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**TO:** WIC Regional Directors  
WIC Local Agency Directors

**FROM:** Amanda Hovis, Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Texas Home Visiting Program

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The Texas Home Visiting Program is a series of free programs that serve low-income pregnant women and families with children birth through five years of age. Texas Home Visiting implements four evidence-based parenting programs, Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP), Early Head Start-Home Based (EHS-HB), Parents as Teachers (PAT) and Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) in 43 counties across Texas. Participation in home visiting services is voluntary.

- NFP enrolls first time mothers by the 28<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy and pairs them with a Nurse Home Visitor. NFP provides prenatal and postpartum home visits by registered nurses who have also received breastfeeding training. The visits, which usually take place in the family's home, continue throughout the woman's pregnancy and until her child is two years old. The nurses provide support, education, and counseling on health, parenting, developmental issues, and life skills.
- EHS-HB is for pregnant women and their families as well as families with children ages three and younger who meet income requirements or have children with special needs. Early Head Start provides weekly, 90 minute home visits and twice monthly group gatherings with other children and parents. Home Visitors and parents work together to plan home visiting activities.
- PAT is for any family expecting a child or with children up to kindergarten age (five or six). PAT Parent Educators teach parents about child development and give parenting support. PAT helps to ensure that young children are healthy, safe, and ready to learn through one-on-one home visits, monthly group meetings, developmental testing and a resource network for families.
- HIPPY is for families with children ages three, four or five. HIPPY helps prepare children for school and beyond. Each week a home visitor works with the family on weekly activities focused on reading, counting, learning colors, and other ways to get the child ready for kindergarten. HIPPY helps parents be their child's first teacher by giving them the tools, skills, and confidence they need to work with their children in the home.

**If the Texas Home Visiting Program serves any of your counties, please refer potential voluntary participants to this extremely valuable program.** Please use the attached list to contact program leads in your county or counties to ask for the appropriate referral form.

As a reminder, telling participants about this program does not require a memorandum of understanding (MOU).

For more information on any of Texas Home Visiting programs please visit [www.texashomevisiting.org](http://www.texashomevisiting.org) or contact Sophia Strother, Community Impact Team Lead at [Sophia.strother@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:Sophia.strother@hhsc.state.tx.us).

**Texas Home Visiting Program**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Counties Served</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Email Address</b>	<b>Phone #</b>
The Children's Shelter	NFP	Bexar	Cheryl Weise	<a href="mailto:cweise@chshel.org">cweise@chshel.org</a>	(210) 223-2523
Catholic Charities	NFP	Bexar	Cynthia Hernandez	<a href="mailto:chernandez@ccaosa.org">chernandez@ccaosa.org</a>	(210) 226-3030
Catholic Charities	PAT	Bexar	Shirley Seaney	<a href="mailto:sseaney@ccaosa.org">sseaney@ccaosa.org</a>	(210) 568-8958
Catholic Charities	HIPPY	Bexar	Gina Acevedo	<a href="mailto:gina.acevedo@ccaosa.org">gina.acevedo@ccaosa.org</a>	(210) 748-7904
University Health System	NFP	Bexar	Phyllis Priess	<a href="mailto:phyllis.priess@uhs-sa.com">phyllis.priess@uhs-sa.com</a>	210-358-9867
Easter Seals	PAT	Cameron/ Hidalgo/ Willacy	Christine Califa	<a href="mailto:ccalifa@easterseals-rgv.org">ccalifa@easterseals-rgv.org</a>	(956) 631-9171
City of Port Arthur Health Department	NFP	Chambers/ Hardin/ Jefferson/ Orange	Karla Quigley	<a href="mailto:karla.quigley@portarthurtx.gov">karla.quigley@portarthurtx.gov</a>	(409) 983-8886
Texas Tech University Health Science Center	NFP	Crosby/ Floyd/ Garza/ Hale/ Hockley/ Lynn/ Terry	Sonya Flores	<a href="mailto:s.flores@ttuhsc.edu">s.flores@ttuhsc.edu</a>	(806) 743-9673
ChildCareGroup	PAT	Dallas/Collin	Stacy Cochran	<a href="mailto:scochran@ccgroup.org">scochran@ccgroup.org</a>	(214) 905-3521
Family Compass	PAT	Dallas/Collin	Tina Robertson	<a href="mailto:trobertson@family-compass.org">trobertson@family-compass.org</a>	(214) 370-9810
Lumin Education	PAT	Dallas	Elena Campbell	<a href="mailto:elena.campbell@lumineducation.org">elena.campbell@lumineducation.org</a>	(214) 824-8950
Dallas ISD	HIPPY	Dallas	Adriana Trevino	<a href="mailto:adtrevino@dallasisd.org">adtrevino@dallasisd.org</a>	(972) 925-6794
YWCA Dallas	NFP	Dallas/Tarrant	Alison Collazo	<a href="mailto:acollazo@ywcadallas.org">acollazo@ywcadallas.org</a>	214-584-2326
Tarrant County Public Health Department	NFP	Dallas/Tarrant	Karen Miller	<a href="mailto:kcmiller@tarrantcounty.com">kcmiller@tarrantcounty.com</a>	817-413-6320
University of Texas Permian Basin	PAT	Ector/Midland	Samantha Clough	<a href="mailto:clough_s@utpb.edu">clough_s@utpb.edu</a>	(432) 552-2161
University of Texas Permian Basin	HIPPY	Ector/Midland	Darlene Thomas	<a href="mailto:Thomas_d@utpb.edu">Thomas_d@utpb.edu</a>	(432) 552-4164
University of Texas Permian Basin	NFP	Ector/Midland	Paige McPherson	<a href="mailto:mcperson_a@utpb.edu">mcperson_a@utpb.edu</a>	(432) 552-4167
University Medical Center of El Paso	NFP	El Paso	Patti Parsons	<a href="mailto:PParsons@umcelpaso.org">PParsons@umcelpaso.org</a>	915-544-1200 x44450
Baylor Teen Health Clinic	NFP	Fort Bend/Harris	Odetta Price	<a href="mailto:odettap@bcm.edu">odettap@bcm.edu</a>	281-820-2995
Houston Dept. Health and Human Services	NFP	Fort Bend/Harris	Lillie Peter	<a href="mailto:lillie.peter@houstontx.gov">lillie.peter@houstontx.gov</a>	832-393-4110
Texas Children's Health Plan	NFP	Fort Bend/Harris	Adrian McKinney	<a href="mailto:aamckinn@texaschildrens.org">aamckinn@texaschildrens.org</a>	832-828-1273
Good Shepherd Medical Center	NFP	Gregg/Harrison	Mary Isichei	<a href="mailto:misichei@gsmc.org">misichei@gsmc.org</a>	(903) 315-4876
Wellness Point	HIPPY	Gregg	Kelly Pruitt	<a href="mailto:kelly.pruitt@wellnesspointe.org">kelly.pruitt@wellnesspointe.org</a>	(903) 212-4659 x4659
Community Health Core	PAT	Gregg	Shawn Longoria	<a href="mailto:shawn.longoria@communityhealthcore.com">shawn.longoria@communityhealthcore.com</a>	(903)237-2398
Houston Independent School District	HIPPY	Harris	Gabby Hernandez	<a href="mailto:mhernand@houstonisd.org">mhernand@houstonisd.org</a>	713-556-7155
Collaborative For Children	PAT	Harris	Andrea Francis	<a href="mailto:afrancis@collabforchildren.org">afrancis@collabforchildren.org</a>	713-600-1126
Community Action	EHS-HB	Hays	Alex Mylius	<a href="mailto:amylius@communityaction.com">amylius@communityaction.com</a>	512-396-3395
Easter Seals	HIPPY	Hidalgo/Willacy	Lizbeth Carrera	<a href="mailto:lcarrera@easterseals-rgv.org">lcarrera@easterseals-rgv.org</a>	956-631-9171

