

Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap 2024

COMPREHENSIVE SCREENING AND CONNECTION PROGRAMS

What progress have states made in the last year to increase access to comprehensive screening and connection programs?

State	State Context and Policy Progress
Alabama	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In 2023, Alabama was one of 24 states in which families could access HealthySteps. HealthySteps served over 830 families, or 0.4% of children through age 3, at one site.</p> <p>Families in Alabama 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> <p>In the last year, Alabama did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>
Alaska	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Alaska do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. Families do, however, 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> <p>In the last year, Alaska did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>

Arizona	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The HealthySteps program in Arizona uses Medicaid funds, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In 2023, Arizona was one of 24 states in which families could access HealthySteps. HealthySteps served over 5,300 families, or 1.7% of children through age 3, across six sites.</p> <p>In the last year, Arizona did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>
Arkansas	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes, the HealthySteps program in Arkansas uses Medicaid funds, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Arkansas have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. In 2023, Arkansas was one of 17 states in which families could access the Family Connects model. Family Connects served nearly 220 families, or 0.6% of births, at its lone site. Family Connects uses private philanthropy, among other funding sources.</p> <p>In 2023, Arkansas was also one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served over 15,400 families, or 10.7% of children through age 3, across seven sites, and the state expects to more than double the number of sites in the state by the end of 2024.</p> <p>In the last year, Arkansas did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>

<p>California</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The DULCE and HealthySteps programs in California use Medicaid funds, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The DULCE and HealthySteps programs in California use state funding, among other funding sources.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in California have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs, as well as the state’s own alternative model. In 2023, California was one of six states in which families could access the DULCE model. DULCE served over 510 families, or 0.1% of births, across its four sites.</p> <p>In 2023, California was also one of 24 states in which families could access HealthySteps. HealthySteps served over 30,300 families, or 1.8% of children through age 3, across 19 sites.</p> <p>California’s alternative comprehensive screening and connection program, Welcome Baby, has been implemented in 12 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. The program, however, has not yet been rigorously evaluated. Families in California 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> <p>In the last year, California did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>
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Colorado	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? Yes. Colorado used American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for initial start-up costs of the Family Connects programs in Boulder, Jefferson, and Denver counties. In the last year, Family Connects launched in Eagle County, Colorado, and the state appropriated funding for an expansion to 10 additional counties.</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The HealthySteps program in Colorado uses Medicaid funds, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The Family Connects program and Healthy Steps program in Colorado use state funding, among other funding sources.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Colorado have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. In 2023, Colorado was one of 17 states in which families could access the Family Connects model. Family Connects served nearly 520 families, or 0.8% of births, across its three sites.</p> <p>In 2023, Colorado was also one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served over 40,000 families, or 16.3% of children through age 3, across 26 sites—the second highest percentage of children served among states that implement this model.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 24-1430, a budget bill that appropriates \$2.8 million to expand Family Connects across 10 counties. The program had previously been piloted with American Rescue Plan funds in Boulder, Jefferson, and Denver counties.</p>
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<p>Connecticut</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? Yes. In 2021, the Connecticut state budget allocated \$8 million of the state's American Rescue Plan Act funds to start a statewide Family Connects program, and the state opened its first site in the last year. Connecticut is exploring sustainable financing to support its statewide expansion of Family Connects beyond 2026.</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Connecticut have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. In 2023, Connecticut was one of 17 states in which families could access the Family Connects model. Family Connects served nearly 70 families, or 0.2% of births, at its lone site that opened in the last year.</p> <p>In 2023, Connecticut was also one of 24 states in which families could access HealthySteps. HealthySteps served 450 families, or 0.3% of children through age 3, at its lone site.</p> <p>Families in Connecticut 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> <p>In the last year, Connecticut did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>
<p>Delaware</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In 2023, Delaware was one of 24 states in which families could access HealthySteps. Families in Delaware have access to HealthySteps at one site, but the number of families served in 2023 was not available.</p> <p>Families in Delaware 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> <p>In the last year, Delaware did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>

