

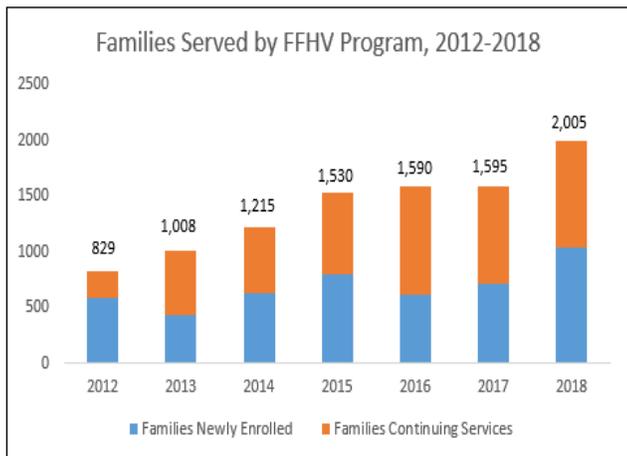
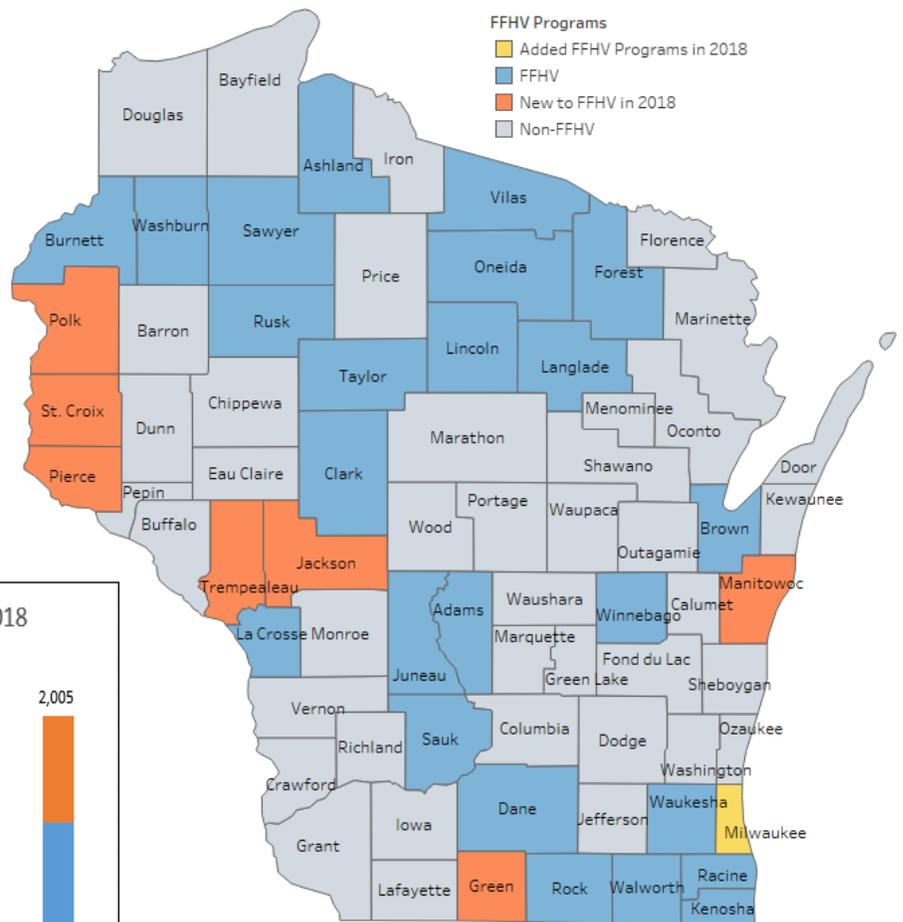


FAMILY FOUNDATIONS HOME VISITING PROGRAM 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Wisconsin’s Family Foundations Home Visiting Program (FFHV) is a voluntary program that occurs in the home setting and works to strengthen parent skills to improve the lives of their children and families starting as early as pregnancy. Home visitors partner with mothers and fathers to promote social, emotional, and physical development and overall family well-being.

Family Foundations Home Visiting Program: Serving Families Across Wisconsin

- Local Implementing Agencies: **31**
- Counties: **31**
- Tribes: **5**
- Families served in 2018: **2,005**
- Home Visits Provided: **23,393**
- Evidence-based Models: **4**
 - *Early Head Start*
 - *Healthy Families America*
 - *Parents as Teachers*
 - *Nurse-Family Partnership*



Who We Serve

While all new parents and caregivers benefit from support, it is particularly essential for those who are living in poverty, parenting as a young person, struggling with their mental health, or facing other challenges.

For this reason, the Family Foundations Home

Visiting Program prioritizes serving families who are more vulnerable. In 2018, 61% of households enrolled in Family Foundations Home Visiting programs were experiencing three or more federally-identified risk factors, including substance abuse, low-student achievement, and raising children with developmental delays. Engaging in home visiting at the earliest point possible supports these families in accessing resources to promote maternal and child health, nurturing parent-child interaction, and overall family well-being.



