

Prenatal & Early Childhood Home Visits:

The Path to Thriving Families

CCOHVS

Center for Coordinating Oregon Home Visiting Systems

DECADES OF RESEARCH SHOWS:

Prenatal & early childhood home visits help improve child and family outcomes, including:¹



Health



Safe, Nurturing Families



Parenting



Mental Health



Family Self-sufficiency

ALL FAMILIES

deserve support at birth or before.

BUT LESS THAN...

18%

of eligible families receive home visits.²



8-18% of eligible families are accessing prenatal and early childhood home visits

¹ U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness, <https://homvee.acf.hhs.gov>

² National Home Visiting Resource Center, 2024 Home Visiting Yearbook, www.nhrv.org

4 Barriers to Access



1. AWARENESS & STIGMA

Families and partners don't know about or are suspicious of home visiting programs.



2. COMPLICATED SYSTEMS

Services are hard to find. There's no simple, clear entry point.



3. UNDER RESOURCED PROGRAMS & WORKFORCE

Programs lack capacity and struggle to hire and retain qualified staff.



4. INFORMATION GAPS

Funders lack data on family needs, making it hard to expand programs equitably.

"Make the service available to all families and promote it. I meet some moms who don't know anything about it and after I told them it's already too late for them to apply..."

— Parent in Oregon

"Parents are often isolated and feel like they are in this alone..."

— Parent in Oregon

"I wasn't sure I wanted someone coming into my house - were they going to judge me?"

— Parent in Oregon

"Our community needs more people out there showing other community members the services."

— Parent in Oregon

"Making more people aware of what [home visiting] actually means and does, so it's not intimidating."

— Parent in Oregon

A Vision for Oregon

Create an **Accessible, Equitable, Family-Centered** system of universally available home visiting services.

MAKE HOME VISITING A PRIORITY

- 2022: Early Learning Council prioritizes improvements for prenatal-age 3 home visiting.
- 2023: Established Home Visiting System Committee & advanced 17 recommendations for change.

COLLABORATE

- 2024: Established cross-sector expanded home visiting advisory groups, including family and community leaders.

STEP 1

STEP 2

STEP 3

STEP 4

FUTURE

INVEST IN SYSTEMS

- 2024: Center for Coordinating Oregon Home Visiting Systems (CCOHVS) is launched at Portland State University.

LEARN & INNOVATE

- CCOHVS gathers knowledge from innovators across the state.
- Home visiting leaders use information to address two key priorities:
 - Family Leadership
 - Improving Access through Coordinated Referrals

No More Barriers

just healthier, safer, and stronger families with the support they deserve.



Oregon's Families Deserve a Coordinated System of Universally Offered Home Visiting Services

Learn more about CCOHVS and our efforts to build a healthy future for Oregon families.

<https://sites.google.com/pdx.edu/ohvsc/home>

The Center for Coordinating Oregon Home Visiting Systems (CCOHVS) was launched in 2024 at Portland State University. CCOHVS brings state and local partners together to build an effective and equitable system of early childhood home visiting programs in Oregon. Contact ccohvs@pdx.edu.

