



2024 Home Visiting Budget Request

Maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting positively affects families and communities, particularly those historically impacted by systemically inequitable medical practices and economic conditions. Home visiting programs: help close the racial and economic care gap that has led to higher rates of maternal and infant mortality; decrease Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs); decrease child abuse and neglect; increase school readiness; increase parent-child interaction; reduce family violence; decrease the need for special education during the school years; and strengthen relationships.

As we work toward a system of *universal home visiting* that would offer *every family* with a new baby up to four home visits and a referral to an existing program if additional supports are desiredⁱ, we request funding to continue to expand the evidence-informed programs already serving families across New York State:

- An expanded appropriation for ParentChild+, over the \$200,000 appropriated in FY24, for a total request of \$500,000. With the additional \$300,000, ParentChild+ will be able to expand its support to more underserved communities, reaching an additional 100 to 200 families across New York State, including communities in Manhattan, Queens, Bronx County, Buffalo, and Rockland County, with a particular focus on communities struggling with inadequate child care resources in the western part of the State.
- \$4.5M and an increase in the Medicaid reimbursement rate for Nurse-Family Partnership to expand service beyond the current 3,675 family capacity.
- Maintenance of Healthy Families NY base funding (\$26,162,200), which is supplemented with \$11M of adoption 'de-linking' funds. Currently, there are 54 programs serving all 62 counties. In 2022, there were a little under 5,700 families served during more than 84,000 visits.

ⁱ The Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Caucus advocated for \$175 million for home visiting in its 2023 People's Budget.