



2021-2022 POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE POSITION STATEMENTS

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| Goals | 2021-2022 Policy Position Statements | 2021-2022 Legislative Position Statements |
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| <p>1. Increase resources for quality targeted home visiting programs and services</p> | <p>1. Expand and Increase Medicaid reimbursement for home visits by trained or licensed professionals and paraprofessionals. Home visits are conducted by a number of professionals and paraprofessionals including community health workers, health educators, social workers, and doulas. Work with DHS and policy makers to increase capacity of paraprofessionals to bill Medicaid.</p> <p>2. Support the implementation of Community Solutions Grant Program. Allowing communities of color and communities experiencing geographic inequities to identify their own needs and challenges related to maternal and child health will provide opportunities to develop locally driven solutions to help address inequities</p> <p>3. Expand the list of recognized evidence-based and evidence-informed home visiting programs and Doula certified programs in Minnesota. Expanding the list of recognized evidence-based and evidence-informed programs in Minnesota increases access to quality programming across the state and provides additional flexibility to target families who are currently not being served, e.g., pregnant individuals, parents who are incarcerated, second parent of a child, etc.</p> <p>4. Encourage interagency coordination through the Family First Prevention Services Act for home visiting services and proactively encourage alignment between the Minnesota Departments of Health and Human Services definitions of evidence-based and evidence-informed home visiting programs as well as the release of resources to communities.</p> | <p>1. Support increased flexibility and access to home visiting programs. Increase flexibility in the types of home visiting programs eligible to apply for home visiting funding at MDH, DHS and/or MDE.</p> <p>Support increased flexibility in the types of programs eligible to access state funding, and/or increase flexibility in eligibility of families receiving services to ensure racially, ethnically and geographically diverse programs and delivery systems are available to best meet the needs of families with complex needs.</p> <p>Continue to promote and support collaboration and coordination among service providers.</p> <p>2. Protect current public health investments for pregnant women and infants including home visiting services in Minnesota.</p> <p>3. Medicaid reimbursement rates should set minimum reimbursement rates on PMAP contracts for home visiting services.</p> <p>4. Support implementation of federal and state legislation for continuous eligibility in Medicaid and CHIP programs to increase health and mental health outcomes for those who are pregnant and infants.</p> |

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| <p>2. Build a strong infrastructure to support quality targeted home visiting programs and services</p> | <p>1. Increase coordination and collaboration among home visiting services and early childhood programs and services in communities across the state of Minnesota to better serve families with complex needs.</p> <p>Increased coordination and collaboration will help families who have historically been underserved access services, e.g., parents who are incarcerated, fathers who want to, or are engaged with their children.</p> <p>Recognition and promotion of successful collaboration and coordination efforts will encourage replication.</p> <p>2. Identify strategies to diversify the field home visiting professionals to better reflect the families they serve throughout Minnesota. Work with evidence-based models to assist with these goals.</p> <p>3. Identify shared outcomes across home visiting programs funding with public and private funding in Minnesota.</p> | <p>1. Identify strategies to diversify the field of family home visiting professionals to better reflect the families they serve throughout Minnesota through flexible credentials, shared recruitment strategies, or development of a fellowship program.</p> |
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Additional Policy Considerations:

1. **Universal home visiting to families who gave/give birth in 2020-2023.** The purpose is to assess health and development of children and babies, and boost families connections to health, social and community connections.
2. **Paid Family & Medical Leave.** Continued support for Paid Family & Medical Leave as strategy to give young families the best start in supporting family health, stability and wellness.
3. **Healthy Start Act.** Support implementation of Healthy Start Act and encourage similar programming in county jails.