

REFERENCE TITLE: nurse home visitor grant program

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Introduced by
Representatives Lopez: Peña

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 8-469.03; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF CHILD SAFETY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 8, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 8-469.03, to read:

4 8-469.03. Nurse home visitor grant program; eligible
5 organization; requirements; annual report

6 A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A NURSE HOME VISITOR GRANT
7 PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM. THE GRANT
8 PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED TO DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 9 1. PREVENT CHILD MALTREATMENT AND NEGLECT.
10 2. IMPROVE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT.
11 3. PROMOTE A FAMILY'S ECONOMIC MOBILITY.

12 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD MONIES FROM THE GRANT PROGRAM AT
13 LEAST ANNUALLY TO ONE ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION. THE ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION
14 SHALL USE GRANT MONIES TO PROVIDE VOLUNTARY, EVIDENCE-BASED NURSE HOME
15 VISITOR SERVICES FOR THREE YEARS TO LOW-INCOME PREGNANT WOMEN WHO
16 VOLUNTARILY ENROLL IN THE PROGRAM. THE GRANT PROGRAM SHALL BE AVAILABLE
17 THROUGH THE SECOND BIRTHDAY OF A CHILD WHO IS BORN TO A WOMAN WHO IS
18 ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM. THE ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION SHALL PROVIDE ALL OF
19 THE FOLLOWING:

- 20 1. ASSESSMENTS AND SCREENINGS.
21 2. CARE COORDINATION.
22 3. CASE MANAGEMENT.
23 4. PREVENTATIVE EDUCATION AND COUNSELING.
24 5. INTERVENTIONS AND REFERRALS TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
25 PROVIDERS.
26 6. EDUCATIONAL OR JOB DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES.

27 C. ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE GRANT MONIES PURSUANT
28 TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION INCLUDE:

- 29 1. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES.
30 2. NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.
31 3. MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS.
32 4. TRIBAL NATIONS.

33 D. IN AWARDING GRANT MONIES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GIVE PREFERENCE
34 TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT:

- 35 1. PROVIDE SERVICES IN THIS STATE.
36 2. PROVIDE SERVICES THAT ARE DELIVERED BY A REGISTERED NURSE.
37 3. PROVIDE SERVICES THAT MEET THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE
38 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR AN
39 EVIDENCE-BASED EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL THAT
40 HAS DEMONSTRATED, AS OF JANUARY 1, 2026, FAVORABLE RESULTS FOR REDUCTION
41 IN CHILD MALTREATMENT. THE MODEL SHALL BE RANKED AS A WELL-SUPPORTED
42 SERVICE IN THE TITLE IV-E PREVENTION SERVICES CLEARINGHOUSE TO PREVENT
43 FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS AND PROVIDE ENHANCED SUPPORT TO CHILDREN AND
44 FAMILIES THROUGH AN IN-HOME PARENTING SKILLS-BASED SERVICE.

1 4. CAN DEMONSTRATE EITHER THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES ON THE
2 RECEIPT OF GRANT MONIES OR THE ABILITY TO DELIVER SERVICES WITHIN NINETY
3 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING GRANT MONIES.

4 5. CAN PROVIDE SERVICES IN THE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT'S HOME, VIA
5 TELEHEALTH SERVICES OR AT ANOTHER LOCATION THAT IS SELECTED BY THE PROGRAM
6 PARTICIPANT.

7 E. AN ORGANIZATION THAT RECEIVES GRANT MONIES PURSUANT TO THIS
8 SECTION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT DATA AS PRESCRIBED BY THE
9 CHILDREN'S HEALTH BUREAU TITLE IV-E PREVENTION PROGRAM DATA ELEMENTS TO
10 THE EXTENT THE DATA IS COLLECTED AS A STANDARD PRACTICE OF THE DELIVERY OF
11 THE GRANT PROGRAM SERVICES. THE ORGANIZATION SHALL SUBMIT THE DATA FOR
12 THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATING SUCCESSFUL DELIVERY OF GRANT PROGRAM SERVICES.

13 F. ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2027, 2028, 2029 AND 2030, THE
14 DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH A REPORT THAT INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING
15 INFORMATION FOR THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR:

16 1. THE NUMBER OF GRANTS AWARDED BY THE GRANT PROGRAM.

17 2. THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT RECEIVED GRANT MONIES.

18 3. THE NUMBER OF GRANT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WHO WERE SERVED.

19 4. THE NUMBER OF UNDUPLICATED PARTICIPANTS WHO ENROLLED DURING THE
20 REPORTING PERIOD FOR EACH ORGANIZATION THAT WAS AWARDED MONIES BY THE
21 GRANT PROGRAM.

22 5. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS THAT WERE SPENT PROVIDING NURSE HOME
23 VISITOR SERVICES.

24 6. DATA AND INFORMATION THAT ARE DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE DEPARTMENT
25 AND THAT MEASURE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF GRANT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS
26 AND THEIR CHILDREN TO THE EXTENT THAT THE DATA AND INFORMATION ARE
27 COLLECTED AND REPORTED AS A STANDARD PRACTICE IN THE COURSE OF THE
28 DELIVERY OF THE GRANT PROGRAM.

29 Sec. 2. Delayed repeal

30 Section 8-469.03, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act, is
31 repealed from and after December 31, 2030.

32 Sec. 3. Appropriations; nursing home visitor grant program;
33 exemption

34 A. The sum of \$6,000,000 and five FTE positions are appropriated
35 from the state general fund in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the department of
36 child safety for the nurse home visitor grant program established pursuant
37 to section 8-469.03, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act. The
38 department may use up to \$382,500 of the monies appropriated in each of
39 fiscal years 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 to administer the program.

40 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
41 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
42 to lapsing of appropriations, until December 31, 2030.

1 Sec. 4. Legislative findings

2 The legislature finds and declares that:

3 1. Pregnant women, to adequately care for a newborn or young child,
4 often benefit from voluntarily receiving professional assistance and
5 information.

6 2. Without this assistance and information, a pregnant woman may
7 develop habits or practices that are detrimental to her health and
8 well-being and the health and well-being of her child.

9 3. Inadequate prenatal care and inadequate care in infancy and
10 early childhood often inhibit a child's ability to learn and develop
11 throughout childhood and may have lasting, adverse effects on the child's
12 ability to function as an adult.

13 4. The implementation of an evidence-based nurse home visitor
14 program that has been ranked, as of January 1, 2026, by the United States
15 department of health and human services as a well-supported service in the
16 title IV-E prevention services clearinghouse to prevent foster care
17 placements and provide enhanced support to children and families through
18 an in-home parenting skills-based service that demonstrates favorable
19 results for reduction in child maltreatment and that provides educational,
20 health and other resources for women from pregnancy through the first two
21 years of a child's life has been proven to significantly reduce the risk
22 of premature birth, drug use, including nicotine and alcohol abuse,
23 criminal activity that is committed by a woman or the woman's child who is
24 under fifteen years of age and the reported number of incidents of child
25 abuse and neglect.

26 5. Receiving professional assistance and information has been
27 proven to reduce a woman's need for other forms of public assistance and
28 to increase a woman's educational and employment opportunities.