Virginia Home Visitation Programs

Home Visiting Consortium
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The Virginia’s Home Visiting Consortium is a collaboration of statewide early childhood home visiting programs that serve families from pregnancy through age 5. They offer descriptions of member programs and access to a variety of programs such as: BabyCare; CHIP of Virginia; Healthy Families; and Project LINK. They offer information about home visitation and how it assists parents in developing early child care skills. The consortium provides training programs and provides in-depth resources on parenting and early childhood intervention.

Healthy Families
Prevent Child Abuse Virginia
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Healthy Families is a nationally recognized evidence-based home visiting program model designed to work with overburdened families who are at-risk for adverse childhood experiences. Services begin prenatally or right after the birth of a baby and are voluntary, intensive, and long-term. The organization works to cultivate and strengthen nurturing parent-child relationships, promote healthy childhood growth and development, and enhance family functioning by reducing risk and building protective factors.
CHIP of Virginia
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CHIP of Virginia works with families caught in the cycle of poverty who are committed to creating a better life for their children and themselves, using proven best practices to intervene early and prepare parents to be their child’s first and most important teacher. CHIP services are available to families with young children in 27 communities throughout Virginia. The program links each family with a CHIP team consisting of a registered nurse and a parent educator. They offer a comprehensive approach to improve the health of children, families, and communities by promoting parental involvement and strengthening each family’s ability to move toward self-sufficiency. CHIP children start school healthy and ready to learn.

Nurse-Family Partnership
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The Nurse-Family Partnership program offers solutions for parents who need help or information. They provide low-income, first-time parents with a relationship they can depend upon as well as a public health nurse who visits the home from pregnancy to age two of the child. This evidence-based model of partnering nurses and first-time moms has more than 35 years of research from randomized, controlled trials that proves it is effective. They improve pregnancy outcomes by helping women engage in good preventive health practices, including getting prenatal care from healthcare providers, improving diet, and reducing use of cigarettes, alcohol, and illegal substances.
Healthy Start/Loving Steps
109 Governor Street, 8th Floor
Richmond, VA 23219

Website: http://www.vdh.state.va.us/LHD/threeriv/HealthyStart.htm

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The Healthy Start/Loving Steps program is designed to prevent low birth weights and infant mortality in pregnant women who are age 20 and older. Nutritionists, nurses, and resource mothers assist pregnant women and their children in developing healthy habits and behaviors. They help develop connections between the client and other caregivers. They also offer help for Hispanic-speaking families.

Resource Mothers

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Resource Mothers work with pregnant teens and teen mothers to help ease the transition into parenthood. They offer adult role models who have successfully raised their own children and can assist the teen throughout her pregnancy and up to the baby’s first birthday. The program decreases infant deaths and disabilities by improving the health of pregnant teens and infants through intensive home visiting. They impart skills, connections, and advice to the young mothers to help them deal with stresses associated with pregnancy and parenthood.
Early Head Start
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Head Start/Early Head Start is a national child development program for children from birth to age 5. Head Start/Early Head Start provides services to promote academic, social, and emotional development of children from income-eligible families. Their framework centers around: child development; family development; community building; and staff development. Head Start/Early Head Start offers comprehensive services for each child and family. A family service worker helps to empower the families by developing goals for the parents and their children in an individualized family service plan.