<p>District of Columbia</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The HealthySteps program in the District of Columbia uses Medicaid funds, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In 2023, the District of Columbia was one of 24 states in which families could access HealthySteps. HealthySteps served nearly 5,600 families, or 17.9% of children through age 3, at five sites—the highest percentage of families served among states that implement this model.</p> <p>Families in the District of Columbia 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> <p>In the last year, the District of Columbia did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>
<p>Florida</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The DULCE program in Florida uses Medicaid funds, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The DULCE and HealthySteps programs in Florida use state funding, among other funding sources.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Florida have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. In 2023, Florida was one of six states in which families could access DULCE. DULCE served over 150 families, or just 0.1% of births at the state’s lone site.</p> <p>In 2023, Florida was also one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served nearly 15,600 families, or 1.7% of children through age 3, across 16 sites.</p> <p>Families in Florida 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> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 5001, which allocates over \$1.8 million from general revenue and nearly \$2.7 million in nonrecurring funds for Fiscal Year 2025 to continue an expansion of the Help Me Grow Network to all 67 Florida counties.</p>

Georgia	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Georgia do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. Families do, however, 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> <p>In the last year, Georgia did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>
Hawaii	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Hawaii do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. Families do, however, have access to an alternative connection program model, Healthy Start, provided by the Hawaii Department of Health, Maternal and Child Health Branch. Healthy Start supports at-risk families with newborns through home visits and connects those families with necessary community resources. To date, the program has not been rigorously evaluated.</p> <p>In the last year, Hawaii did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>
Idaho	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Idaho do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs, nor a state alternative model.</p> <p>In the last year, Idaho did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>

<p>Illinois</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The Family Connects and HealthySteps programs in Illinois use Medicaid funds, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The Family Connects program in Illinois uses state funding, among other funding sources.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Illinois have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. In 2023, Illinois was one of 17 states in which families could access the Family Connects model. Family Connects served nearly 4,800 families, or 3.8% of births, across three sites.</p> <p>In 2023, Illinois was also one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served nearly 14,200 families, or 2.7% of children through age 3, across six sites.</p> <p>Families in Illinois 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> <p>In the last year, Illinois did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>
<p>Indiana</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Indiana do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. Families do, however, 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> <p>In the last year, Indiana did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>

<p>Iowa</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The Family Connects program in Iowa uses state funding, among other funding sources.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In 2023, Iowa was one of 17 states in which families could access the Family Connects model. Family Connects served nearly 800 families, or 2.2% of births, at its lone site.</p> <p>Families in Iowa also have access to an alternative connection program, 1st Five Iowa. The program 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 child to appropriate services and follows up with the family on a regular basis. The program, however, has not yet been rigorously evaluated. 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.</p> <p>In the last year, Iowa did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>
<p>Kansas</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Kansas do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. Families do, however, 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> <p>In the last year, Kansas did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>

Kentucky	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The DULCE program in Kentucky uses Medicaid funds, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The DULCE program in Kentucky uses state funding, among other funding sources.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In 2023, Kentucky was one of six states in which families could access DULCE. DULCE served approximately 100 families, or just 0.2% of births, at the state's lone site.</p> <p>Families in Kentucky 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> <p>In the last year, Kentucky did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>
Louisiana	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In 2023, Louisiana was one of 17 states in which families could access Family Connects. Family Connects served nearly 40 families, or 0.1% of children through age 3, at its lone site that opened in the last year.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted H.C.R. 113, a resolution that will create a Postpartum Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Task Force to study the implementation of Family Connects in the state, including potential Medicaid and private insurance funding and Medicaid State Plan authority for establishing a covered benefit. The task force is required to finalize and submit a report and recommendations to the legislature by February 28, 2025.</p>

<p>Maine</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Maine do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. Families do, however, 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> <p>In the last year, Maine did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>
<p>Maryland</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The HealthySteps program in Maryland uses Medicaid funds, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The Family Connects program in Maryland uses state funding, among other funding sources.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Maryland have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection models. In 2023, Maryland was one of 17 states in which families could access Family Connects. Family Connects served nearly 2,600 families, or 3.9% of births, across three sites—the third highest percentage of children served among states that implement this model.</p> <p>In 2023, Maryland was also one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served 3,400 families, or 1.2% of children through age 3, across three sites.</p> <p>In the last year, Maryland did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>

