

## **Assessing the Evidence: Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness, 2011-2015 Overview**

### **Project Overview**

The Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness project (HomVEE), is a transparent, systematic review of the evidence base for multiple home visiting programs for pregnant women and young children. The project, conducted through a contract to Mathematica Policy Research, aims to improve knowledge about overall efficacy, efficacy by outcomes, information on subgroup populations, and implementation of home visiting models. The project conducts a comprehensive review of the evidence of effectiveness of home visiting program models that support children's health and development, school readiness, reductions in maltreatment, positive parenting practices, and improved family self-sufficiency (when in conjunction with child outcomes). Users can access the site at: <http://homvee.acf.hhs.gov/>.

Some of the questions of interest for the review include:

- What does the literature say about the research evidence for home visiting models? What is the quality of research for each model? Who are the target populations? What are the outcomes for participants in various home visiting models? How are the outcomes measured? How consistent are the findings over time and across studies? What does the research say about the efficacy of enhancements on home visiting models?
- What are the various delivery mechanisms and components of the different home visiting models (i.e. staff, targeted populations, number of sessions, content of sessions, etc)? How is the program organized and administered?
- Have the home visiting models been tested with diverse populations? Are they more or less effective for certain subgroups? Have cultural or linguistic adaptations been tested?
- What does the model require to implement (i.e., purchasing the rights to the program, hiring and training staff, infrastructure to support the program, etc.)?

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### **Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness**

The Department of Health and Human Services launched Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness (HomVEE) to conduct a thorough and transparent review of the home visiting research literature and provide an assessment of the evidence of effectiveness for home visiting programs models that target families with pregnant women and children from birth to age 5.