

## 2021 Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap

### COMPREHENSIVE SCREENING AND CONNECTION PROGRAMS

#### How can states effectively implement comprehensive screening and connection programs?

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Alabama	In early 2020, Alabama was one of 24 states in which families could access HealthySteps. HealthySteps served 700 families, or 0.4% of children under age 3, across two sites--a relatively low percentage of children compared to other states that implement this model. The HealthySteps program in Alabama uses a variety of funding sources, including Medicaid reimbursement and Department of Defense funds. Families do not have access to the other two evidence-based programs, DULCE and Family Connects. Families have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.
Alaska	Families in Alaska do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. However, families do have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.
Arizona	In early 2020, Arizona was one of 24 states in which families could access HealthySteps. HealthySteps served more than 12,000 families, or 4.9% of children under age 3, across 14 sites--a relatively high percentage of children compared to other states that implement this model. HealthySteps uses a variety of funding sources, including Medicaid reimbursement, grants from federal agencies, state appropriations, private philanthropy, and health system reinvestment. Families do not have access to the other two evidence-based programs, DULCE and Family Connects
Arkansas	In 2019, Arkansas was one of 12 states in which families could access the Family Connects model. Family Connects served nearly 100 families, or 0.2% of births, in its single site--a relatively low percentage of births in Arkansas compared to other states that implement this model. Family Connects uses private philanthropy, among other funding sources. Families do not have access to the other two evidence-based programs, DULCE and HealthySteps.
California	California is the only state in which families have access to all three of the evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection program models, as well as the state's own alternative model. In 2019, California was one of three states in which families could access the DULCE model. DULCE served nearly 500 families, or 0.1% of births, across its four sites. That same year, California was one of 12 states in which families could access Family Connects. Family Connects served more than 700 families, or 0.2% of births, at its lone site--a relatively low percentage of births in California compared to other states that implement this model. In early 2020, California was one of 24 states in which families could access HealthySteps. HealthySteps served nearly 35,000 families, or 2.5% of children under age 3, across 16 sites--a relatively high percentage of children in California compared to other states that implement HealthySteps. The three comprehensive screening and connection programs in California use a variety of funding streams, including Medicaid reimbursement, state appropriations, state property taxes, state tobacco taxes, county funds, Department of Defense funds, First 5 funds, health system reinvestment, and private philanthropy. In the last year, California passed and signed into law its 2021-2022 state budget which includes \$800 million, half of those funds are from the federal government, to create a new dyadic care benefit for Medi-Cal

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	<p>enrollees. When implemented, children and families with Medi-Cal insurance will be able to access dyadic care models, including the HealthySteps model, that address parent and child health together. California's alternative comprehensive screening and connection program, Welcome Baby, has been implemented in 13 Los Angeles County hospitals. The program offers universal prenatal and postpartum home visits, as well as one hospital visit immediately following the birth, to facilitate support and service connection to all families. Families also have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.</p>
Colorado	<p>In early 2020, Colorado was one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served more than 30,000 families, or 15.5% of children under age 3, across 15 sites—the second highest percentage of children served among all states that implement this model. HealthySteps uses a variety of funding streams, including Medicaid reimbursement, state appropriations, private philanthropy, and health system reinvestment. Families do not have access to the other two evidence-based programs, DULCE and Family Connects.</p>
Connecticut	<p>Connecticut is a leader in comprehensive screening and connections programs because it is one of only three states that has passed legislation recently to implement an evidence-based model statewide. In the last year, legislators passed the governor's budget bill, S.B. 1202, which allocates \$8 million of Connecticut's American Rescue Plan Act funds to implement a universally available evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection program. In early 2020, Connecticut was one of 24 states in which families could access HealthySteps. HealthySteps served nearly 500 families, or 0.4% of children under age 3, at its lone site—a relatively low percentage of children compared to other states that implement this model. HealthySteps uses a variety of funding streams, including Medicaid reimbursement and grants from federal agencies. Families do not have access to the other two evidence-based programs, DULCE and Family Connects. Families also have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which started in Connecticut in 1997. Help Me Grow serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.</p>
Delaware	<p>Families in Delaware do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. However, families do have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.</p>
District of Columbia	<p>In early 2020, the District of Columbia was one of 24 states in which families could access HealthySteps. HealthySteps served nearly 5,000 families, or 16.3% of children under age 3, in the District of Columbia's two sites—the highest among all states that implement this model. HealthySteps uses a variety of funding streams, including Medicaid reimbursement, grants from federal agencies, state appropriation, and private philanthropy. Families do not have access to the other two evidence-based programs, DULCE and Family Connects. Families also have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.</p>
Florida	<p>Families in Florida have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. In 2019, Florida was one of three states in which families could access DULCE. DULCE served approximately 200 families, or 0.1% of births at the state's lone site. In early 2020, Florida was one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served over 16,000 families, or 2.4% of children under age 3, across 12 sites. DULCE and HealthySteps programs in Florida use a variety of funding of funding stream, including Medicaid reimbursement, and state appropriations. Families do not have access to Family Connects. However, families do access an alternative</p>

