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## **Prevention Initiative Program: Home Visiting, Center-Based**

An Early Childhood Block Grant for PI Birth to Age 3 program must meet at least one of the criteria listed below. A program may choose more than one criterion listed. Regardless of selected criterion, the program must meet **all** of the requirements of each criterion chosen. A program will identify the specific criterion used to serve all children and families.

A program model is defined as a frame of reference that identifies the objectives and goals of a program, as well as their relationship to program activities intended to achieve specific outcomes. It reflects standard practices that guide the provision of services and determines the parameters delineating the service settings, duration, type of intervention, and ratios of child and/or family served to service provider, etc.

### **Home Visiting Prevention Initiative Program**

**Criterion One**

The program model is evidence-based as defined by the [Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families \(DHHS\) HomVEE](#) and is listed on the DHHS website as meeting all the evidence-based home visiting program model criteria.

**Criterion Two**

The proposed program is a replication of a program model that has been validated by evidence and found to be effective in providing prevention services for families experiencing multiple risk factors. Specifically:

- The program model must have been found to be effective in at least one well-designed randomized, controlled trial, or in at least two well-designed quasi-experimental (matched comparison group) studies.
- The program is implemented as closely as possible to the original program design, including similar caseloads, frequency and intensity of services, staff qualifications and training, and curriculum content.
- Home visiting program models that have not been designated as “evidence-based” by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Administration for Children & Families will provide evidence of how they are taking steps to meet those rigorous evidentiary standards, including, but not limited to the following:
  - In existence for at least three years;
  - Associated with national organization or institution of higher education;
  - Minimum requirements for frequency of visits;
  - Minimum education requirements for home visiting staff;
  - Supervision requirements for home visitors;
  - Pre-service training for home visitors;
  - Fidelity standards for local implementing agencies;
  - System for monitoring fidelity; and

- Specified content and activities for home visit.

Examples of Prevention Initiative home visiting program models currently being implemented in Illinois include:

[Baby TALK](#)™

[Early Head Start](#)

[Healthy Families America](#)®

[Parents as Teachers](#)™

Examples of supplemental support and/or services to enhance Birth to Age 3 comprehensive services include, but are not limited to:

Doula Services

Fussy Baby Network®

Touchpoints™

[Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors](#)

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### **Child Care Center-Based Prevention Initiative Program**

- Criterion Three  
Early Head Start Center-Based
- Criterion Four  
Prevention Initiative DCFS Licensed Center-Based (Program Objectives, Goal 2)