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Proclaim Los Angeles County Home Visiting Day

In September 1997, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) initiated a pilot Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) program in collaboration with California Hospital Medical Center. In 2009, First 5 LA launched the Welcome Baby Program to provide light-touch home visits. In recognition that some families benefit from more focused support, First 5 LA began funding two evidence-based home visiting models in 2014: Healthy Families America (HFA) and Parents as Teachers (PAT). Today Los Angeles County has over seven home visiting models available, including NFP, HFA, PAT, Welcome Baby, and Early Head Start, serving over 36,000 families each year.

Since 2012, the Los Angeles County Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visitation Consortium came together to advocate for free, high-quality home visiting services to support and strengthen expectant and parenting families. Goals of home visiting are optimal birth outcomes, strengthening parent/child relationships, elimination of birth outcome inequality, and healthy infant/child development, particularly in communities facing economic hardship and/or social marginalization.

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The purpose of this proclamation is to bring awareness to the benefits associated with home visiting such as reduced family stress, improved family mental health, strengthened parent-infant attachment, improved child development, reduced child abuse, and connections to community resources that help parents have healthy births and give their children the best start. The Board of Supervisors recognizes the evidence demonstrating the positive effects home visiting has on parents and young children.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim April 21, 2023 Home Visiting Day in Los Angeles County. The Los Angeles County Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visitation Consortium encourages all residents to recognize the incredibly positive impact that home visiting can have on child development, parenting, and overall health outcomes. They encourage all expectant and parenting families to visit the [e-Directory](#) to learn more about which home visiting service is best suited for them. Additionally, they encourage referrals through the e-Directory.
2. Direct all County Departments, particularly the Departments of Public Health, Children & Family Services, Health Services, Mental Health, and Public Social Services, to use outreach materials developed by the Los Angeles County Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visitation Consortium and the Department of Public Health to provide clients with home visiting information and assist with client referrals to home visiting programs.

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