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Words of Support for Healthy Families America

The Healthy Families America initiative ... is the most hopeful and promising development that has occurred within the memory of anyone working in the field of child maltreatment.

American Academy of Pediatrics

If there wasn't this program around for me to take advantage of, I think that the baby and I would be a little more alone, a little more lost because I wouldn't have that outside connection. I never had a baby before, so I don't know how well I'd do on my own.

Young mother enrolled in Healthy Families America

We know that if we do the right kinds of things for our children—the right nurturing, the right kind of attachment—early on, we can actually change their social outcomes. And that's why the Healthy Families America program is so important.

Rob Reiner, Film Director and Founder, I am your Child Foundation

We have to focus as broadly as we can on the entire family and community. That's why it's really important that we put resources into Healthy Families America. This program is helping mothers everywhere. Every one of these prevention dollars will save us money, as well as tragedy, if we will invest in programs like HFA.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

Whenever I visit a Healthy Families Indiana site, I listen to moms and dads who are participating in this important program. And it clearly is making a positive difference in their lives.

Frank O'Bannon, Governor of Indiana

We got involved with Healthy Families America because the prevention of child abuse and neglect is of critical importance through the nation. It's very simple: It's a program that works.

Leland C. Brendsel, chairman and CEO, Freddie Mac

Healthy Families America is our opportunity to mentor without stigma, in a proactive, nurturing, loving way. All of us are vulnerable when we give birth. It used to be in Britain that, whether you were Princess Diana or the chambermaid, if you gave birth, you got a home health visitor.

Robin Karr-Morse, author, Ghosts in the Nursery: Tracing the Roots of Violence

Healthy Families America is [part of] the immunization strategy that I was longing for. Not the only component, but it's a central element of an immunization strategy that can help create a healthier society—not just healthier children, but a healthier society.

Bruce D. Perry, M.D., Ph.D., Chief of Psychiatry, Texas Children's Hospital

I'm frequently asked what government can do to prevent child abuse, and I often say the real question should be what each of us can do. And with a presence in over 400 communities in 40 states and D.C., Healthy Families America is an important part of that answer.

Donna Shalala, Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services