



NFP Agency Profile Orange County

NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP IN OUR COMMUNITY

Nurse-Family Partnership® (NFP) is an evidence-based, community health program that helps transform the lives of vulnerable mothers pregnant with their first child. Each mother served by NFP is partnered with a registered nurse early in her pregnancy and receives ongoing nurse home visits that continue through her child's second birthday. Independent research proves that communities benefit from this relationship — every dollar invested in Nurse-Family Partnership can yield more than five dollars in return.

NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP GOALS

1. Improve pregnancy outcomes by helping women engage in good preventive health practices, including thorough prenatal care from their healthcare providers, improving their diets, and reducing their use of cigarettes, alcohol and illegal substances;
2. Improve child health and development by helping parents provide responsible and competent care; and
3. Improve the economic self-sufficiency of the family by helping parents develop a vision for their

Positive Outcomes for NFP Clients in our Community

94% of babies were born full term and 93% were born at a healthy weight - at or above 2500 g (5.5 lbs)

91% of mothers initiated breastfeeding and 25% continue to breastfeed at child age 6 months

100% of children received all recommended immunizations by 24 months

50% of mothers who entered the program without a diploma/GED have since earned their diploma/GED, and another 32% are working toward obtaining one

CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS At Intake

Median Age: 17	
92%	Unmarried
80%	Medicaid recipients
86%	Hispanic
1%	African-American
6%	Non-Hispanic White
4%	Multiracial/other
2%	Asian



In Orange County Nurse-Family Partnership currently serves over 250 families a year.

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY CONTEXT

The Orange County Nurse-Family Partnership is implemented by the Orange County Health Care Agency. The program is part of Public Health Community Nursing within the Public Health division. It began in 1998 with four nurses and has continued to grow and expand over the years to 12 nurses today (6 bilingual English/Spanish speaking).

FUNDING CONTEXT

Varied funding sources support Nurse-Family Partnership in Orange County. Start-up funding included Public/Private Ventures program replication and expansion funding. Ongoing funding sources include Medicaid targeted case management and general County funds as well as Proposition 10 funding from the Children and Families Commission of Orange County.

Established: 1998
Families Served: 1,115

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PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM WITH PROVEN AND MEASURABLE RESULTS

Societal Benefits

Nurse-Family Partnership is one of the only community health programs that is based on evidence from randomized, controlled trials – 30 years of research proves that it works. This evidence shows our clients – eligible first-time mothers – that if they follow the program and work with their nurse, they can transform their lives and the lives of their children. Moreover, independent policy research makes clear that every public health dollar policymakers and communities invest in Nurse-Family Partnership could realize more than five dollars in return.

National Recognition

- The Washington State Institute for Public Policy, The RAND Corporation and The Brookings Institution have concluded that investments in Nurse-Family Partnership lead to significant returns to society and government, giving taxpayers a \$2.88-5.70 return per dollar invested in the program.



- The Partnership for America's Economic Success finds investments in early childhood programs, such as Nurse-Family Partnership, to be stronger investments than state business subsidies when viewed from a long-term, national perspective.