<p>Massachusetts</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The HealthySteps program in Massachusetts uses Medicaid funds, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In 2023, Massachusetts was one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served more than 5,200 families, or 1.9% of births, at five sites.</p> <p>Families in Massachusetts also have access to an alternative connection program, Welcome Family, which was launched in 2013. This locally developed universal support model, is available to over 1,400 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 the federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program funds and state support. The program, however, has not yet been rigorously evaluated.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 4999, which requires the Department of Health to create a new program to provide universal home visiting services, which must include at least one postpartum home visit, and mandate insurance coverage of services, effective November of 2024. Legislators also introduced H.B. 985/S.B. 672, which would increase access to universal postpartum home visiting services, including scaling universal home visiting, statewide within 6 years. Home visiting services would include health screenings, clinical assessments, and referrals, and be provided through at least one home visit within 8 weeks postpartum and one follow-up visit within 3 months. As of October 2024, the bills had not passed.</p>
<p>Michigan</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Michigan do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. Families do, however, 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> <p>In the last year, Michigan did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>

<p>Minnesota</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The HealthySteps program in Minnesota uses Medicaid funds, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The Family Connects program in Minnesota uses state funding, among other funding sources.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Minnesota have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. In 2023, Minnesota was one of 17 states in which families could access Family Connects. Family Connects served nearly 500 families, or 0.8% of births, at the state's lone site.</p> <p>In 2023, Minnesota was also one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served nearly 7,300 families, or 2.8% of children through age 3, across two sites.</p> <p>Families also have access to two alternative connection program models. The first program, Help Me Grow, serves as a guide to community service providers for families seeking resources. The second program, First Born, is a universal home visiting program with one site in Minnesota that offers prenatal and postpartum visits for first-time parents with children up to age 5. Although First Born may include up to 40 home visits, the model also screens and provides families with resources and connections to services. The program, however, has not yet been rigorously evaluated.</p> <p>In the last year, Minnesota did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>
<p>Mississippi</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The DULCE program in Mississippi uses Medicaid funds, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The DULCE program in Mississippi uses state funding, among other funding sources.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In 2023, Mississippi was one of six states in which families could access DULCE. DULCE served nearly 40 families, or 0.1% of children through age 3, at its lone site.</p> <p>Families in Mississippi 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> <p>In the last year, Mississippi did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>

<p>Missouri</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In 2023, Missouri was one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served nearly 2,500 families, or 0.9% of children through age 3, at the state's lone site.</p> <p>Families in Missouri 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> <p>In the last year, Missouri did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>
<p>Montana</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update 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> <p>Montana did not hold a regular legislative session this year.</p>

Nebraska	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The Family Connects program in Nebraska uses state funding, among other funding sources.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In 2023, Nebraska was one of 17 states in which families could access the Family Connects model. Family Connects served nearly 140 families, or 0.6% of births, at its lone site that opened in the last year. In addition to state funding, Family Connects uses private philanthropy, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Families in Nebraska 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> <p>In the last year, Nebraska did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>
Nevada	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update 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> <p>Nevada did not hold a regular legislative session this year.</p>

<p>New Hampshire</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in New Hampshire do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. Families do, however, 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> <p>In the last year, New Hampshire did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>
<p>New Jersey</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? Yes. In January of 2024, Family Connects launched sites in Essex, Middlesex, Mercer, Gloucester, and Cumberland counties, and Family Connects plans to open sites in Bergen, Hudson, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, and Sussex counties in early 2025.</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The HealthySteps program in New Jersey uses Medicaid funds, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The Family Connects program in New Jersey uses state funding, among other funding sources.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in New Jersey have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection models. In 2023, New Jersey was one of 17 states in which families could access Family Connects. Family Connects served more than 1,040 families, or 1.0% of births, at its lone site.</p> <p>In 2023, New Jersey was also one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served over 1,700 families, or 0.4% of children through age 3, across four sites.</p> <p>Families in New Jersey 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> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted a budget for Fiscal Year 2025 which allocates more than \$23 million to expand New Jersey’s universal home visitation program using the Family Connects model.</p>

