



LB104 | Defining Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs in Nebraska Statute

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What is Home Visiting?

Evidence-based home visiting services support the well-being of families and promote the healthy physical, social and cognitive development of young children. These free, voluntary programs pair families with trained nurses, early childhood educators or other professionals who tailor services to help them reach their goals in child development, family health, parent-child relationships, school readiness and more.

Benefits of these programs commonly include:

- Healthier pregnancies and improved maternal care.
- Fewer incidents of child maltreatment, emergency room visits and calls to the Child Protective Services hotline.
- Stronger parenting skills and parent-child relationships.
- Better academic and social outcomes for children.

ROI

The personal and societal benefits make home visiting highly cost effective, producing a

\$1.80 - \$5.70

return for each dollar invested¹

“We know what outcomes taxpayers can expect from our investments in MIECHV because funding is only provided for models and interventions that have proven results... [MIECHV is] fact-based and evidence-based, and I think it’s a model for other parts of government.”

Representative Adrian Smith
Nebraska 3rd Congressional District

Home Visiting in Nebraska

Families and young children in Nebraska may access home visiting services through three collaborative organizations: Nebraska-Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (N-MIECHV), Head Start/Early Head Start and Sixpence. Together, these organizations deliver home visiting programs in 76 of Nebraska’s 93 counties.²

The largest source of funding for home visiting in Nebraska is the Maternal and Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) federal grant. Additional sources of funding include Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), Nebraska State funding and private dollars.

Conclusion

Research shows that evidence-based home visiting programs have a positive impact on a range of health and developmental outcomes for families and young children. By defining home visiting programs in statute and calling for an annual report, LB104 will foster greater transparency on the efficacy of these evidence-based programs in Nebraska.

LB104: Defining Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs in Nebraska Statute (State Senator Jane Raybould, District 28)

LB104 creates a statutory structure and definition for evidence-based home visiting programs in Nebraska. The statute will clarify that home visiting programs funded through the State of Nebraska must improve maternal, infant or child health outcomes, promote positive parenting techniques, build healthy parent-child relationships and reduce child maltreatment or injury.

It also asks the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the efficacy of evidence-based home visiting programs and the use of state and federal dollars.

