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Nurse-Family Partnership intervenes at this most opportune time – when those pregnant, first-time mothers face challenges such as poverty, social isolation, abuse and other stressors. Our nurses enable women who are born into the most difficult circumstances to give their babies the care necessary for them to thrive during the critical early stages of development and beyond. Nurse-Family Partnership is helping to build healthy brains as early as possible.

Nearly 40 years of research, replication and innovation show that Nurse-Family Partnership impacts health and social outcomes for multiple generations. Outcomes include long-term improvements in health, child welfare, school readiness, crime and self-sufficiency. The program's strong evidence of effectiveness predicts that New York agencies can achieve outcomes such as the following when implemented with fidelity.ⁱⁱ

The effects of poverty on children's health are so pernicious that some doctors have called for classifying childhood poverty as a disease.

– The Urban Institute
Washington, D.C.

Nurse-Family Partnership *promotes healthier pregnancies and birth outcomes:*

- 25% reduction in tobacco smoked
- 33% reduction in pregnancy-induced hypertension
- 15% reduction in births below 37 weeks gestation
- 37% reduction in closely spaced, high-risk pregnancies within 15 months postpartum during four years after the first birth
- 25% reduction in second births within 15 months postpartum
- 41.9 fewer subsequent preterm births per 1,000 families served

Nurse-Family Partnership *has a significant impact on healthy child and adolescent development:*

- 12% increase in mothers who attempt to breastfeed
- 48% reduction in risk of infant death (3.0 fewer deaths per 1,000 families served)
- 34% reduction in injuries treated in emergency departments, ages 0-2
- 14% increase in full immunization, ages 0-2
- Reductions in child mortality. 1.6% of children not receiving NFP died from preventable causes, including sudden infant death syndrome, unintentional injuries and homicide, while none of the NFP children died from these causes, through child age 20.ⁱⁱⁱ
- 56% reduction in alcohol, tobacco, & marijuana use, ages 12-15
- 33% reduction in child maltreatment through age 15
- 25% reduction in crimes and arrests, ages 11-17

Nurse-Family Partnership *improves school readiness:*

- 41% reduction in language delay
- 67% reduction in behavioral and intellectual problems at child age six^{iv}

Nurse-Family Partnership *improves maternal self-sufficiency and wellbeing:*

- 17% reduction in assaults through intimate partner violence, prenatal to child age five
- 7% reduction in TANF payments through year 13 post-partum
- 10% reduction in Food Stamp payments through at least year 15 post-partum
- 8% reduction in months of Medicaid coverage needed through at least year 15 post-partum
- Subsidized child care cases reduced by 3.7 children per 1,000 families served
- Significant reductions in maternal mortality. Mothers who were not in Nurse-Family Partnership were eight times more likely to die from external causes, including unintentional injuries, suicide, drug overdose and homicide (through child age 20)^v

Having my nurse to discuss all of my concerns has made all the difference in my world... [She has] been there for my son, my family and I on more occasions than I can count... I am not sure what I would have done without her but I will continue to remember the many lessons that I've learned. I am working full time, enrolled in school full time and I am raising a smart, busy little boy.

