



**healthy  
families  
america®**

500 N. Michigan Avenue  
Suite 200  
Chicago, IL 60611  
312.663.3520 *tel*  
312.939.8962 *fax*  
mailto:mailbox@preventchildabuse.org  
www.healthyfamiliesamerica.org

## FACT SHEET: [Service Content](#)

### ***Healthy Families America Implementation Study***

This fact sheet on service content is based on the report of the Healthy Families America Implementation Study (May 2004)<sup>i</sup>. The information presented on curricula was obtained through a survey of states or Healthy Families America systems in the Healthy Families America Research – Practice Council (RPC). This information is not representative of other sites in the Healthy Families America Implementation Study, nor does it represent the national picture in terms of curricula used.

### **Summary of Results**

#### **Curricula/Materials Used:**

- ▶ Sites use a variety of curricula and materials in home visits; about three-quarters have a primary curriculum and 90% of these sites report using additional curricula.
- ▶ Most home visits include some focus on parent-child interaction and child development.
- ▶ Sites represented in the survey identified 36 curricula in use.

#### **Characteristics of Home Visit:**

- ▶ The average number of minutes per home visit is 64 minutes.
- ▶ Most (52% to 78%) home visits take place in the participant's home.

#### **Topics Covered in Home Visits:**

- ▶ A single home visit may cover between 5 and 9 different topics, with a median of about 6 topics. Topics are grouped into broad areas such as parent-child interaction or child development.
- ▶ Parent-Child Interaction (PCI) ranks as the most frequently covered topic, with sites reporting that an average of 82% of all home visits include this key area of the Healthy Families America model.

---

<sup>i</sup>See Harding, K., Reid, R., Oshana, D., & Holton, J., (April 2004). [Initial results of the HFA implementation study](#). National Center on Child Abuse Prevention Research, Prevent Child Abuse America: Chicago, IL.

