**Findings**

Indication of service need: Over 137,000 families with children under 5 years old live in poverty in Los Angeles County. (2000 Census)

Home Visitation Agency Survey Results:
- Just over a third of the home visitation programs in LA County use a standard curriculum or program model. The most common are Family Preservation, Early Head Start and Black Infant Health.
- Most agencies have developed their own programs to serve their client population.
- The most common services provided in the home are case management/assessment, child abuse prevention, parenting education, growth/development and home safety. Surveyed agencies provide an average of 12 different services in the home to their clients.
- The average number of home visitors employed by the agencies surveyed is nine, each having an average caseload of 21 clients.
- Home visitors in LA County serve an estimated 67,383 children each year.

Note: 28 First 5 LA and 67 other home visitation programs in LA County responded to the survey.

**Experiences**

“Our program acts as a bridge for newly immigrated families, allowing them to cross safely into American society and the school system.”
- Home Visitor

“I value the satisfaction I get from watching the families' self-esteem and skills improve, and the bond I form with the families.”
- Home Visitor

“Even the services which may seem small to us are big for the family. If a client hasn’t seen her mother in a long time and I can facilitate them getting together, that’s a big deal for the family.”
- Program Administrator

“Home visitation allows for a relationship to start so that families can be introduced to more services.”
- Service Provider

**Serving and Connecting Families and Communities**

- Home visitation works best as a system of services, linking clients to other resources.
- Home visitation is the preferred service delivery strategy for situations where a parent is unwilling to seek services outside the home.