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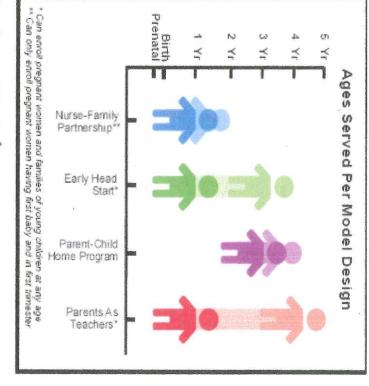
#### Evidence-Based Home Visiting Portfolio: Model Similarities 200 Differences

The first five years of life are crucial to good development for every child. Without a solid foundation, many children face lasting disadvantages when it comes to brain development, school readiness, and physical and mental health.

currently serves 11% or less of families needing this support children's healthy development and keep them safe. Yet Washington children in building the knowledge and capacity to nurture their programs support vulnerable expectant families and parents of young Home visiting programs are an important component of a comprehensive state early childhood system. These voluntary

By reaching families in the home environment, providers serve otherwise hard-to-reach families.

Each model serves a different age range and emphasizes activities that lead to a different mix of outcomes. Families are matched with the model that best meets their needs and eligibility criteria, often through referrals among home visiting providers.



a presence here, as do several promising programs Four national models identified as evidence-based are operating in our state. 1 Other national models have

in the community. Most home visiting programs provide families with information, skills, and linkages to other services offered

the family's home on a regular basis to: Early childhood home visiting programs connect expectant parents and parents of young children with trained staff who visit

- Teach or model parenting skills to help parents set realistic expectations for children's behavior.
- Increase parental knowledge of child development and possible developmental and health issues
- Help parents provide a stable and nurturing environment that prepares children for success in school and life

# **Home Visiting Works!**

<sup>1</sup> By Washington State Council for Children & Families, federal HRSA, or both.