

## **Summary of California Home Visiting Investments**

*First 5 Investment:* In Fiscal Year (FY) 2017–18, First 5 county commissions reported spending approximately \$67 million on home visiting, which may include some non-First 5 funded investments, such as the federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program. First 5 California and the First 5 Association are working with the California Budget and Policy Center to untangle the various funding streams in order to disaggregate this data and provide a more complete picture of the home visiting funding universe. Over 35 percent of First 5 county commissions currently invest in home visiting programs, including Nurse Family Partnership, Healthy Families America, Early Head Start, the Black Infant Health Program, and some local models, such as First 5 Los Angeles' Welcome Baby. In addition to home visiting, First 5s reported spending additional funding on intensive family services, including Triple P, the Positive Parenting Program.

*Federal Investment:* The federal MIECHV program provides approximately \$22 million to California annually for home visiting programs. MIECHV gives pregnant women and families, particularly those considered at-risk, necessary resources and skills to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to learn. MIECHV recognizes 18 home visiting models, and 25 percent of MIECHV funds can be used for promising practices not yet considered evidence-based. Over 3,300 families in California received home visiting services under MIECHV in FY 2017. Each of the 22 counties receiving MIECHV funding are using one of two evidence-based models: Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) and Healthy Families America (HFA): eight implementing HFA and 15 implementing NFP.

*2018–19 State Budget Investment:* The 2018–19 Budget provided a total of \$158.5 million in one-time Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds over a three-year period for a CalWORKs Home Visiting Initiative (HVI) through calendar year 2021, California's first ever statewide investment in home visiting. This Initiative offers services to first-time parents and caregivers, and if funds allow, to additional families with young children. The California Department of Social Services predicts these funds will serve 11,889 home visiting cases between January and June 2019, and approximately 15,000 once at full implementation. Forty-four counties applied and receive home visiting funding through the HVI program. Of these, 30 are implementing one model and 14 are implementing two or more home visiting models. Four of the 14 counties also are implementing local models.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Department of Social Services. CalWORKs and Child Care Branch Home Visiting Initiative Funding Tentative Award Announcement, January 4, 2019.

**Number of Counties Implementing One or More Home Visiting Model with CalWORKS HVI Funding**

	Healthy Families America	Nurse Family Partnership	Early Head Start	Parents as Teachers	Local Model
One model (30)	11	5	5	9	0
More than one model (14)	6	10	4	7	4

*2019–20 State Budget Investment:* The final Budget Act approved \$154.9 million in new and leveraged funding to expand home visiting programs. This includes \$89.6 million in a mix of federal funds and General Fund to provide home visiting services to eligible CalWORKS families to support pregnant women and families with a child under the age of two for up to 24 months, with priority given to first-time parents. The services are intended to help young families reach self-sufficiency by improving family engagement practices, supporting healthy development of young children living in poverty, and preparing parents for employment.

The Budget also includes \$30.5 million from the General Fund to expand home visiting programs and the Black Infant Health Program in the Department of Public Health. Of this amount, \$23 million is for the expansion of home visiting services with a focus on low-income, young mothers and the use of a wider range of home visiting models based on varying family needs. The remaining \$7.5 million is to increase participation in the Black Infant Health Program to improve African-American infant and maternal health through case management services, including home visiting. This funding will allow more families to be reached with these important services and support development and implementation of more cost-effective models, as well as more culturally appropriate services.