MET	PAT	Montgomery	Stacey Taylor	<a href="mailto:taylor@metinc.org">taylor@metinc.org</a>	(281) 689-5544 x207
City of Corpus Christi	NFP	Nueces	Ashley Gentry	<a href="mailto:ashleyge@cctexas.com">ashleyge@cctexas.com</a>	(361) 826-7200
Catholic Charities	PAT	Nueces	Jacquelyn (Jacki) Siller	<a href="mailto:jsiller@diocesec.org">jsiller@diocesec.org</a>	361-442-2224 X17
Education Service Center Region II	HIPPY	Nueces	Letty Aleman	<a href="mailto:Leticia.aleman@esc2.us">Leticia.aleman@esc2.us</a>	(361) 561-8530
Community Action Agency	EHS	Nueces	Isabel Valle-Carpenter	<a href="mailto:lvalle-carpenter@nccaatx.org">lvalle-carpenter@nccaatx.org</a>	361-883-7201 x27
Texas Tech University Health Science School of Medicine at Amarillo	NFP	Potter/ Randall	Ruth Whitehead	<a href="mailto:ruth.whitehead@ttuhsc.edu">ruth.whitehead@ttuhsc.edu</a>	(806) 414-9988
Highland Park ISD Elementary School	PAT	Potter/ Randall	Mary Beth Young	<a href="mailto:marybeth.young@hpsd.net">marybeth.young@hpsd.net</a>	(806) 322-3769
Specialized Therapy Services	HIPPY	Potter/ Randall	Colleen Feese	<a href="mailto:cfeese@stsamarillo.com">cfeese@stsamarillo.com</a>	(806) 418-8939
Education Service Center Region 16	EHS-HB	Potter/ Randall	Edna Medrano	<a href="mailto:edna.medrano@esc16.net">edna.medrano@esc16.net</a>	(806) 677-5452
Education Service Center Region II	HIPPY	Nueces	Heather McQueen	<a href="mailto:heather.mcqueen@esc2.us">heather.mcqueen@esc2.us</a>	(361) 561-8532
Parkland Hospital	NFP	Dallas/Tarrant	Beverly Merritt	<a href="mailto:BEVERLY.MERRITT@phhs.org">BEVERLY.MERRITT@phhs.org</a>	214-266-1139
Ft. Worth Independent School District	PAT	Tarrant	Julie Miers	<a href="mailto:julie.miers@fwisd.org">julie.miers@fwisd.org</a>	(817) 814-3330 (817) 269-3610
City of Laredo	NFP	Webb	Waldo Lopez	<a href="mailto:wlopez@ci.laredo.tx.us">wlopez@ci.laredo.tx.us</a>	956-795-4921
North Texas Area United Way	HIPPY	Wichita	Amanda Alpers	<a href="mailto:aalpers@ntauw.org">aalpers@ntauw.org</a>	940-322-8638
Wichita Independent School District	PAT	Wichita	Yolanda D. Lewis	<a href="mailto:ylewis@wfisd.net">ylewis@wfisd.net</a>	(940) 235-4317
Community Healthcare Center of Wichita	NFP	Wichita	Leslie Gresham	<a href="mailto:lgresham@chcwf.com">lgresham@chcwf.com</a>	(940) 397-2618
Women's Hospital at Renaissance	NFP	Willacy	Lillie Garza	<a href="mailto:li.garza@dhr-rgv.com">li.garza@dhr-rgv.com</a>	(956) 362-4198