Nebraska Home Visiting Initiatives

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- Sandy Kirchhoff, RN, BSN - Family Services Clinical Manager, Visiting Nurses Association
What is Home Visiting?
Why Home Visiting?

- 30,000 of Nebraskans infants and toddlers live in household where parents struggle to provide consistent, high quality learning experiences.

- Significant risk factors: low income, low education, teen parents, single parents, and families that English is not first language.

- Evidence shows that families that participate in HV programs, which focus on strengthening vulnerable families with children under age 5, are often more self-sufficient and better able to handle the challenges of parenting and to raise healthier, safer children. (HomVEE, 2015)
How are the initiatives similar & different?

- Differences: diversity of program design, target populations, service durations, and provider credentials

- Similarities- most program's primary objectives are to:
  - Cultivate parent's ability to form strong, positive attachments with their children and to keep them safe.
  - Promote children's healthy physical, cognitive, and social-emotional development by monitoring their progress, guiding parents in recognizing their children's and their own needs, and accessing appropriate services.
  - Improve maternal and child health.
Describe your program design and services that are offered to families.

- Funding source(s)
- Monitoring/Technical Assistance
- Eligibility
- Family support/parenting education
- Model & Curricula
- Frequency & Duration
- Unique components
Describe the health & social/emotional benefits of your program.
How does your program support families’ individual needs?
What effects are you seeing, and how are you measuring outcomes?
How do we know it works?

- More evidence is needed about the effectiveness of home visiting models, especially for immigrant families, diverse cultural backgrounds, ELL and military families.

- Local Initiative Evaluation
What’s on the horizon for Nebraska’s Home Visiting Initiatives

