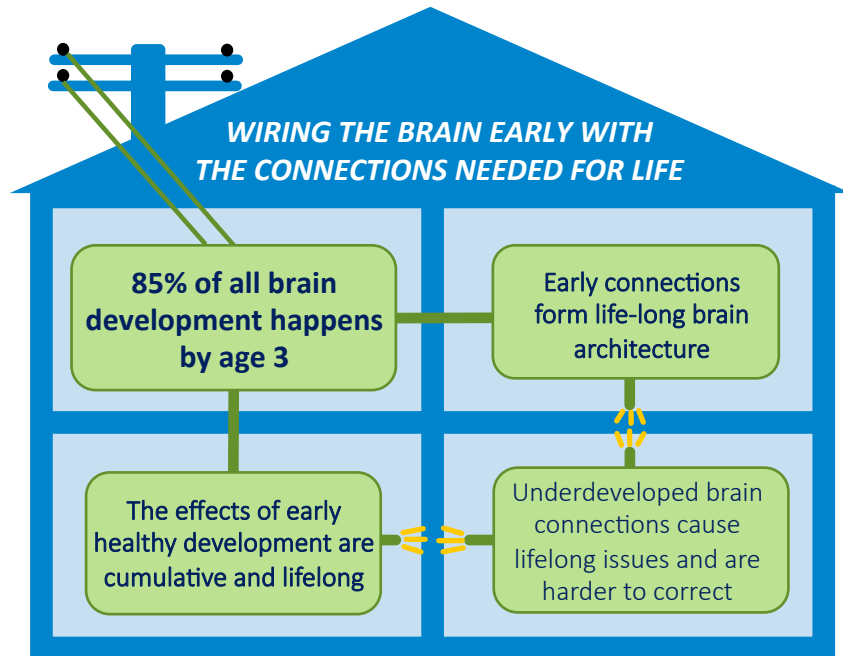


Targeted Home Visiting: Invest In Our Future When It Matters Most

The first three years of a child's life are critical to making sure everyone has the opportunity to live happy, healthy, fulfilling lives.

Children who meet healthy physical and cognitive development benchmarks during the first three years are more likely to be prepared for school, have stronger relationships, and ultimately have healthier, more stable and prosperous lives.



It's all about parent-child relationships

During the first three years of life, a positive, healthy relationship with a parent or caregiving figure is the most important factor for successful development. These relationships not only provide a safe and healthy environment for physical growth, but also positive interactions that support healthy learning, emotional and social development.



1 in 3

infants and toddlers live in poverty in Minnesota

Research shows financially stressed families are more likely to have strain and instability that pressures relationships between parent and child.

Why Targeted Home Visiting?

Home visiting provides voluntary stabilizing support for at-risk families where they are most comfortable, at home. Trained professionals provide parents with the tools they need, empowering them to support their family and child, from pre-natal and pediatric health care to establishing connections to social and community services.

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Everyone Wins When Families Stay on Track

High quality home visiting programs are proven to be one of the best ways to support strong early development because they promote long-term self-sufficiency by strengthening or restoring the critical family and social structure for parents and children.

Everyone benefits when all families stay on track, and high quality targeted home visiting programs are proven to deliver those results:

Studies of national evidence-backed models show great outcomes

- **\$34,000 return to state per child**
- **30% fewer months on welfare**
- **50% fewer child arrests**
- **18% higher k-readiness**

Targeting Home Visiting Coalition Vision

All Minnesota families of children age prenatal to three who are at risk for poor mental health, physical health, social, and educational outcomes will have access to home visiting services to help them succeed in school and in life. Services will be voluntary, high-quality, outcome-focused, and tailored to the resources in each community.

Policy Agenda

Goals:

- Increase quality among all providers of targeted home visiting services
- Increase access to high quality targeted home visiting services for families at risk (e.g., teens, children at risk of abuse/neglect)

2016 Legislative Platform:

1. Advocate for funding of pilot projects to expand targeted home visiting services using new statewide quality standards for evidence-informed programs.
2. Seek funding to implement baseline training for new home visitors authorized by the 2015 Legislature.
3. Support increasing Medicaid reimbursement rate for evidence-based targeted home visiting.



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