



Mission: The Nurse-Family Partnership National Service Office provides service to communities in implementing a cost-effective, evidence-based nurse home visiting program to improve pregnancy outcomes, child health and development, and self sufficiency for eligible, first-time parents – benefiting multiple generations.

Vision: Setting the service standard for excellence, Nurse-Family Partnership transforms lives through the power of relationships, serving every eligible family, in every community

Purpose: Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is an evidence-based, community health program that helps transform the lives of vulnerable mothers pregnant with their first child. Each mother served by NFP is partnered with a registered nurse early in her pregnancy and receives ongoing nurse home visits that continue through her child's second birthday. Independent research proves that communities benefit from this relationship — every dollar invested in Nurse-Family Partnership can yield more than five dollars in return.

Texas Communities Served: Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is currently serving clients in 23 counties, including: Bexar, Chambers, Crosby, Dallas, Floyd, Fort Bend, Galveston, Garza, Hale, Hardin, Harris, Hockley, Jefferson, Lamb, Liberty, Lubbock, Lynn, Montgomery, Orange, Tarrant, Terry, Travis and Williamson.

Key Accomplishments:

- 2,782 women and 1,761 children have ever been enrolled and served as of September 30, 2010
- 87% of babies were born full term
- 89% of babies were born at a healthy weight - at or above 2500 g (5.5 lbs)
- 80% of mothers initiated breastfeeding
- 90% of children received all recommended immunizations by 12 months

Note: This outcome is from the YWCA implementing agency only. The other 10 implementing agencies in Texas have limited data to date, as they began serving clients in late 2008.

Brief History: The Dallas Foundation and TexProtects were instrumental in bringing the first Nurse-Family Partnership to Texas in 2006 to the YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas. In May 2007, the Texas House of Representatives unanimously approved S.B. 156, following the Texas Senate's unanimous vote in April 2007. The \$7.9 million allocation established a competitive grant program managed through the Texas Health and Human Services Commission aimed at expanding NFP services. NFP Implementing Agencies in Texas include city and county public health departments, private child welfare agencies, child abuse prevention programs, agencies serving economically disadvantaged women, hospital systems, a State University School of Nursing and a Medicaid Managed Care Plan. The Texas Nurse-Family Partnership advocacy effort was led by two members of the Dallas Nurse-Family Partnership Steering Committee: Madeline McClure, Executive Director of TexProtects, and John Castle, Chairman of the Dallas Foundation. Because of their leadership, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst added Nurse-Family Partnership to his Families First 2007 Legislative agenda. Soon after that, Senator Florence Shapiro and Representative Jerry Madden introduced S.B. 156 and H.B. 424 to expand NFP in Dallas and add an additional 10 agencies in high-need areas across the state. Funding approved by the 80th Session of the Texas Legislature is a 2:1 combination of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and General Revenue. A local match of 10 percent is required for each site. The 81st Session of the Texas Legislature approved funding of \$17.8 million for the 2010-2011 Biennium. This included an increase to serve an additional 200 families.

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