

# Supporting home visiting in your county using TANF dollars



Colorado's Home Visiting Investment Task Force is working to expand the number of families reached with home visiting by 20%. TANF funding represents an exciting opportunity to expand home visiting across Colorado.

## County TANF dollars can be used to support home visiting programs

Several states leverage TANF funding for home visiting services, including Colorado. Colorado Department of Human Services, Employment and Benefits Division, confirms that home visiting is an allowable expense for county TANF programs.

Under TANF code guidance, home visiting-related expenditures are allowable for programs where "nurses, social workers, or other professionals/paraprofessionals provide services to families in their homes, including evaluating the families' circumstances; providing information and guidance around maternal health and child health and development; and connecting families to necessary resources and services."

- ACF 196R line: 21
- Program Component: 1878
- Function Code: 4195

Some counties in Colorado are already leveraging TANF funding to support home visiting programs. In FY20-21 counties spent a total of \$710,999 on TANF home visiting programs.

- Adams: \$591,279
- Saguache: \$793
- Logan: \$26,795
- Summit: \$68,133
- Phillips: \$9,000
- Washington: \$15,000

## Examples of TANF support for home visiting

Baby Bear Hugs is parenting education and support program implemented in nine counties in Eastern Colorado. Baby Bear Hugs contracted with County Departments of Human Services to leverage TANF dollars to deliver home-based services to eligible parents/caregivers. The program has contracts with Elbert, Kit Carson, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Washington, and Yuma Counties.

The Tri-County Health Department (TCHD), serving Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas Counties, has been providing nurse home visitation services to families in Adams County utilizing TANF funding since 1998. TCHD created a home visitation program modeled after the Nurse Family Partnership model, to serve families who did not meet the requirements of NFP. The Nurse Support Program is funded entirely by TANF funds which pay for 3 FTE nurse home visitors and associated administrative costs.

# Home visiting models that qualify for TANF funding



Baby Bear Hugs helps establish supportive relationships, provides parenting education, and connects parents/caregivers to resources. Stress is reduced, children benefit through increased school readiness, health and resilience. Baby Bear Hugs is free and serves all families, parents and caregivers, prenatally and with children through 5 years old through certified Parenting Educators. Learn more: [www.babybearhugs.org](http://www.babybearhugs.org)



Child First (CF) is an evidence-based, intensive, early childhood model that works with the most challenged young children and their families, helping them heal from the damaging effects of stress and trauma. Our two generation approach builds strong, nurturing, caregiver-child relationships, promotes adult capacity, and connects families with needed services. This home-based intervention increases emotional health and learning success and prevents child abuse and neglect. Learn more: <https://iik.org/programs/child-first>



Healthy Families America (HFA) ) an evidence-based parent support and education program has worked toward a singular vision: all children receive nurturing care from their family that leads to a healthy, long, and successful life. HFA promotes child well-being and prevents the abuse and neglect of children in communities around the world through family focused and empathic support provided in the home. Learn more: <https://www.illuminatecolorado.org/homevisiting/>



Nurse-Family Partnership® (NFP) partners highly trained registered nurses with first-time pregnant people, caregivers' and their babies. The program begins in pregnancy and through a relationship-based program empowers people to transform their lives and create better futures for themselves and their babies. NFP provides improved pregnancy outcomes, promotion of child health and development, and the encouragement of economic self-sufficiency for families. Learn more: <https://iik.org/programs/nurse-family-partnership/>



Parents as Teachers (PAT) is an evidence-based parent education and support program designed to empower parents as their child's first teacher. PAT uses a home visitation model, working with families from pregnancy until their child enters kindergarten. Parent educators provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, help prevent child abuse and neglect, and increase children's school readiness and success. Learn more: [www.parentpossible.org/PAT](http://www.parentpossible.org/PAT)



SafeCare® Colorado is a free, voluntary parent support program for parents and caregivers with children ages five and under who need extra support to keep their families safe and healthy. Parent support providers help build on existing skills in the areas of parent-child interactions, home safety and child health. SafeCare® Colorado is delivered in the home or another convenient location by trained parent support providers. Learn more: <https://cdec.colorado.gov/safecare-colorado>