program), and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to at-risk pregnant women and parents with young children.

The Home Visiting Program, which builds upon decades of scientific research, provides voluntary, culturally-appropriate, individually-tailored supports to families in their homes, including providing information about children's health, development, and safety, and when appropriate, referrals to support services.

Through federal grants from the Home Visiting Program, in fiscal year 2014, home visitors in Georgia:

- Made 9,902 home visits to 1,511 parents and children in 817 families
- Enrolled 534 new parents and children to the program
- Served families living in communities in 7 counties across the state, or 4% of Georgia counties

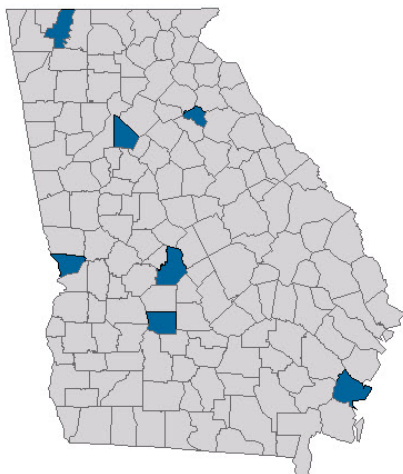
The Home Visiting Program in Georgia:

- Has developed Great Start Georgia, a comprehensive community-based early childhood system
- Has facilitated development and use of a centralized state-wide intake system
- Has established the Georgia Home Visiting Technical Assistance and Training and Early Childhood Professional Development System

Like all Home Visiting Program grantees, Georgia uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. Georgia leverages federal funds to implement the following models to serve children and families across the state:

- [Healthy Families America](#)
- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)
- [Early Head Start - Home Based Option](#)

Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the Home Visiting Program (as of February 2015)*:



*Clarke, Crisp, Dekalb, Glynn, Houston, Muscogee, Whitfield

More about Georgia:

[Great Start Georgia](#)

[National Survey of Children's Health 2011/2012 Georgia Profile](#)

[Maternal & Child Health Measures and Grants in Georgia](#)

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in close partnership with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The Program supports at-risk pregnant women and families, and helps parents of children from birth to kindergarten entry tap the resources and hone the skills they need to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to learn.

Research shows that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of life improve maternal and child health, prevent child abuse and neglect, increase positive parenting, and enhance child development and school readiness.