




Nurse-Family Partnership
Helping First-Time Parents Succeed



National Replication

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What is Nurse-Family Partnership?

- Nurse home visits with low-income, first-time mothers
- Early in pregnancy through child age 2
- Relationship-based, family-centered, preventive intervention
- Improves health, child development, and family economic self-sufficiency
- Evidence strong from three RCT's

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Broad Replication Goals

- Enable diverse communities, agencies and nurses to *conduct NFP effectively*
- Make NFP *widely available*
- Make NFP *sustainable* in its effectiveness and operations at the local level

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Strengths Required for Local Program Effectiveness

- Home visitor and supervisor competence in conducting NFP with families
- Local program management that fosters effective practice
- Administrative support within the host organization
- Community engagement and commitment
- Appropriate and sustainable financing

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What We Do to Foster Those Strengths

- Build a strong relationship with those implementing NFP in states and communities – good will and shared commitment is our only real power
- Support careful decision-making about whether or not to introduce NFP at all
- Require and support thorough program planning and preparation

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What We Do to Foster Those Strengths

- Nurse home visitor and supervisor education in the Nurse-Family Partnership model
- Visit by visit practice guidelines rich with clinical resources adaptable to each client/family
- Coaching for supervisors
- Web-based operational evaluation and reporting system
- Support of a growing national community of practice with state-based networks
- Publicity and advocacy support for fiscal sustainability

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The End Result?

- Initial trust and ownership of the decision to implement the program at the local level
- Capacity to be successful in using the model so practitioners observe their results with families
- Experience deepens commitment to model fidelity and the desire to sustain it
- Pride in growing expertise and passion for the results seen among families engenders even broader commitment

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