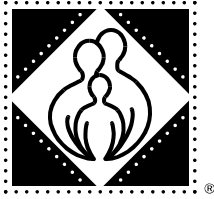


Healthy Families America

Achievements



To date, Healthy Families America programs are located in over 450 communities in 38 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. Data from a recent survey indicate that over 50,000 families receive home visitation services out of 82,000 families who receive assessment services at any single point in time. A compilation of Healthy Families America achievements follows:

Scope

⊙ Bipartisan political support for Healthy Families America and home visiting programs across the country has come from governors, state and federal legislators, and private funders. This support has led to nearly \$185 million dollars in public and private funding being allocated specifically to Healthy Families America programs and over \$244 million being spent on all home visiting programs in fiscal year 2001. While this investment in prevention is substantial, it is not enough to compete with the annual \$94 billion dollar cost of child abuse and neglect to our society.¹

⊙ At least 21 states have laws establishing home visiting programs; in six of these states, the programs are specifically identified as Healthy Families America programs.

⊙ In many states, Healthy Families America programs actively collaborate with other family support programs such as Parents as Teachers, Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters, Early Head Start, Head Start, Healthy Start, and the Nurse Home Visitation Program.

Training

⊙ Since 1993, Prevent Child Abuse America (PCA America) has convened bi-annual "Train-the-Trainers" Institutes to develop in-state training capacity and ensure continuing quality. To date, there are 96 trainers (14 national trainers and 82 certified state trainers) providing training in 25 states and Canada.

Quality Assurance

⊙ A 10-member Healthy Families America Credentialing Panel provides oversight to the quality assurance process to ensure that programs adhere to high quality standards

Capacity Building

⊙ A majority of states have the capacity to provide technical assistance around quality assurance, credentialing support, data management, and evaluation.

⊙ The national infrastructure for Healthy Families America includes hundreds of volunteers including 121 peer reviewers representing 29 states and D.C., PCA America chapter leaders, researchers, and approximately 375 state leaders from 48 states.

⊙ A 15-member Healthy Families America State Leaders Advisory Committee provides insights for systems development on the state level and promotes the long-term growth and sustainability of the program.

Research

⊙ The Healthy Families America program recognizes that evaluation is vital in making sure that resources are used wisely and effectively and that the program is cost-effective. Thirty researchers and practitioners from 13 states are part of a Research-Practice Council to examine program implementation and quality standards.

¹ Fromm, Suzette; *Total Estimated Cost of Child Abuse and Neglect in the United States*, Prevent Child Abuse America, 2001.