

HOME VISITING AND PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS BIRTH-FIVE STRATEGIES AND EXAMPLES



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Early connections last a lifetime

During the summer of 2019, ZERO TO THREE (ZTT) conducted a scan of 2018 State Preschool Development Grant Birth-Five applications posted online and confirmed all activities listed below with state administrators. Activities are in different stages of development and ZTT will continue to track progress and outcomes as more information becomes available.

Including home visiting in the PDG: B-5 needs assessment process

- Many states are including the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting needs assessment as part of their broader PDG: B-5 needs assessment process.
- Kansas is hosting community engagement sessions around the state to hear from early childhood education providers, including home visitors, and mapping the availability of services, including home visiting.
- Iowa is conducting focus groups with parents and early childhood program providers. Both learning opportunities include family support (home visiting and/or group-based parent education) programs.

Developing the system of home visiting services

- New York is contracting with Prevent Child Abuse New York to hold a series of regional summits to bring together home visiting providers and parents to assess the continuum of available services, develop closer coordination, and create regional home visiting continuum development plans.
- Oregon is funding the initial piloting and start-up costs of implementing the Family Connects model in eight early adopter communities.

Connecting families to early childhood services, including home visiting

- Iowa is developing a series of trailers describing how to access early childhood services, including home visiting, and ensuring that related websites include links to services.
- Illinois is conducting focused planning to expand coordinated intake and to increase access to home visiting and early intervention for children with special needs and children in foster care. These focused plans will be included in the comprehensive strategic plan.
- Kansas is scaling up Help Me Grow and the Integrated Referral and Intake System tool in additional communities.
- Michigan is supporting transitions of children and their families between early childhood settings, including into, out of, and between home visiting programs.

Providing training and other supports to home visitors

- Iowa is developing a state-specific module within the Institute for the Advancement of Family Support Professionals online learning system.
- New Mexico is developing a comprehensive consultation system for practitioners, including home visitors, with focuses on infant and early childhood mental health, early literacy and math, and culturally and linguistically responsive practices.
- Illinois is providing a community of practice for home visitors to enhance their effectiveness in working with families through a trauma-informed lens.