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Early Investments, A Lifetime of Success.

DATA NOTE: COVID-19 has had a significant impact on children and families in Ohio, exacerbating the challenges faced by many who were already working to overcome obstacles associated with poverty and racial and geographic inequities. The data in this fact sheet reflect the experience of children and families prior to COVID-19 and will serve as a benchmark as we gauge the impact of and recovery from the pandemic.



Infants & Toddlers Accessing Evidence-Based Home Visiting

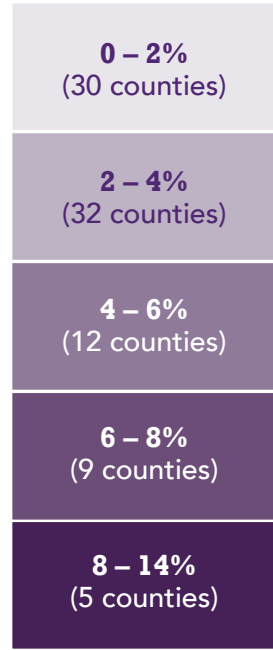
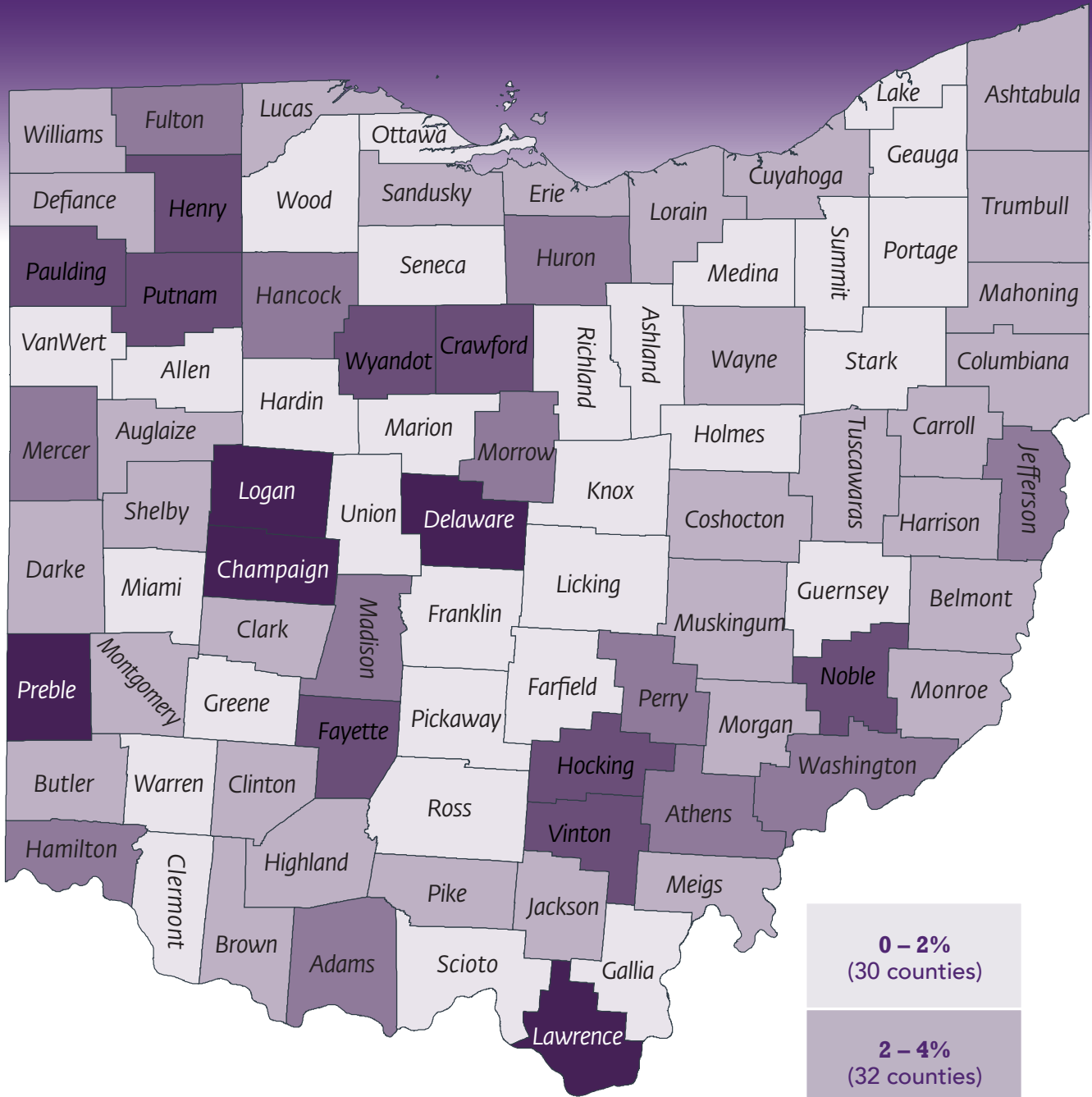
Voluntary evidence-based home visiting is a two-generation approach designed to help support parents and caregivers in strengthening the bond between the adult and child during the most crucial child development stages—prenatal to age three.

Not only does evidence-based home visiting have a positive impact on the parent-child relationship, but it also provides parents with healthy development and early learning practices and resources needed to build a strong foundation for the child and their future success. Ohio funds the Help Me Grow evidence-based home visiting program through the Ohio Department of Health.

Evidence-based home visiting is targeted to vulnerable low-income in consideration of additional risk factors. Eligible parents and caregivers can expect a home visitor by a trained professional at least monthly beginning prenatally through the first few years of a child's life.

Many Ohio families could benefit from this critical intervention, but few are accessing the program.

In total, Only 2.5%* of the eligible infants and toddlers in Ohio are participating in Help Me Grow.



***Note:**

Percent of infants and toddlers (ages 0-3) receiving evidence-based home visiting was calculated by comparing the amount of infants and toddlers receiving evidence-based home visiting services in each county and the amount of infants and toddlers at or below 200% FPL in each county.

Data source:

Ohio Department of Health Data Production, February 2020