

## Family First Prevention Services Act

FFPSA will provide federal funding for prevention services to families of children who are at imminent risk of entering foster care. It underscores the importance of children growing up in families and seeks to avoid the traumatic experience of children being separated from their families when entering foster care.

Specifically, federal reimbursement will be available for trauma-informed and evidence based mental health services, substance use disorder treatment and in-home parenting skill-based training to safely maintain children in their homes.

Eligible services must be included in South Carolina's approved Title IV-E Prevention Plan and be rendered by a qualified provider who is participating in the Department's qualified provider listing and provided to eligible populations (i.e. defined candidates for care).

The Department plans to implement its prevention program in October of 2021 and will begin partnering with our provider partners early in 2021 to assist in capacity building for select interventions and network development.

For updates on FFPSA implementation please visit: <https://dss.sc.gov/family-first-prevention-services-act/>



### Title IV-E Clearinghouse

**Program Type :**

**In Home Parenting Skills Program**

**Rating:  
Well-Supported**

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### Service Description

Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) is a home-visiting program that is typically implemented by trained registered nurses. NFP serves young, first-time, low-income mothers beginning early in their pregnancy until the child turns two. The primary aims of NFP are to improve the health, relationships, and economic well-being of mothers and their children.

Typically, nurses provide support related to individualized goal setting, preventative health practices, parenting skills, and educational and career planning. The content of the program can vary based on the needs and requests of the mother.

NFP aims for 60 visits that last 60-75 minutes each in the home or a location of the mother's choosing. For the first month after enrollment, visits occur weekly. Then, they are held bi-weekly or on an as-needed basis.

#### Proximal Outcomes

- Measurable gains in individual self-worth and of parents and children
- Measurable gains in parental empathy and meeting their own adult needs in healthy ways
- Utilization of dignified, non-violent disciplinary strategies and practices
- Measurable gains in nurturing parenting beliefs, knowledge and utilization of skills and strategies as measured by program assessment interventions

#### Targeted Populations

Children from ages 0-2



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