

Allegheny Link to Home Visiting



What is home visiting?

Home visiting is a type of family support focused on working with *expectant parents and* parents of children from birth up to age six. Trained professionals and support staff provide services and support for parents and their children in their homes or a place of the family's choice, such as a library, park, or community center.

Parents and families participating in home visiting receive information on child development, health, and well-being, as well as information regarding supports for the parent or caregiver. Families are also provided with developmental and benefit eligibility screenings and enrollment assistance for any benefits for which they are eligible.

What is the impact of home visiting?

Home visiting services can enhance parents' abilities to support their children's overall development. Home visiting can also result in positive outcomes for parents and their children, such as

- Fostering family independence and self-sufficiency;
- Strengthening parenting practices as well as engaging parents in prenatal and self-care, which can result in child health improvement;
- Improving school readiness by creating bonds, promoting self-regulation, and self-confidence; and
- Encouraging communication and learning.



Additionally, home visiting provides social support and connections to services that increase a family's economic security and reduce parent stress, helping children grow up healthy.

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