– Tanisha Alleyne, NFP Graduate
Queens, NY



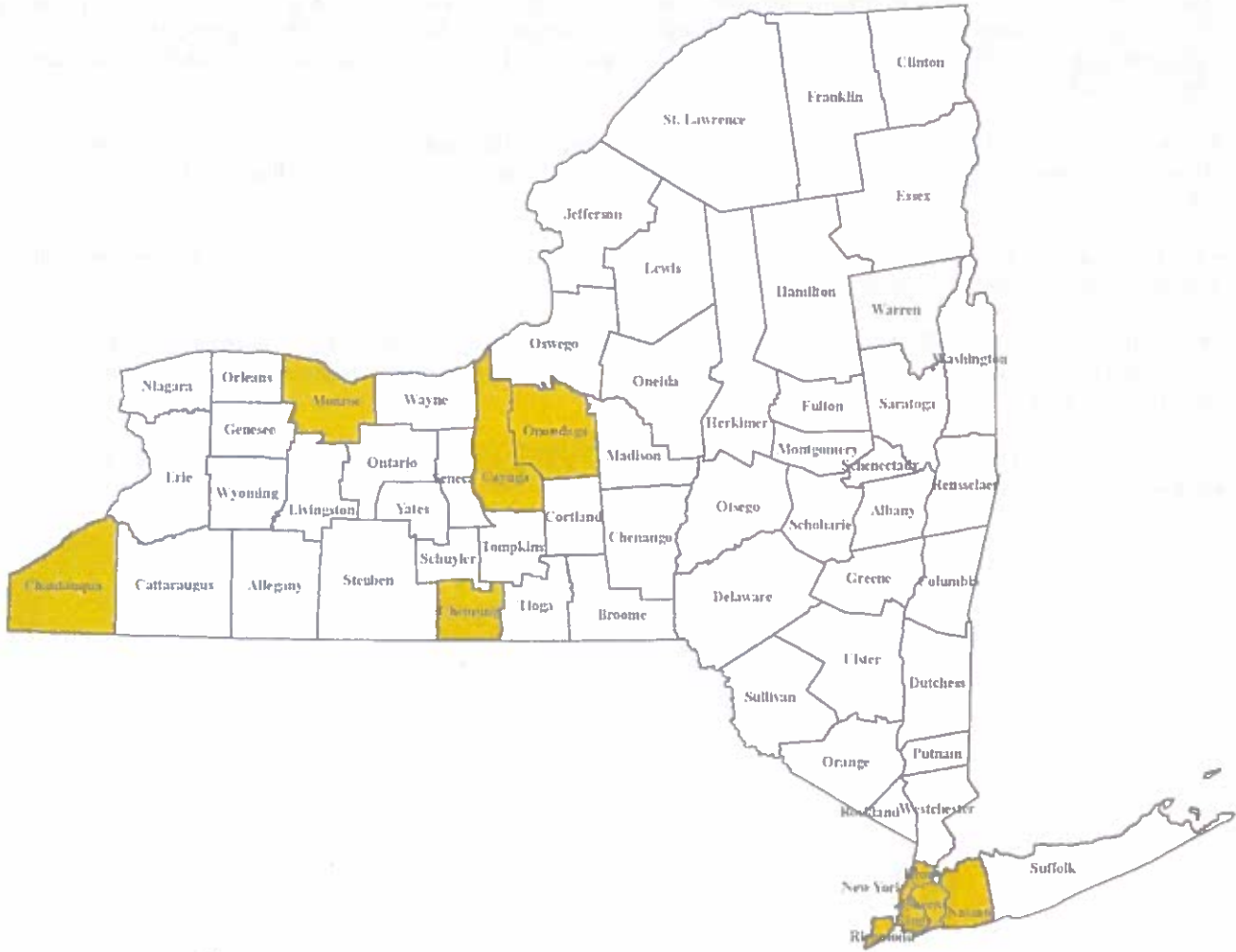
Nurse-Family Partnership; increase funding for **Healthy Families New York** by \$4.5 million to \$27.8 million in the OCFS budget; and add \$1.4 million for **Parents As Teachers**, as well as \$2 million for the **Parent-Child Home Program**. Extending investment to these other programs will strengthen the home visiting service continuum for New York families.

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The Need for Nurse-Family Partnership in New York. For nearly four decades, Nurse-Family Partnership has successfully provided first-time mothers with the knowledge, support and tools to take control of their lives and to come away from their Nurse-Family Partnership journey as strong, capable parents and with plans for a healthy, stable and bright future. As noted earlier, it currently operates in New York State with a funded capacity to serve 3,040 first-time families. When compared with the more than 45,500 annual first-time Medicaid births, it is clear that the program is barely scratching the surface and could make significant strides if provided with the means to expand its reach and to serve more families.

In addition to our request for \$6 million to support Nurse-Family Partnership, we also urge you to maintain funding for the **Community Optional Preventive Services (COPS)** program administered by the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), an important funding source for Nurse-Family Partnership; reject the governor's proposal to reduce NYC's reimbursement rate for public health services (Article 6), another key funding source for

Figure A



ⁱ Ted R Miller, PhD, Societal Return on Investment in Nurse-Family Partnership Services in New York, 11/08/2016. Ted Miller of the Pacific Institute for Research and Development developed this fact sheet and the cost model underpinning it. His contact information is Pacific Institute for Research & Evaluation, 814 Bromley St., Silver Spring, MD 20902; e-mail miller@pire.org. This calculator was funded in part by NIDA grant 1-R01 DA021624. Calculator Date: 11/5/2016, Fact Sheet Date: 11/8/2016 22:18.

ⁱⁱ Unless otherwise cited, these data points are New York State-specific. Ibid Ted Miller. National statistics are presented in "Projected Outcomes of Nurse-Family Partnership Home Visitation During 1996-2013, USA." *Prevention Science*. Published online 6/16/15.

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