



# KANSAS HOME VISITING STRONG FAMILIES

## HOW DOES HOME VISITING MAINTAIN STRONG FAMILY ENVIRONMENTS?

Even with the best intentions, raising a child often feels like a journey into uncharted territory, during which it's hard to see beyond the next bend in the road. The stresses of new parenthood can make it difficult to sustain a nurturing home environment - especially for caregivers who grew up without positive parenting role models.

Home visiting programs offer the flexibility to meet a family on its own terms. There are no financial or logistical barriers to participation, and home visitors are trained to be sensitive to differences in cultural and personal backgrounds. By educating parents to identify the risk factors that can lead to injury or maltreatment, and connecting them with helpful community resources, home visitors assist in preventing harmful situations and building safe and stable families.

78% of families receive information on injury prevention.



**ONLY 16**  
ER visits for injuries out of 1,339 children served

Keeping families safe and intact means fewer hospitalizations, children in foster care, and missed work days for parents.

1/3 screened positive for domestic & interpersonal violence

Connecting families to services **when they are ready**



1/3 received referrals

1/2 completed a safety plan

Breaking the cycle of domestic violence and/or child abuse reduces the likelihood of those problems being passed on to the next generation.



## SAFE FAMILIES

## FAMILY SUCCESS STORY

A father-to-be was very skeptical of the home visiting program and urged his partner not to participate. The home visitor encouraged the mother to keep inviting him to participate. Finally, he said yes. He went from skeptic to believer, and jumped into fatherhood with both feet. Now he takes part in each visit and attends play groups and parent meetings. To this day, he is very involved.



## STABLE FAMILIES



EDUCATE • PREVENT • IDENTIFY • CONNECT

Home visitors work to help families stay substance free and, when they are ready, connect them to available services.

83% screened for Substance Abuse

**7%**

self-report substance use that may need further services

Promote nurturing and stable relationships

baseline 77% **82%** at follow-up

Families report a positive level of family functioning and social support

baseline 73% **78%** at follow-up

Children whose primary caregivers demonstrate responsive & accepting behaviors with their children