



OPEN YOUR DOOR TO THE HOME VISITING PROGRAM.

Here's everything you need to know.

Delaware has four evidence-based Home Visiting Programs.

These programs are the Nurse-Family Partnership, Healthy Families Delaware, Parents as Teachers, and Early Head Start.



A Family Support Specialist can **coach you in doing developmentally appropriate activities with your child.**



A home visit doesn't actually have to occur in the home. A Family Support Specialist can meet families in a place that is more convenient, such as a library, park, or any other place they feel comfortable. **Virtual meetings are also possible!**



In 2021, there were **14,454 home visits** provided statewide, including **6,008 virtual visits.**



A Family Support Specialist, can **teach parents learning activities and literacy skills that foster their child's development** and help prepare their child for school.

A Family Support Specialist can educate parents about safe-sleep practices. A total of 3,500 infants die each year from sleep-related deaths in the U.S. A Family Support Specialist can help parents create a safe-sleep environment and can also advocate for families in need of a crib.



In 2021, the Home Visiting Program supported **approximately 1,363 households** in Delaware.



Recognizing developmental milestones can help a parent ensure that their child is on track. A Family Support Specialist can **educate parents about those milestones and help detect any delays or disabilities.**



The Home Visiting Program is **free and completely voluntary.**

Evidence has shown that accepting the services offered by the Home Visiting Program, administered by a Family Support Specialist, can **help to improve maternal and child health.**



A Family Support Specialist can help families locate important resources in their area, such as food, cribs, diapers, and car seats.



A Family Support Specialist **supports breastfeeding your newborn and can connect you with a lactation consultant.**



A Family Support Specialist can help families determine eligibility and assist them in registering with state agencies to obtain services, such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits.



By saying yes to the Home Visiting Program, parents are saying yes to a healthier, happier, and safer home. The Family Support Specialist can be there to provide support every step of the way!

To learn more or sign up for the program, call 2-1-1, text your ZIP code to 898-211, or visit DEThrives.com/Home-Visiting.