- Collaboration not competition
- Recharge for Resilience Conference
  April 19, 2017
- Workforce- qualified, bilingual, culturally relevant
- Funding
- Need is ever increasing
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<th>Initiative</th>
<th>Funding Source(s)</th>
<th># children (capacity)</th>
<th>Age Range</th>
<th>Monitoring/Technical Assistance Provided by</th>
<th>Frequency &amp; Duration of services</th>
<th>Family Support/Parenting Education offered</th>
<th>Evidence-Based Models/Curricula (selected by community)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Nebraska Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (NMIECHV)</td>
<td>state &amp; federal</td>
<td>420</td>
<td>prenatal to 3 years</td>
<td>NDHHS</td>
<td>weekly 1 hours visits on level 1 then as family success &amp; confidence grows, they level up &amp; are seen less frequently</td>
<td>individualized</td>
<td>Healthy Families America: Growing Great Kids &amp; Partners for a Healthy Baby</td>
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<td>Sixpence</td>
<td>state, private &amp; local</td>
<td>715</td>
<td>prenatal to 3+ years</td>
<td>Nebraska Children and Families Foundation</td>
<td>At least 3 times/month for a total of at least 180 minutes per month. At least 2 of the 3 contacts must be individual personal visits totalling 120 minutes.</td>
<td>at least once per month parent education opportunities offered</td>
<td>Parents as Teachers, Save the Children- Early Steps to School Success; Healthy Families America-Growing Great Kids, Partners for a Healthy Baby</td>
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<td>Early Head Start/Head Start</td>
<td>federal</td>
<td>EHS: birth to 3 years HS: 3-5 years</td>
<td>Head Start Performance Standards Federal Review</td>
<td>weekly 90 minute home visits</td>
<td>2 socializations/parent meetings per month</td>
<td>Parents as Teachers, Healthy Families America- Growing Great Kids, Partners for a Healthy Baby</td>
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<td>Buffet Early Childhood Institute</td>
<td>state &amp; private</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>birth to 3rd grade</td>
<td>BECI &amp; Save the Children</td>
<td>1 hour visits 3 times per month until age 3 then as needed. Weekly book bag exchanges until age 5.</td>
<td>individualized</td>
<td>Save the Children's Early Steps to School Success</td>
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<td>Visiting Nurses Association</td>
<td>state &amp; private</td>
<td>189</td>
<td>prenatal to 5 years</td>
<td>VNA</td>
<td>various- weekly to monthly, to quarterly (depends on program)</td>
<td>Individualized family support through nurse, social work, parent support worker. Socialization events monthly.</td>
<td>Healthy Families America- Growing Great Kids and locally developed home visiting models</td>
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<td>Eligibility Requirements</td>
<td>Outcomes Evaluated</td>
<td>Components Unique to HV Initiative</td>
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<td>Nebraska Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (NMIECHV)</td>
<td>priority for serving high risk populations: families who reside in communities in need of such services, as identified in the statewide needs assessment required under subsection 511(b)(1)(A); low-income families; families with pregnant women who have not attained age 21; families that have a history of child abuse or neglect or have had interactions with child welfare services; families that have a history of substance abuse or need substance abuse treatment; families that have users of tobacco products in the home; families that are or have children with low student achievement; families with children with developmental delays or disabilities; and families that include individuals who are serving or formerly served in the Armed Forces, including such families that have members of the Armed Forces who have had multiple deployments outside of the United States.</td>
<td>benchmarks: Maternal &amp; newborn health; Maltreatment, injury and Emergency room visits; School Readiness &amp; Achievement; Domestic Violence; Family Economic Self-Sufficiency; Coordination of Resources and Referrals</td>
<td>Collects data to be used in nationwide early childhood initiatives. Individual communities gather stakeholders to make decisions that are best for their specific priorities in a place-based system of planning.</td>
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<td>families must qualify under at least one risk factor: children (birth to age 3)… whose family income would quality them for participation the federal free or reduced lunch program; who were born prematurely or at low birth weight, as verified by a physician; who reside in a home where a language other than spoken English is used as the primary means of communication; whose parents are younger than twenty at the time of enrollment, or who have not completed high school</td>
<td>Program Quality, Parent-Child Interactions, Child Development outcomes, Family Protective Factors</td>
<td>Innovative &amp; unique Public-Private partnerships &amp; funding structure (Endowment); created by NE legislation; Board of Trustees; grants to school districts in partnership with community providers; customized to community needs/resources; 100% community match; dedicated TA; robust evaluation</td>
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<td>Early Head Start/Head Start</td>
<td>Focus is to serve high risk population. Main indicator is family is 100% Federal Poverty Guideline (Income Qualifying); If everyone that is Income Qualifying is being served on your wait list then able to serve 130% Federal Poverty Guideline; 10% of our enrolled children can be Over Income; 10% of our enrolled children need to be Verified with a disability; Children who are foster children, homeless or on public assistance also qualify.</td>
<td>Child School Readiness Goals; Parent, Family, &amp; Community Engagement framework goals; Program Information Report; Health Outcomes; Parent Outcomes; Program Quality; Annual Self Assessment.</td>
<td>Comprehensive Program that encompasses all child development learning domains, but also program supports around mental health, health and nutrition, and family support/referrals. Parents are an essential voice to our program on an individual level with their own children, but also in decision making for the local level programs, as well as the delegate/grantee agency program-wide decisions.</td>
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<td>Families must live in the attendance area of one of the 12 schools participating in the Superintendents’ Plan. Priority for families that are at risk which include, but not exclusive to income, immigrant or non English speaking families, teen parents, education level of parent(s), children with developmental delays, etc.</td>
<td>Child Outcomes, Program Efficacy, Parent-Child Interactions, Family Risk &amp; Resources Inventory</td>
<td>Participating in research of Initiative which is being completed through UNMC Monroe Meyer and University of Nebraska at Lincoln</td>
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<td>Visiting Nurses Association</td>
<td>Love &amp; Learn Teen and Young Parent Program: &lt;22 at admission, pregnant or parenting in Douglas or Sarpy County. Healthy Families America: &gt;21 pregnant or parenting a 3 month old or less at admission, Douglas County, &lt; 150% of poverty guidelines. Project WIN: pregnant or parenting, high risk situation</td>
<td>Program Quality, Outcome Measures- will follow Benchmarks</td>
<td>Public Health Nurses, Certified Lactation Consultants</td>
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Early Childhood Services
Early Head Start/Head Start home-based
Buffett Early Childhood Institute
Save The Children
Early Steps to School Success, not associated with BECI/Sixpence

Programs Funded by Other Sources
Nebraska ACA HV Statewide Needs Assessment (HRSA)

17 counties at highest risk for poor outcomes:
- child welfare
- education
- social welfare
- pregnancy outcomes
- juvenile crime
- economics
- behaviors
- health outcomes

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