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Georgia	Families in Georgia do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. However, families do have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.
Hawaii	In early 2020, Hawaii was one of 24 states in which families could access HealthySteps. HealthySteps served more than 2,000 families, or 4.5% of children under age 3, across two sites--a relatively high percentage of children in Hawaii compared to other states that implement this model. HealthySteps uses a variety of funding streams, including Medicaid reimbursement and Department of Defense funds. Families do not have access to the other two evidence-based programs, DULCE and Family Connects.
Idaho	Families in Idaho do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs, nor a state alternative model.
Illinois	Families in Illinois have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. In 2019, Illinois was one of 12 states in which families could access the Family Connects model. Family Connects served nearly 1,000 families, or 0.6% of births, across three sites. In early 2020, Illinois was also one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served more than 20,000 families, or 4.7% of children under age 3, across five sites—also a relatively high percentage of children in Illinois compared to other states that implement this model. Comprehensive screening and connection programs in Illinois use a variety of funding streams, including Medicaid reimbursement, county funds, private philanthropy, Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant funds, MIECHV Program funds, and grants from other federal agencies. Families do not have access to the third evidence-based program, DULCE.
Indiana	Families in Indiana do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. However, families do have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.
Iowa	In 2019, Iowa was one of 12 states in which families could access the Family Connects model. Family Connects served nearly 1,000 families, or 2.8% of births, across two sites—a relatively high percentage of births in Iowa compared to other states that implement this model. The Family Connects program uses a variety of funding streams, including MIECHV Program funds, state appropriations, and private philanthropy. Families do not have access to the other two evidence-based programs, DULCE and HealthySteps. Iowa's alternative comprehensive screening and connection model, 1st Five Iowa, is a partnership between the Iowa Department of Public Health and primary care providers across 88 Iowa counties. Primary care providers universally screen children ages birth to 5 during well-child visits and then refer identified children to a 1st Five Developmental Support Specialist who links the referred child to appropriate services and follows up with the family on a regular basis. Finally, families have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.
Kansas	Families in Kansas do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. However, families do have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.

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Kentucky	In early 2020, Kentucky was one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served 400 families, or 0.2% of children under age 3, in the state's lone site—a relatively low percentage of children in Kentucky compared to other states that implement this model. HealthySteps uses Medicaid reimbursement, among other funding sources. Families do not have access to two of the evidence-based programs, DULCE and Family Connects. Families also have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.
Louisiana	Families in Louisiana do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs, nor a state alternative model. In the last year, legislators introduced S.R. 210, which would require the state to study voluntary, universally-available screening and connection programs for all families with young children. The bill failed to progress in the legislative process.
Maine	Families in Maine do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs, nor a state alternative model.
Maryland	Families in Maryland have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection models. In 2019, Maryland was one of 12 states in which families could access Family Connects. Family Connects served more than 300 families, or 0.5% of births, at the state's lone site—a relatively low percentage of births in Maryland compared to other states that implement this model. In early 2020, Maryland was one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served 500 families, or 0.2% of children under age 3, at the state's lone site—a relatively low percentage of children compared to other states that implement this model. Both evidence-based programs use a variety of funding streams, including Medicaid reimbursement, grants from federal agencies, private philanthropy, and local and state Department of Education funds. In 2021, the Governor of Maryland and the Maryland Department of Health (DOH) initiated a maternal and child health care initiative, which includes the expansion of HealthySteps in the state. The \$72 million initiative from the Governor's office will be funded by the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission, Maryland DOH Public Health Services and Medicaid. Families do not have access to the third evidence-based program, DULCE.
Massachusetts	Massachusetts is a leader in comprehensive screening and connection programs because of its state-supported Welcome Family program that it launched in 2013. Designed similarly to the Family Connects model, Welcome Family is available to all families with newborns across five cities, including Boston. Welcome Family offers one free, universal postpartum home visit with an experienced nurse, as well as one follow-up call, to facilitate support and service connection. Welcome Family is funded by MIECHV Program funds and state support. In early 2020, Massachusetts was also one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served 2,300 families, or 1.1% of children under age 3, at the state's lone site—a relatively low percentage of children in Massachusetts compared to other states that implement this model. HealthySteps uses a variety of funding streams, including Medicaid reimbursement, private philanthropy, and health system reinvestment. Families do not have access to the other two evidence-based programs, DULCE and Family Connects.
Michigan	Families in Michigan do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. However, families do have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.

