

**VOLUNTARY HOME VISITATION PROGRAMS (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 291 of 2012**

**400.792 Home visitation programs; purpose; duties.**

Sec. 2. (1) The departments shall only support home visitation programs that include periodic home visits to improve the health, well-being, and self-sufficiency of parents and their children.

(2) Home visitation programs supported under this act shall provide face-to-face visits by nurses, social workers, and other early childhood and health professionals or trained and supervised lay workers.

(3) Home visitation programs supported under this act shall do 1 or more of the following:

- (a) Work to improve maternal, infant, or child health outcomes including reducing preterm births.
- (b) Promote positive parenting practices.
- (c) Build healthy parent and child relationships.
- (d) Enhance social-emotional development.
- (e) Support cognitive development of children.
- (f) Improve the health of the family.
- (g) Empower families to be self-sufficient.
- (h) Reduce child maltreatment and injury.
- (i) Increase school readiness.

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