New Mexico	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In 2023, New Mexico was one of 17 states in which families could access the Family Connects model. Family Connects served over 280 families, or 1.4% of births, at its lone site that opened in the last year.</p> <p>Families also have access to an alternative connection program, First Born. First Born is a universal home visiting program that offers prenatal and postpartum visits for first-time parents with children up to age 5. The state-supported program began in Grant County, New Mexico in 1997 and has since expanded to nine counties. Although First Born may include up to 40 home visits, the model also screens and provides families with resources and connections to services.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted the Fiscal Year 2025 budget, which includes \$443,600 to support the First Born alternative comprehensive screening and connection program.</p>
New York	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The HealthySteps program in New York uses Medicaid funds, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The HealthySteps program in New York uses state funding, among other funding sources.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In 2023, New York was one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served nearly 78,500 families, or 9.6% of children through age 3, across 52 sites.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted A.B. 8803, a budget bill for Fiscal Year 2025, which appropriates up to \$5 million to support HealthySteps expansion, among other programs.</p>

<p>North Carolina</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? Yes. In the last year, North Carolina appropriated funding to expand Family Connects to local agencies statewide.</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The Family Connects program in North Carolina uses Medicaid funds, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The Family Connects program in North Carolina uses state funding, among other funding sources.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in North Carolina have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection models. In 2023, North Carolina was one of 17 states in which families could access the Family Connects model. Family Connects served nearly 5,800 families, or 4.8% of births, across four sites—the highest percentage of births served among states that implement this model. Family Connects has a substantial and long-term implementation in Durham, North Carolina, after the program launched there in 2008. The state has begun implementing Family Connects in Guilford County, and in the Northwest and Southeast North Carolina regions.</p> <p>In 2023, North Carolina was also one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served over 20,200 families, or 4.2% of children through age 3, across 13 sites.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 960, which appropriates \$52.4 million for Fiscal Year 2025 to expand Family Connects to local agencies statewide.</p>
<p>North Dakota</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update 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.</p> <p>North Dakota did not hold a regular legislative session this year.</p>

Ohio	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? Yes. In 2024, Governor DeWine announced the intention to request funding in the next state budget to scale Family Connects statewide.</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The HealthySteps program in Ohio uses Medicaid funds, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No. However, in the last year, Governor DeWine announced funding to pilot and scale Family Connects statewide will be included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In 2023, Ohio was one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served over 11,600 families, or 2.2% of children through age 3, across 11 sites.</p> <p>In the last year, Governor DeWine announced the launch of a Family Connects pilot program in 11 Ohio counties, which is expected to begin serving families in late 2024. Governor DeWine also announced the intention to request funding in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to scale Family Connects statewide.</p>
Oklahoma	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Oklahoma have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection models. In 2023, Oklahoma was one of 17 states in which families could access the Family Connects model. Family Connects served over 1,700 families, or 3.6% of births, at the state's lone site.</p> <p>In 2023, Oklahoma was also one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served nearly 15,700 families, or 8.1% of children through age 3, across 13 sites.</p> <p>Families in Oklahoma 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> <p>In the last year, Oklahoma did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>

Oregon	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? Yes. Oregon is expanding Family Connects statewide after passing major legislation in 2019. The program started in nine counties and will continue to roll out in the next several years. Initial implementation was slowed due to COVID-19, but leaders are hoping to expand soon.</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The Family Connects and HealthySteps programs in Oregon use Medicaid funds, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The Family Connects program uses state funding, among other funding sources.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Oregon have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection models. In 2023, Oregon was one of 17 states in which families could access the Family Connects model. Family Connects served over 1,600 families, or 4.2% of births, across four sites—the second highest percentage of children served among states that implement this model.</p> <p>In 2023, Oregon was also one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served 2,700 families, or 1.7% of children through age 3, at the state’s lone site.</p> <p>Families in Oregon 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> <p>In the last year, Oregon did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>
Pennsylvania	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In 2023, Pennsylvania was one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served over 1,300 families, or 0.3% of children through age 3, across two sites.</p> <p>In the last year, Pennsylvania did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>