65%
of families
enroll in home
visiting during
pregnancy



92%
of households
are considered
low-income



69%
of parents have
earned a high
school diploma
or less



89%
of parents have
health
insurance or
Medicaid

A closer look: Juliana's Story

Juliana enrolled prenatally in the Healthy Families Milwaukee home visiting program in April 2018. Her home visitor was able to offer support and education around the childbirth process. After Juliana gave birth and decided not to continue breastfeeding, the home visitor also helped support the transition to formula and bottle feeding. The home visitor provided her with education regarding formula preparation, storage of liquid formula, and choosing bottles that were a good fit for her son.

The home visitor accompanied mom and baby to the 4-month well-child doctor visit, where Juliana reported that her child was not feeling well. Medical staff also noted that the baby was not gaining weight. While medical staff was out of the room, Juliana shared with the home visitor that she “watered” the formula down to make it last the whole month. This was determined to be the culprit of the child’s lack of weight gain.

The home visitor was able to use her skills and trusting relationship with the mom to provide additional education regarding the fact that watering down the formula could hurt the baby's kidneys and brain. They have thought of a way for the mom to use her resources to be sure that her son is able to get the monthly formula needed. Juliana and her son are doing much better and, on a subsequent well-child checkup, the baby was gaining weight.

Why Home Visiting Matters

During home visits, parents and children are screened using evidence-based tools to determine what level of support they would benefit from in the areas of child wellness, school readiness, and family health. Home visitors use this information to partner with parents to set goals and create an effective service plan. Home visitors then provide families with information and support for what they need, such as well-child visit reminders, strategies to engage in more reading with their child, or referrals to additional services.



84%
of children
received last
recommended
well-child visit

10%
of infants were
born premature

5%
of children
visited the ER for
injury



65%
of parents read,
sang or told
stories with their
child daily

73%
of children with a
developmental
delay received
services in a
timely manner

98%
of home visits
included
discussion of
child
development



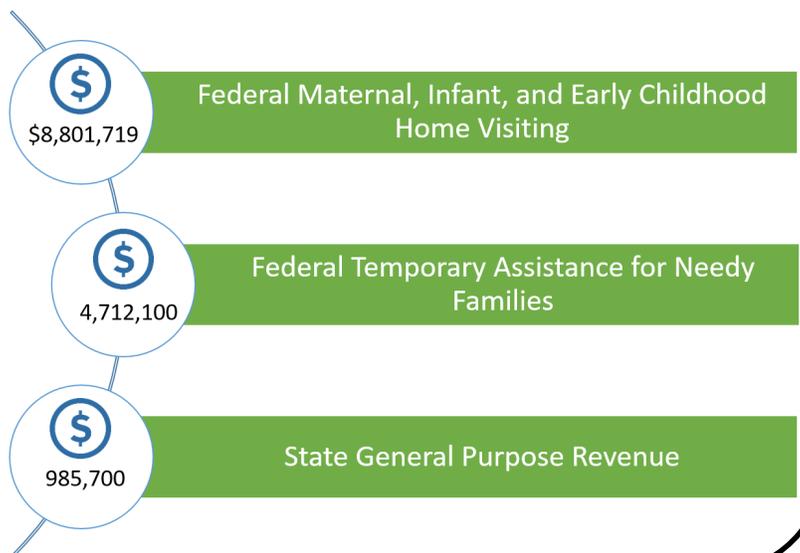
77%
of caregivers
received a
screening for
depression

89%
of caregivers
received a
screening for
intimate partner
violence

73%
of caregivers
received a post
partum visit from
a health care
provider

Family Foundations Home Visiting Funding Sources

FFHV receives Federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and State General Purpose Revenue funds to support families served by evidence-based home visiting programs. Additional funding for home visiting services in the 2017-2019 biennial budget bill allowed Family Foundations to expand again by adding six new programs in 2018.



A Comprehensive and Coordinated Home Visiting Program

Expanding Capacity to Reach More Families

In 2018, Family Foundations added 6 new home visiting programs, increasing the total number of families receiving services from evidence-based programs.

Coaching, Professional Development, & Technical Assistance

Home visiting staff receive on-going training to deliver high quality services to families. Professional development and evidence-based model technical assistance are provided by the Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Promoting a Culture of Quality

Family Foundations Home Visiting programs are currently participating in two quality improvement projects focused on Infant Safe Sleep and Developmental Promotion, Early Detection and Intervention. In 2019, three additional home visiting programs will start short-term projects, expanding continuous quality improvement efforts.

Facilitating Coordinated Systems of Care

At the local level, home visiting programs refer families to a variety of community resources and supports. At the state level, the Family Foundations Home Visiting Program partners with other early childhood stakeholders to create a coordinated system of care for families with young children.

To learn more about the Family Foundations Home Visiting Program, go to:

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwportal/homevisiting>

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