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Minnesota	<p>Families in Minnesota have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. In 2019, Minnesota was one of 12 states in which families could access Family Connects. Family Connects served more than 100 families, or 0.2% of births, at the state's lone site--a relatively low percentage of births in Minnesota compared to other states that implement this model. In early 2020, Minnesota was also one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served nearly 13,000 families, or 6.2% of children under age 3, across three sites--a relatively high percentage of children in Minnesota compared to other states that implement this model. Comprehensive screening and connection programs in Minnesota use a variety of funding streams, including Medicaid reimbursement and health system reinvestment. Families do not have access to the third evidence-based program, DULCE. Families also have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.</p>
Mississippi	<p>In early 2020, Mississippi was one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served 1,300 families, or 1.2% of children under age 3, across one site--a relatively low percentage of children in Mississippi compared to other states that implement this model. HealthySteps uses Medicaid reimbursement, among other funding streams. Families in Mississippi do not have access to the other two evidence-based programs, DULCE and Family Connects. Families also have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.</p>
Missouri	<p>In early 2020, Missouri was one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served 1,600 families, or 0.7% of children under age 3, across one site--a relatively low percentage of children in Missouri compared to other states that implement this model. HealthySteps uses Medicaid reimbursement, among other funding streams. Families do not have access to the other two evidence-based programs, DULCE and Family Connects. Families also have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.</p>
Montana	<p>Families in Montana do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs, nor a state alternative model.</p>
Nebraska	<p>Families in Nebraska do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. However, families do have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.</p>
Nevada	<p>Families in Nevada do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs, nor a state alternative model.</p>
New Hampshire	<p>Families in New Hampshire do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs, nor a state alternative model.</p>
New Jersey	<p>New Jersey is a state leader in comprehensive screening and connection programs because it is one of only three states that recently passed legislation to implement an evidence-based model statewide. In July 2021, legislators passed and the governor signed S.B. 690. The law establishes a statewide universal newborn home nurse visitation program within the Department of Children and Families, modeled after the Family Connects program, and appropriates \$2.75 million to the program. In addition, New Jersey added its first HealthySteps site in early 2020, funded through a variety of funding streams, including Medicaid</p>

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	reimbursement, private philanthropy, and health system reinvestment. Previously, the state did not implement any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. Families also have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.
New Mexico	Families in New Mexico do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. First Born is a universal home visiting program that offers prenatal and postpartum visits for first-time parents with children up to age 3. The state-supported program began in Grant County, New Mexico in 1997 and has since expanded to 15 counties. Although First Born may include up to 40 home visits, the model screens and provides families with resources and connections to services.
New York	Families in New York have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection models. In 2019, New York was one of 12 states in which families could access the Family Connects model. Family Connects served nearly 200 families, or 0.1% of births, at the state's lone site—a relatively low percentage of births in New York compared to other states that implement this model. In early 2020, New York was also one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served nearly 65,000 families, or 9.6% of children under age 3, across 43 sites—a relatively high percentage of children in New York compared to other states that implement this model. Both comprehensive screening and connection programs use a variety of funding streams, including Medicaid reimbursement, Preschool Development Grant funds and grants from other federal agencies, state appropriations, private philanthropy, and health system reinvestment. Families do not have access to the third evidence-based program, DULCE. Families also have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.
North Carolina	North Carolina is a state leader in comprehensive screening and connection programs based on the state's substantial and long-term implementation of the Family Connects model, originally developed in the state in 2008. In 2019, North Carolina was one of 12 states in which families could access the Family Connects model. Family Connects served more than 7,000 families, or 5.9% of births, across five sites—both the highest number and percentage of births compared to other states that implement this model. In early 2020, North Carolina was also one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served nearly 33,000 families, or 9.1% of children under age 3, across 12 sites—a relatively high percentage of children compared to other states that implement this model. Both programs use a variety of funding streams, including Medicaid reimbursement, private philanthropy, state public health funds, county funds, Department of Defense funds, and grants from other federal agencies. North Carolina does not implement the third comprehensive screening and connection program, DULCE.
North Dakota	Families in North Dakota do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs, nor a state alternative model.
Ohio	In early 2020, Ohio was one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served nearly 9,000 families, or 2.2% of children under age 3, across five sites—a relatively low percentage of children in Ohio compared to other states that implement this model. The HealthySteps program in Ohio uses a variety of funding streams, including Medicaid reimbursement, grants from federal agencies, private philanthropy, and health systems reimbursement. Families do not have access to the other two evidence-based programs, DULCE and Family Connects.



