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Implementation of the Family Connects Model & CHIP Alignment

ARAPAHOE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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Priority Area	Goal Area	Objective	Strategy
Increase Economic Security and Mobility	5. Improve Access to Affordable Physical and Behavioral Care	By December 30, 2026, offer at least one home visit from a nurse and connection to community resources to families with a new baby through the Family Connects Model.	Increase realized access to community-based programs and services.

Connecting every family to a healthy future

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3 Weeks In
Expect a visit around 3 weeks after birth

For All
Helping every family with a newborn

Registered Nurses
All nurses are highly skilled professionals

No Cost
As a parent, there is no additional cost to you

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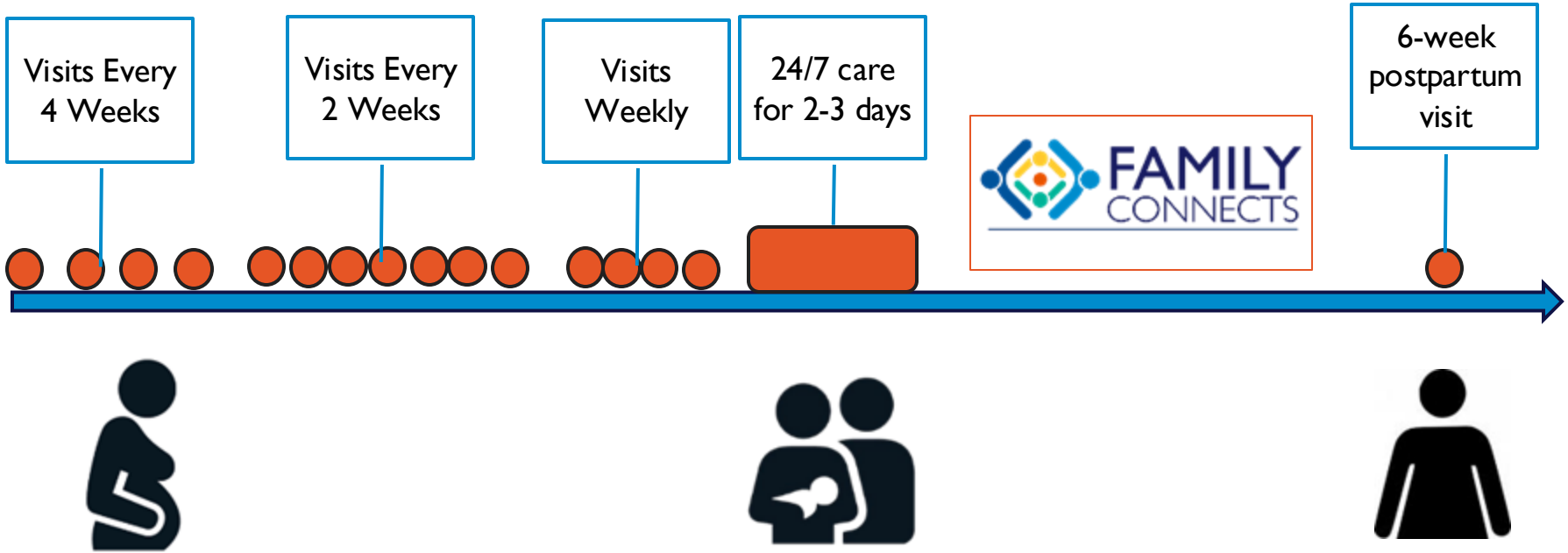
Family Connects Intervention



Why It Matters

Connection from the Start

All newborns deserve a warm and secure connection to family and community from the start. Too often, however, medical providers and community agencies aren't well aligned, creating gaps and possibly leading to poor health outcomes.

A Critical Period

No family should navigate this period of tremendous change alone. We connect newborn families to home-visiting nurses and community resources for critical postpartum support.

In Relationship

FC sites build relationships with local community agencies and providers to meets the needs of families with newborns.

REQUIRED ROLES

					
Program Admin	**Community Alignment Specialist**	**Nurse Supervisor**	**Nurse Home Visitor**	**Medical Director**	**Program Support Specialist**
Michele Ebendick	**Mikayla Branz**	**Rebecca Rapport**	**Kena Pina**	**FCI Colorado**	**TBD, Funding needed**

Home Visit Components

Support for Healthcare	Support for Caring for Infant	Support for a Safe Home	Support for Parent
Maternal Health (Physical assessment)	Childcare Plans	Household Safety and Material Supports	Parent Well-being (Assessment of support networks)
Infant Health (Physical assessment, feeding assessment, and lactation support)	Parent-Child Relationships	Family and Community Safety	Substance Use
Healthcare Plans	Management of Infant Crying	History with Parent Difficulties	Parent Emotional Support (Postpartum depression screening)

Community Alignment Domains

MODEL FIDELITY

Family Connects has **three primary Key Performance Indicators** that are used to demonstrate model fidelity.

Population Reach: ≥60% of the eligible population must complete an Integrated Home Visit (IHV) or Virtual Visit (Modified Integrated Home Visit)

Average Age of Infant at IHV: ≥70% of infants are 14-34 days old at the time of the integrated home visit.

