



Texas Home Visitation Consortium

Home Visitation Consortium Agenda for the 83rd Legislative Session

Legislation

Texas Home Visiting Accountability Act

- Ensure Home Visiting (HV) programs set clear standards, are accountable for their outcomes, implemented with fidelity to the research model and evaluated for QI and QA.
- Create a framework that ensures at least 75% of state revenues invested in Family Home Visiting are invested in evidence-based programs and allow 25% funds invested in “Promising Practices”.

Funding Request

1. Expand voluntary home visiting across Texas to serve at least 20%-30% more families annually by investing \$22.1-\$27.4 million in funds during the 2014-2015 biennium. These funds will enable the expansion of existing home visitation sites and provide additional sites to create a systemic paradigm shift towards positive outcomes for low-income, vulnerable Texas children and their families. The budget request includes funding for HHSC’s infrastructure development, implementation and evaluation overhead.
2. Maintain home visiting funding in the base budget (including the \$17.8 million for the NFP existing sites) to ensure that Texas meets the required Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and leverages the federal Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) grants, which currently fund: Nurse-Family Partnership, Parents as Teachers, Home-Based Early Head Start and Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters.