Virginia welcomes a mixture of locally developed and nationally replicated home visiting models that are administered by private, non-profit organizations and local government agencies. The continuum of services allows families to best align their needs with program qualifications. Due to funding requirements and limited dollars, home visiting is not available in every locality and some communities have more home visiting resources than others. To ensure that all home visitors are well-prepared, the programs in Virginia have formed a network to share best practices and training resources called the Home Visiting Consortium.

**WHO IN VIRGINIA COULD BENEFIT FROM HOME VISITING?**

**ONE FACE = 10,000 FAMILIES**

- 6,500 BABIES BORN TO A TEEN MOTHER:*
- 9,600 BABIES BORN PREMATURELY:*
- 30,500 BABIES BORN TO LOW-INCOME MOTHERS:*

As the 100,000 babies born each year in Virginia, become 500,000 kids under 5, there are many more families who could benefit from home visiting.

- **47,000 KIDS UNDER 5 WITH PARENTS THAT REPORTED THEY HAD POOR OR FAIR MENTAL HEALTH**
- **70,000 KIDS UNDER 5 WITH THREE OR MORE RISK FACTORS AT BIRTH.**

* Virginia Center for Health Statistics ** Child Trends data analysis from the National Survey of Children’s Health

**OUT OF ALL OF THE FAMILIES WHO COULD BENEFIT, WE CAN SERVE…**

At any point in time 7,800 families facing challenges can access home visiting services, but it is evident that many more could get help.
TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HOME VISITING WE MUST:

1. Restore state funding to our comprehensive and evidence based programs that have been cut over $2.5 million since 2009. These cuts have reduced services for over 1,000 families and eliminated services in 18 communities.

2. Ensure that the federal expansion funding is available. Approximately $9 million in new federal funding for home visiting has come to Virginia for program expansion and improvement. Approximately 1200 families in 24 communities are served with these expansion funds. However these funds are only authorized through 2015.

3. Support new innovations such as single point of entry and referral that will enable communities with multiple programs to best match families’ needs to program approaches.

4. Continue to leverage a diverse funding mix including local, state, federal and private funds. Along with looking to innovative ways to demonstrate how home visiting saves long term costs in partnership with our health care innovation community.

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