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Second Annual National Home Visiting Week is April 20-24, 2026

GREENE COUNTY, OH – National Home Visiting Week takes place April 20-24, an observance that celebrates and recognizes home visitors and the positive impact they have on maternal and child health outcomes.

Home visiting connects pregnant and parenting families with young children to trained family support professionals who provide customized coaching and guidance through pregnancy and the early stages of a child’s development. Utilizing a variety of evidence-based models, home visiting supports healthy birth outcomes, increases family self-sufficiency, and helps children enter school fully prepared to succeed.

Home visiting programs are offered in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. In 2025, more than 284,000 families engaged in home visiting services in the U.S.

Organizations throughout the country are celebrating National Home Visiting by sharing home visitor stories on social media and other digital channels. Greene County Public Health’s Home Visiting programs, offered through Help Me Grow, provide free, voluntary, in-home support for expectant parents and families with young children, focusing on healthy pregnancies, child development, and parenting education. Through evidence-based models like Nurse-Family Partnership, Healthy Families America, and Family Connects Ohio, trained professionals deliver personalized guidance, connect families to community resources, and help build the skills and confidence needed to support a child’s healthy growth and development.

The Institute for the Advancement of Family Support Professionals, an organization focused on strengthening home visiting and human service programs across the country, is collaborating with nonprofit partners and elected officials to organize National Home Visiting Week. The Institute offers a free online training program to help family support professionals learn new skills to support the growth of the home visiting workforce.

“Home visiting is a powerful tool to help make our families and communities stronger and more resilient,” said Institute executive director Janet Horras. “Our local home visitors are incredible, and we’re proud to highlight their important work through National Home Visiting Week and beyond.”

To learn more about National Home Visiting Week and the Institute, visit <https://www.theinstitutefsp.org>. For more information about home visiting programs available through Greene County Public Health, visit <https://www.greenecophoh.gov/wellness-services/maternal-and-child-health/help-me-grow/home-visiting> or call 937-374-5645.

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