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Oklahoma	Families in Oklahoma have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection models. In 2019, Oklahoma was one of 12 states in which families could access the Family Connects model. Family Connects served nearly 1,000 families, or 2.0% of births, at the state's lone site. In early 2020, Oklahoma was also one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served over 12,000 families, or 8.3% of children under age 3, across six sites—a relatively high percentage of children compared to other states that implement this model. Both evidence-based programs use a variety of funding streams, including Medicaid reimbursement, private philanthropy, and health system reinvestment. Families do not have access to the third evidence-based program, DULCE. Families also have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.
Oregon	Oregon is a state leader in comprehensive screening and connection programs because it is one of only three states that recently passed legislation to implement an evidence-based model statewide. In 2019, legislators passed S.B. 526 to design and implement a Family Connects program statewide. A group of eight agencies and communities are participating in the early adoption phase, but the program has not yet been implemented statewide. In 2019, Family Connects served nearly 100 families, or 0.2% of births, at the state's lone site—a relatively low percentage of births in Oregon compared to other states that implement this model, but the number will likely increase as this model is implemented statewide. In early 2020, Oregon was one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served 3,000 families, or 2.3% of children under age 3, at the state's lone site—a relatively low percentage of children in Oregon compared to other states that implement this model. Both existing comprehensive screening and connection programs use a variety of funding streams, including Medicaid reimbursement, state appropriation, and private philanthropy. Families do not have access to the third evidence-based program, DULCE. Families also have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.
Pennsylvania	In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 227 which would create a universal maternal home visiting program. The bill did not progress through the legislature. In early 2020, Pennsylvania was one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served 3,700 families, or 0.9% of children under age 3, across two sites—a relatively low percentage of children in Pennsylvania compared to other states that implement this model. HealthySteps uses Medicaid reimbursement, among other funding sources. Families do not have access to the other two evidence-based programs, DULCE and Family Connects.
Rhode Island	Families in Rhode Island do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs, but does have a state alternative model, First Connections, facilitated statewide by the Rhode Island Department of Health. The program works to reach out to families after the child is born to offer the program's services. Pregnant people or families with children up to age 3 are eligible to free receive screening, connections to community resources, and other comprehensive supports.
South Carolina	In early 2020, South Carolina was one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served more than 7,000 families, or 4.1% of children under age 3, across three sites—a relatively high percentage of children in South Carolina compared to other states that implement this model. The HealthySteps program uses a variety of funding streams, including Medicaid reimbursement, grants from federal agencies, state appropriations, and private philanthropy. Families do not have access to the other two evidence-based programs, DULCE and Family Connects. Families also have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.

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South Dakota	Families in South Dakota do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs, nor a state alternative model.
Tennessee	Families in Tennessee do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs, nor a state alternative model.
Texas	In the past year, legislators introduced S.B. 1520, which would have created a commission to establish and administer a competitive grant program to expand evidence-based nurse home visitation services for all newborn caregivers in a defined service area (modeled on the Family Connects model), but the bill failed to progress in the legislative process. Families in Texas have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. In 2019, Texas was one of 12 states in which families could access the Family Connects model. Family Connects served more than 1,000 families, or 0.3% of births, across five sites—a relatively low percentage of births in Texas compared to other states that implement this model. In early 2020, Texas was one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served more than 15,000 families, or 1.3% of children under age 3, across eight sites—a relatively low percentage of children in Texas compared to other states that implement this model. Both evidence-based programs use a variety of funding streams, including Medicaid reimbursement, Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant funds, health system reinvestment, and state dollars. Families do not have access to the third comprehensive screening and connection program, DULCE. Families also have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.
Utah	Families in Utah do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. However, families do have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.
Vermont	In the last year, legislators introduced H. 44, which would create a universally available screening and connection program for all families with a newborn, but the bill did not progress in the legislative process. In 2019, Vermont was one of three states in which families could access the DULCE model. At the state's single site, DULCE served nearly 100 families, or 1.6% of births. The model has recently expanded to five sites across the state. DULCE uses a variety of funding streams, including state appropriations and health system reinvestment. Families do not have access to the other two evidence-based programs, Family Connects and HealthySteps. Families also have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.
Virginia	Families in Virginia do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. However, families do have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.
Washington	In early 2020, Washington was one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served 11,000 families, or 4.1% of children under age 3, across two sites—a relatively high percentage of children in Washington compared to other states that implement this model. The HealthySteps program uses a variety of funding streams, including Medicaid reimbursement and Department of Defense funds. Families do not have access to the other two evidence-based programs, DULCE and Family Connects. Families also have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.



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West Virginia	Families in West Virginia do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. However, families do have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.
Wisconsin	In 2019, Wisconsin was one of 12 states in which families could access the Family Connects model. Family Connects served more than 500 families, or 0.8% of births, in its lone site. The Family Connects program uses a variety of funding streams, including state public health funds and county funds. Families do not have access to the other two evidence-based programs, DULCE and HealthySteps. Families also have access to an alternative connection program model, Help Me Grow, which serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources.
Wyoming	Families in Wyoming do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs, nor a state alternative model.

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