

# Invest In Our Future When It Matters Most: Targeting Home Visiting to Families In Need

## Advocacy for Home Visiting

The Coalition needs your help! **Now is the time to contact your own elected official and ask them to support home visiting in the final negotiations.** Session will be done May 21, 2018 and they need to hear from you.

### The Status

The Coalition's policy language is included in the House version of the [Supplemental Spending Bill, SF 3656 \(see page R21-A32\)](#).

The policy language amends the new Evidence-Based Home Visiting funding to include both evidence-based home visiting AND culturally and ethnically focused targeted home visiting programs (targeted refers to evidence-informed and/or promising practices). The language requires at least 75% of funds be spent on evidence-based home visiting programs and up to 25% for culturally and ethnically focused targeted programs. All policy language has been vetted by the Minnesota Department of Health and meets the requests of Coalition partners, specifically model programs who operate in Minnesota.

### The Ask

Please contact your own elected officials, as well as [Senator Michelle Benson](#), [Senator Julie Rosen](#) and [Representative Jim Knoblach](#) and let them know you support this policy change and want to see it happen this year!

We've developed talking points to assist you when you contact them about our policy goals. You can find them [here](#), on the Coalition's website.

*Specific talking points for Senator Michelle Benson, Rep. Kresha, Rep Pinto, Sen. Relph and Sen. Wiklund:*

- Thank you for your continued support of home visiting programs in MN. Your leadership is greatly appreciated.
- We believe its important to expand funding to include culturally and ethnically focused targeted home visiting programs. We believe these programs will increase responsiveness in programming to families in need.
- The Coalition believes we can best serve MN families through a mix of evidence-based and innovative community programs.
- Thank you for supporting the House language on home visiting in the Supplemental bill.

*Specific talking points for Senator Rosen, Representative Knoblach and all other legislators:*

- We'd like to thank the legislature for providing funding for home visiting last year.
- We believe it's important to expand funding to include culturally and ethnically focused targeted home visiting programs. We believe these programs will increase responsiveness in programming to families in need.
- The Coalition believes we can best serve MN families through a mix of evidence-based and innovative community programs.
- Please support the House language on home visiting in the Supplemental bill.

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