Referral Connection Rate: ≥50% of all nurse referrals related to a support score of 3 or higher resulting in a successful **connection**

Program Evidence

- Families had 44% lower rates of Child Protective Services investigations for suspected child abuse or neglect through child age 2; 39% lower investigation rates through child age 5.
- Out of 630 home visits by Family Connects in Colorado nurses, 2 referrals were made to Child Protective Services (0.003%)
- Positive impact on access to community resources for families
  - At 6 months:
    - Decreases maternal anxiety disorder by 34% and closes race disparity gap by 89%
  - At 60 months:
    - Decreases emergency medical care by 33% and closes race disparity by 14%
    - Decreases child abuse investigations by 39% and closes race disparity by 28%
- In a replication randomized controlled trial, there were even better outcomes in decreasing child abuse investigations by 44% and a 57% reduction in race disparity.
- 95% of families indicate support needs following a hospital discharge.

Source: https://familyconnects.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/v2-FCI-Model-Overview-of-Evidence-2021.pdf.pdf

Family Connects Colorado Implementation Structure

National Model Purveyor

FAMILY CONNECTS INTERNATIONAL

State Intermediary & Colorado Admin Home

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Initial Implementation Sites

- Eagle County Public Health
- Boulder County Public Health (Joint Site with Broomfield HHS)
- Jefferson County Public Health
- Public Health Institute at Denver Health

Expansion Sites

- Mesa County Public Health
- Arapahoe County Public Health
- Weld County Public Health (Pending / TBD)
- Great Expectations - Garfield & Pitkin (Structure TBD)
- Adams County Public Health (Structure TBD)

Family Connects Colorado Participating Hospitals

Aspen Valley Hospital
Avista Hospital
Boulder Community Foothills Hospital
Denver Health Medical Center
Good Samaritan Medical Center
Longmont United Hospital
Longs Peak Hospital
Lutheran Medical Center
Vail Health
Valley View Hospital
Mesa County - TBD (1 or 2 hospitals)

ACPH Year 1 Catchment Area (Eligibility):

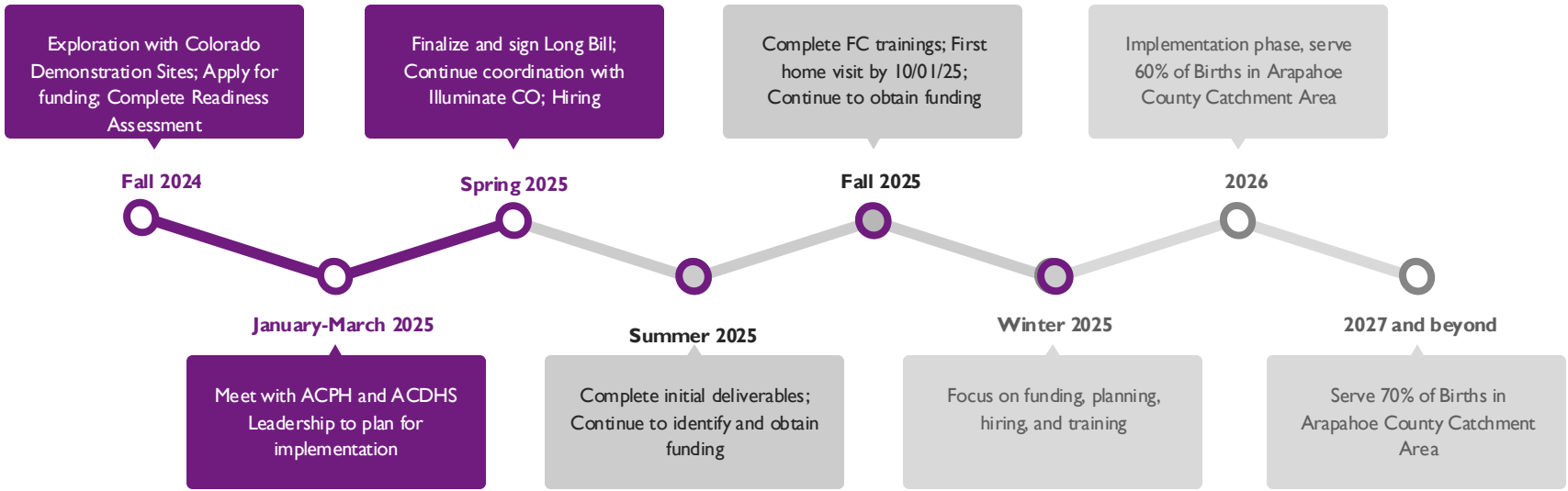
Arapahoe County residents who birth at Denver Health*
~850 births a year, ~510 home visits a year

*Current NFP clients are not eligible for FC

Funding Sources

- ACPH MCH Title V Block Grant
- Public Health Institute at Denver Health subcontract for CDEC R-06 funds
- Illuminate Colorado subcontract for Office of Minority Health funds
- Colorado Access Community Giving grant
- *In progress: Health First Colorado Medicaid Reimbursement*

Family Connects at ACPH Timeline



ACPH CHIP Alignment

- Screening, Resource & Referral
- Upstream changes to improve social and emotional wellbeing of families
- Increase awareness of tax credits
- Partner with Regional Accountable Entity
- Advocate for policy change to improve access to care
- Improve safety resources and partnerships
- Address food insecurity

BOH Call to Action

- Identify funding opportunities
- Support hospital connections, especially with OB/GYN
- Share training opportunities for nurse home visitors
- Identify organizations that support families for our Provider Directory

Thank you!