

Regional Home Visiting Systems Coordination Project Systems Survey Highlights Year 5: Siskiyou California Region

Context



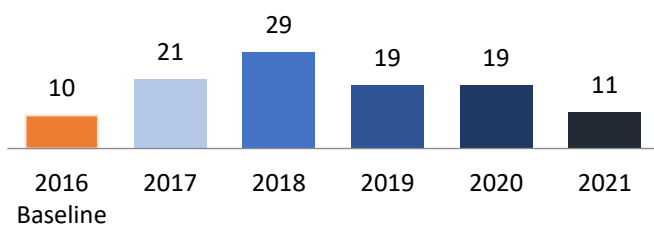
Beginning in 2016, The Ford Family Foundation began funding a Regional Home Visiting Systems Coordination (HVSC) project. The vision for

the project is for the Siskiyou County, California region to have a coordinated home visiting system that strengthens and benefits all home visiting models as part of each region's early childhood development system. The long-term goal for the project is to improve outcomes for children and families and expand the region's capacity to serve more families. The work is primarily focused on:

- Improving **internal communication** between and among home visiting providers;
- Increasing **community awareness** about the availability and benefits of home visiting;
- Development of a **coordinated referral system** to connect families to the best match home visiting or other family support programs; and
- Development of a regional **home visitor professional development plan** to promote shared learning.

To assess change over time, a survey asking about the regional home visiting system was administered with key stakeholders to provide a cross-sectional data point, following baseline in 2016 and each year thereafter.

Eleven respondents in 2021 represented a 37% response rate.



Key Accomplishments & Opportunities

Stakeholders reported accomplishments in each of the primary areas work through the project, as well as areas for continued growth.

Governance & Planning

Survey participants in 2021 more strongly agreed that those involved in governance and planning for HVSC work have established a foundation for working together effectively, a shared vision and objectives, and that the people critical to the work are involved.

“The collaborative was instrumental in building the networks we utilize today. [Home visiting programs] did not really speak to or refer families to each other.”

Internal Communication

Survey participants largely agreed that there is a high level of mutual respect and understanding among people involved in HVSC work.

However, possibly related to the continued challenges posed by COVID-19 conditions, somewhat lower rates of respondents reported communication between and within HV programs happening as effectively as in recent prior years.

Coordinated Referral

With the expanded and more regular use of the universal referral form and process, respondents reported higher rates of agreement related to use of the form and clarity of referral processes.

Future work could focus on addressing issues of family confidentiality and establishing MOUs/MOAs among participating programs.

Community Awareness

Fewer respondents in agreed that families know about HV programs and services, but a higher rate agreed that families understand the benefits.

More respondents also reported families feeling skeptical about the idea of HV services, which may be connected to ongoing COVID-19 conditions.

Professional Development

All survey participants in 2021 agreed that the HV system was effective at sharing professional development resources and building from a training plan.

Sustainability

A high rate of survey participants in 2021 agreed that programs have improved their work together for increased funds and that there are multiple funding sources in the community.

“The potential for helping families is well worth the effort everyone in our county is putting in to HV.”

