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400.792.new 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.