



The Parent-Child
Home Program
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FAQs

Soaring to Success Through Books and Play...



The Parent-Child Home Program Increases School Readiness and School Success; Supports Children's Healthy Cognitive and Social-Emotional Development; and Strengthens Families

WHERE ARE WE?

The Parent-Child Home Program currently serves over **6,000** families a year through **155** replication sites in **13** states. The Program is statewide in Pennsylvania funded through the Department of Public Welfare, and in Massachusetts through the Department of Early Education and Care. Eight sites are funded through *First Five* in California. Sites serve major metropolitan areas, including New York City, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Boston, and very rural areas in Florida, South Carolina and Pennsylvania. The Program also has sites in Canada, Bermuda, and the Netherlands. The number of sites has more than tripled since 1998.



WHO DO WE SERVE?

Hard-to-Reach Populations

The Program's home visiting model enables us to reach families facing significant obstacles to school readiness and school success, including: poverty, limited access to center-based services, geographic isolation, language barriers, limited parental education, and low literacy levels. The families we serve include:

- ★ Two-parent families, single parents, teen parents, foster parents and grandparents raising grandchildren
- ★ Urban families, rural families, immigrants, homeless families and special needs families

HOW IS IT FUNDED?

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WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Diverse Funding Streams

- ★ The Parent-Child Home Program's national center is supported by a combination of public and private funds and training and technical assistance revenues.
- ★ Major funders supporting national expansion and evaluation include: Rauch Foundation; William Stamps Farish Fund; William Penn Foundation; Horace and Amy Hagedorn Fund; W. Clement & Jessie V. Stone Foundation, Tiger Foundation
- ★ Replication sites are supported by a wide range of public funding, including, Title I, Even Start, Early Head Start, the Early Learning Opportunity Act, TANF, First Five, and state and local literacy, parenting education and school district funds.
- ★ Major private funders of replication sites include: Robin Hood Foundation in New York City, Business People for Early Learning in Seattle; and The Peter & Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation in Buffalo.

Prevention: Inexpensive, Cost Effective

- ★ Costs average \$2,500 per family per year including books, toys, home visits and administrative costs for a minimum of 46 home visits.



Who Sponsors the Replication Sites?

- ★ Replication sites are sponsored locally by school districts, charter schools, family resource centers, community health centers, social service agencies, public libraries, and other community-based organizations.
- ★ The Program can be offered as part of continuum of services to families, bridging the gap between infant programming and center-based pre-school.
- ★ Partners across the country include other home visiting models for younger children, Even Start, Early Head Start, and Head Start programs, Family Resource Centers, early childhood centers, and elementary schools.

What are the Key Elements?

- ★ Families receive two ½ hour visits a week over a two-year period, a minimum of 92 home visits.
- ★ The Program takes place in homes at times that fit families' schedules. Home Visitors are available during the day, in the early evening and on weekends, so working and non-working families can participate.
- ★ Home Visitors serve a maximum of 16 families and received two hours of supervision and training a week.
- ★ Curricular materials are carefully chosen books and toys that are gifts to the family.
- ★ Each week the family receives a new book or educational toy. Over the two-years, families build a library of high-quality children's books and a collection of the educational toys their child will be expected to know in pre-k and kindergarten.