Home Visiting Programs for New and Expectant Parents

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Request for Proposals

Grant Information Conference
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Teleconference - Format

- All participants will be in “listen mode” during the teleconference.
- To ask a question press 1 0.
- Participants will be prompted when it is their turn to ask a question.
- The Grant Information Conference will end promptly at 5:00 p.m.
In-Person Conference Format

- Participants are asked to hold all questions until the end of the presentation.
- Questions will be answered in the order received.
- The Grant Information Conference will end promptly at 3:30 p.m.
Grant Information Conference Agenda

- Overview of the RFP (refer to document)
- Program Models (Power Point Attachments)
  - Healthy Families Illinois
  - Nurse Family Partnership
  - Parents as Teachers
- Proposal Content (RFP - Part II Section G)
- Questions and Answers
There are two parts to the RFP document:

- Part I contains general information about the request for proposal including eligible applicants, proposal due dates and required format.
- Part II contains specific information about the RFP including the Department’s need, the goal of the RFP and proposal evaluation criteria.

There are ten attachments to the RFP, access them by clicking on the link to attachments in the Related Links.
Refer to RFP Document
Part II Section A
Healthy Families Illinois (HFI)

An intensive home visiting program designed to help new and expectant parents, at risk for child abuse and neglect, to reduce that risk and get their children off to a healthy start.
HFI helps parents reduce their risk of child abuse or neglect their by:

- Strengthening the parent-child relationship
- Helping parents develop realistic expectations for their children
- Improving family support systems
- Supporting healthy child growth and development
HFI programs adhere to Healthy Families America’s evidence-based best practices, services are:

- Initiated to a targeted population during pregnancy or shortly after the birth of the baby
- Comprehensive, culturally sensitive and designed to help parents improve their family’s functioning and reduce their risk for child abuse/neglect
- Provided by staff who receive intensive supervision and extensive role-specific training
Getting started...

- Work with the community stakeholders to identify the needs of new and expectant families
- Determine the population that will be targeted for services
- Establish relationships with community partners who will identify and refer families prenataley or immediately following birth
Getting Started - Staffing

- Success of the program is contingent upon staff’s ability to establish and maintain relationships.
- Assessment Workers and Home Visitors should be indigenous to the community and prepared to work with families with varying degrees of social issues.
- Assessment Workers/Home Visitors must have a high school diploma, or its equivalent. Supervisors must have at least a Bachelor’s Degree.
- Direct service staff must have access to reflective supervision on an on-going basis.
- The supervisor to staff ratio may not exceed 1:5.
Getting Started - Training (Supervisors, Assessment Workers and Home Visitors)

- Orientation to the community, child abuse/neglect and program goals prior to working with families
- Role-specific training within six months of hire
- Ancillary topics within six and twelve months of hire - (e.g., Infant/Child Development, Health and Safety, Personal Boundaries)
- Annual cultural sensitivity training and on-going staff development
- Role Specific training and some of the ancillary training topics are provided through this grant by the Ounce of Prevention Birth to Three Training Institute, providers must have a plan to provide training not available through the Training Institute
Enrolling Participants in HFI

- Parents risk for child abuse/neglect is determined prenatally or immediately after birth.
- If significant risk exists, home visiting services are offered.
- If services are accepted, home visits are offered weekly for at least six months following the birth of the baby.
- After the initial six months, the frequency of home visits is dependent upon the needs of the family.
- The home visitor and the participant work together to identify strengths, weaknesses and to develop a plan to meet the participant’s goals.
- This plan, which is updated at least every six months, guides home visiting services.
Home visitors routinely provide the following information:

- Activities to promote parent-child interaction
- Child development
- Health and safety
Home visitors routinely provide the following services:

- Developmental Delay Screening, referral and follow-up
- Monitor well-child visits and immunizations
- Link families to medical/health care providers
- Information, referrals and linkages to other needed services
HFI Caseload Requirements

- Cases are weighted based upon the intensity of the services.
- Caseloads for full-time home visitors may not exceed fifteen families at the most intensive home visiting level.
- Caseloads, for full-time home visitors, may not exceed twenty-five families at any combination of levels.
Affiliation with Healthy Families America

- Healthy Families Illinois programs are required to affiliate with Healthy Families America, there is an annual fee of $325.00

- The Department supports HFI programs who go on to become accredited through HFA or the Council on Accreditation (COA)