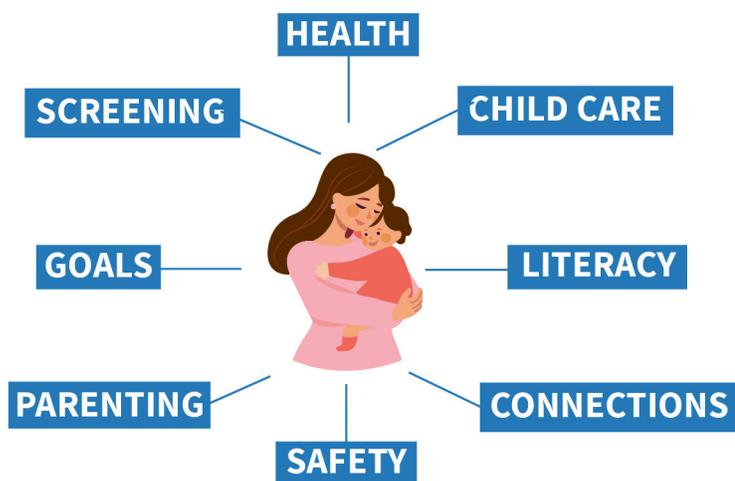


CONTINUING TO GROW THE DPH HOME VISITING PROGRAM

TO PROMOTE FAMILY AND CHILD WELL-BEING

The Georgia Department of Health’s (DPH)’s **DPH Home Visiting Program** connects parents and caregivers—including expectant parents—with trained health care professionals, including community health workers and public health nurses, who offer medical care, guidance, and support during a child’s earliest, most critical years of brain development.

Through regular visits, home visitors help families build **strong parent-child relationships, support health and safety, and connect them to community resources**—laying the foundation for babies’ learning and well-being.



RECENT INVESTMENTS

Over the last few years, Georgia has made significant investments in the *DPH Home Visiting Program*, helping to bring maternal and child health care to families across the state, including many rural areas.

Since 2022, the state has invested more than \$6 million to expand these services to 75 counties across Georgia.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To strengthen this work in Georgia, policymakers should:

- Invest **\$8.9 million in state funds** to expand the *DPH Home Visiting Program* to help bring maternal and child health care directly to families across the entire state
- Create a credential for **community health workers** and allow them to **bill Medicaid**.
- Explore **Medicaid reimbursement** for home visiting **case management services**.