Rhode Island	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The DULCE program in Rhode Island uses Medicaid funds, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The DULCE program in Rhode Island uses state funding, among other funding sources.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In 2023, Rhode Island was one of six states in which families could access DULCE. DULCE served nearly 190 families, or 1.9% of children through age 3, across two sites.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators introduced S.B. 2360, which would have directed the Department of Health to develop a plan with federal and state cost estimates to phase in Family Connects over the next 5 years. The bill did not pass this session.</p>
South Carolina	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The Family Connects program in South Carolina uses Medicaid funds, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The Family Connects and HealthySteps programs in South Carolina use state funding, among other funding sources.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in South Carolina have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection models. In 2023, South Carolina was one of 17 states in which families could access the Family Connects model. Family Connects served nearly 1,800 families, or 3.1% of births, across two sites.</p> <p>In 2023, South Carolina was also one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served over 8,300 families, or 3.6% of children through age 3, across eight sites.</p> <p>Families in South Carolina 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> <p>In the last year, South Carolina did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>

<p>South Dakota</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update 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.</p> <p>In the last year, South Dakota did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>
<p>Tennessee</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Tennessee do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. Families do, however, have access to an alternative, statewide connection program model, Welcome Baby, which started in September 2013, and connects families with necessary community resources. Families with newborns are given an informational packet in the mail and may receive a follow up phone call or outreach visit.</p> <p>In the last year, Tennessee did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>

<p>Texas</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The Family Connects and HealthySteps programs in Texas use Medicaid funds, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The Family Connects and HealthySteps programs in Texas use state funding, among other funding sources. Family Connects also uses federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting funding.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Texas have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. In 2023, Texas was one of 17 states in which families could access the Family Connects model. Family Connects served over 4,200 families, or 1.1% of births, across seven sites.</p> <p>In 2023, Texas was also one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served more than 7,800 families, or 0.5% of children through age 3, across seven sites.</p> <p>Families in Texas 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> <p>Texas did not hold a regular legislative session this year.</p>
<p>Utah</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Utah do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. Families do, however, 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> <p>In the last year, Utah did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>

Vermont	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? Yes Vermont is using federal Health Resources and Services Administration Transforming Pediatrics for Early Childhood agreement funds to expand the reach of DULCE statewide.</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The DULCE program in Vermont uses Medicaid funds, among other funding sources.</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The DULCE program in Vermont uses state funding, among other funding sources.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In 2023, Vermont was one of six states in which families could access the DULCE model. DULCE served nearly 670 families, or 13.2% of births, across six sites—the highest percentage of children served among states that implement this model. DULCE uses a variety of funding streams, including state appropriations and health system reinvestment.</p> <p>Families in Vermont 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> <p>In the last year, Vermont did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>
Virginia	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Virginia do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs, nor a state alternative model.</p> <p>In the last year, Virginia did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>

<p>Washington</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? Yes. The Family Connects model in Washington uses state funding, among other funding sources.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Washington have access to two of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection models. In 2023, Washington was one of 17 states in which families could access the Family Connects model. Family Connects served over 900 families, or 1.1% of births at the state’s lone site.</p> <p>In 2023, Washington was also one of 24 states in which families could access the HealthySteps model. HealthySteps served 2,000 families, or 0.6% of children through age 3, at the state’s lone site.</p> <p>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> <p>In the last year, Washington did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>
<p>West Virginia</p>	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in West Virginia do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. Families do, however, 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> <p>In the last year, West Virginia did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>

Wisconsin	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Wisconsin do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs. Families do, however, 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> <p>Families in Wisconsin also have access to a connection program, Welcome Baby, which launched in 2019. In collaboration with Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin, Welcome Baby conducts screenings during prenatal and postnatal hospital stays. These screenings are followed by essential Welcome Baby home visits. The program, however, has not yet been rigorously evaluated.</p> <p>In the last year, Wisconsin did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>
Wyoming	<p>Does the state have a goal to implement evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs statewide? No</p> <p>Does the state use Medicaid funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>Does the state use direct state funding to support evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Wyoming do not have access to any of the three evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection programs, nor a state alternative model.</p> <p>In the last year, Wyoming did not take any legislative or regulatory action to enhance its comprehensive screening and connection program offerings.</p>

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