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.