



STATE PROFILE 2012



CHILDREN FIRST - OKLAHOMA'S NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

Nurse-Family Partnership® (NFP) is an evidence-based, community health program that helps transform the lives of vulnerable mothers pregnant with their first child. Each mother served by NFP is partnered with a registered nurse early in her pregnancy and receives ongoing nurse home visits that continue through her child's second birthday. Independent research proves that communities benefit from this relationship — every dollar invested in Nurse-Family Partnership can yield up to five dollars in return.

NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP GOALS

1. Improve pregnancy outcomes by helping women engage in good preventive health practices, including thorough prenatal care from their healthcare providers, improving their diets, and reducing their use of cigarettes, alcohol and illegal substances;
2. Improve child health and development by helping parents provide responsible and competent care; and
3. Improve the economic self-sufficiency of the family by helping parents develop a vision for their own future, plan future pregnancies, continue their education and find work.

Positive Outcomes for Clients Served by Children First, Oklahoma's Nurse-Family Partnership

81% of NFP mothers initiated breastfeeding compared to 67% of mothers in the Oklahoma general population.*

88% of children received all recommended immunizations at 24 months compared to 78% in the Oklahoma general population.*

88% of NFP mothers received prenatal care in the first trimester compared to 76% in the Oklahoma general population.**

CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

At intake

Median age: 19

75% Unmarried

57% Medicaid recipients

Race

55% White

16% Declined to self-identify/
No response

12% Black or African American

10% American Indian/Alaska
Native

7% Multi-racial

1% Asian

Ethnicity

72% Non-Hispanic/Latina

14% Hispanic/Latina

14% Declined to self-identify/
No response

*Source: Children First, Oklahoma's Nurse-Family Partnership Annual Report FY 2011

**An Oklahoma Health Improvement Plan Goal

Data Oct. 1, 2010 - Sept. 30, 2011.

All data is client self-identified.



Oklahoma's Nurse-Family Partnership is considered a statewide initiative. Clients were enrolled in 66 of 77 counties during the 2011 fiscal year.

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY CONTEXT

In Oklahoma, Nurse-Family Partnership is known as "Children First – Oklahoma's Nurse-Family Partnership" and is delivered through Oklahoma's County Health Department System.

The program is implemented by county health departments throughout the state and two independent city/county health departments in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Program support is provided by the Children First program staff based in the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

FUNDING CONTEXT

In 2011, Children First received \$9.5 million in general revenue and county millage from the State Legislature. An additional \$2.2 million from Medicaid reimbursement for Nursing Assessment also funds the program which served 3,616 families in 66 counties (including 1,703 new families) in the state's 2011 fiscal year.

PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM WITH PROVEN AND MEASURABLE RESULTS

Societal Benefits

Nurse-Family Partnership is a rare community health program that has been documented to achieve lasting significant effects through multiple, well-designed randomized, controlled trials. More than 30 years of research proves that it works. This evidence shows our clients – low-income, first-time mothers – that if they

follow the program and work with their nurse, they can transform their lives and the lives of their children. Moreover, independent policy research makes clear that every public health dollar policymakers and communities invest in Nurse-Family Partnership could realize up to five dollars in return.

National Recognition

- The Washington State Institute for Public Policy, The RAND Corporation and The Brookings Institution have concluded that investments in Nurse-Family Partnership lead to significant returns to society and government, giving taxpayers a \$2.88-5.70 return per dollar invested in the program.
- Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency



Prevention (OJJDP) recognizes Nurse-Family Partnership as an Exemplary Model Program.

- The Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy identifies Nurse-Family Partnership as one of only two early childhood programs that meet its "Top Tier" evidence of effectiveness.
- The Partnership for America's Economic Success finds investments in early childhood programs, such as Nurse-Family Partnership, to be stronger investments than state business subsidies when viewed from a long-term, national perspective.
- The Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence reviewed over 650 programs with published research in peer-reviewed literature. Nurse-Family Partnership is one of 11 "Blueprints" programs, or 6% of the programs, that clearly work or even appear promising.

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FAMILIES SERVED: 38,465



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