

ESDHD Nurturing Families is an evidence-based program provided through the Office of Early Childhood and funded through the Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) federal grant.

## Who is Home Visiting For?

Nurturing Families is a FREE service for families who are pregnant or recently had a baby in the towns/neighborhoods of East Haven, West Haven, Branford, North Branford, North Haven, Hamden, Milford, Fair Haven, and other towns as needed.

## Why Home Visiting?

Nurturing Families is designed to support parents and caregivers, so children have the best start in life. We achieve this by:

- sharing information about child development and parenting
- encouraging healthy and nurturing parent-child relationships
- guiding families to community services which will strengthen their family

## How Home Visiting works?

- Families start with the program prenatally or before the child is three months old
- Home visits are scheduled at the family's convenience.
- Visits include information and activities related to both the parent and child
- We work with families to identify and promote their strengths
- Parents will learn to identify and respond to baby's cues
- Together with the parent, we explore the child's development
- We support the health and wellbeing of the whole family and work with the parent to identify areas where they might want additional support
- If the family would like, we can work with them until their child reaches 5 years old!

Referrals can now be made online <u>here!</u>
For more information about this program, or to make a referral, please contact

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