



## TANF Initiative for Parents

Healthy Families is a research based, nationally accredited, Home Visitation Program designed to promote positive childhood outcomes and family functioning. The Healthy Families Program promotes healthy parent-child interaction, child development skills and health and safety practices with families, and provides linkages to community resources to improve family self-sufficiency. In 2008, New Jersey merged its Healthy Families Program (HF) with the TANF Initiative for Parents (TIP) Program, thereby making the Healthy Families research based model available to TANF recipients.

### OUR SCOPE

There are 25 Healthy Families-TIP Programs throughout the State of New Jersey. Healthy Families-TIP provides free and voluntary services to prenatal families and families with new babies who are at low or moderate risk for child abuse or neglect.

### OUR OUTCOMES

The Healthy Families-TIP NJ Programs 2008 Year in Review data is an aggregate from all HF-TIP NJ databases.

- In 2008, 3127 families were served in the HF-TIP NJ programs.
- 2066 families received KEMPE assessments conducted by trained Family Assessment Workers and every family received linkages to other resources, if needed.
- More than two thirds of first home visits occurred before the baby turned 3 months old; getting in the home early enough to have a significant positive impact!
- 96% of babies in the HF-TIP NJ programs were linked to a medical provider= less\$ spent on hospital visits!
- Approximately 84% of target children were up to date on their immunizations; more than the state average of 77% (Kids Count, 2008).

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