



Promising Ways to Invest in Our Children's Future: Home Visiting Programs

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Overview of Voluntary Home Visiting Programs

- Matches parents with trained professionals
 - Voluntary and non-punitive
 - Culturally appropriate
 - Family-centered
- Multiple models in use in California
- Proven outcomes related to child health and learning, maternal health and self-sufficiency





Demonstrated Outcomes

Nurse Family Partnership

- Reduced tobacco use during pregnancy
- Reduced pregnancy-induced hypertension
- Reduced risk of infant deaths
- Reduced child maltreatment
- Reduced ER injuries for children ages 0 to 2
- Increased breastfeeding & immunization rates

Healthy Families America

- Fewer birth complications
- Increased breastfeeding & immunization rates
- Lower rates of maternal depression

Parents as Teachers

- Increased rates of parents reading and playing
- Increased book ownership
- Increased children's oral language skills

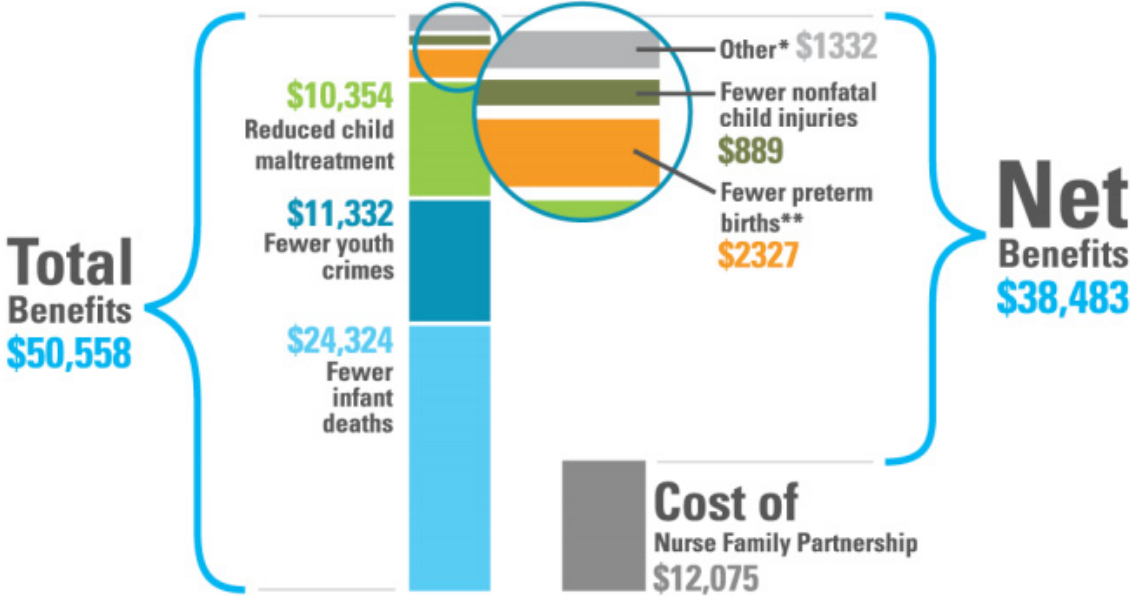
Early Head Start

- Fewer externalizing and attention problems
- More family involvement in school
- Fewer depressive symptoms
- Less use of alcohol
- Enhanced cognitive and language development



Cost-Benefit Analysis

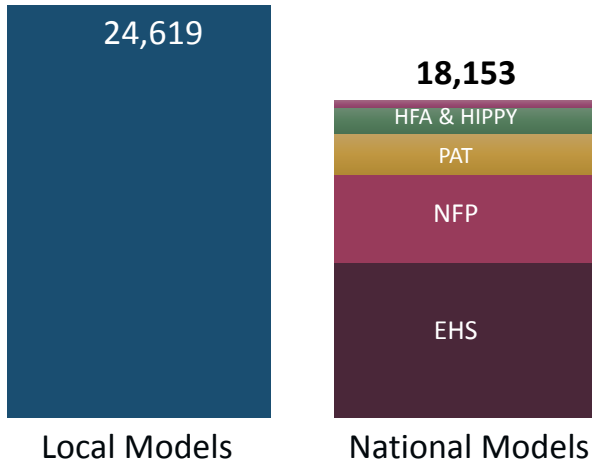
Benefits of Nurse-Family Partnership per Family Served in California





Children Served in California

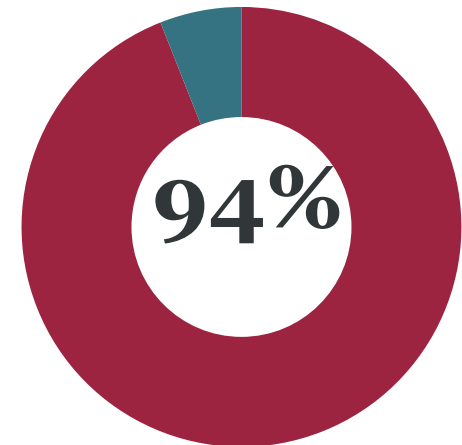
Children Served in California
Home Visiting Programs



Half of infants and toddlers are low income

Nearly two-thirds experience one or more risk factors

Unmet Need
(based on early childhood poverty)



What's the future?

- MIECHV continued funding
- Triage by need and fit
- Technology tools to scale
- Medical model & funding mechanisms
- Pay for success



Questions?

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