Child Fatality Task Force
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"There is a magic window during pregnancy... It’s a time when the desire to be a good mother and raise a healthy, happy child creates motivation to overcome incredible obstacles including poverty, instability or abuse with the help of a well-trained nurse."

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A Public-Private Partnership That Works

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Nurse-Family Partnership
Helping First-Time Parents Succeed
Other Community Funding Partners

- Buncombe County
- Mecklenburg County
- Sisters of Mercy Foundation
- United Way of Central Carolinas
- PNC Bank
About Nurse-Family Partnership

- Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is an evidence-based, voluntary community health program that transforms the lives of first-time, low income mothers.

- Nurse home visitors work closely with enrolled mothers to achieve three key program goals:
  1. Improve pregnancy outcomes
  2. Improve child health and development
  3. Improve parents’ economic self-sufficiency
Proven National Outcomes

- 48% reduction in child abuse and neglect
- 83% increase in labor force participation by the mother
- 20% reduction in welfare use
- 79% reduction in preterm delivery for women who smoke
- 46% increase in father’s presence in household
- 32% fewer subsequent pregnancies
NFP Reduces Hospitalization of Children for Injuries

Days Hospitalized for Injuries
Birth to age 2—Memphis

NFP reduces childhood injury hospitalization by 79%.

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Outcomes in North Carolina

- **89%** of babies are born full-term, and 89% are born at a healthy weight (≥ 2,500 g or 5.5 lbs.)

- **44%** of mothers who entered the program without a diploma/GED have earned one while in the program, and another **26%** are working toward obtaining one before program completion.

- **73%** of mothers have no subsequent pregnancies at program completion.
Costs and Return on Investment

- By a child’s 18th birthday, state and federal government cost savings will average $23,485 per family served
- 55% of all government savings will be Medicaid savings
- A total return of **$6.20** for every dollar invested in the program

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