

Secure and Nurturing Families Local Performance Measures



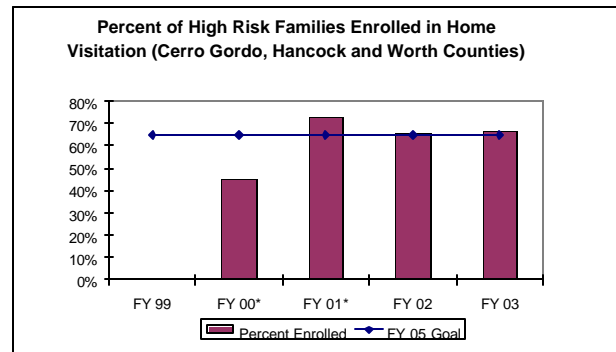
Cerro Gordo, Hancock and Worth Counties Empowerment Area

Local Identified Need/Priority: Home visitation services for "high risk" families

Goal: By fiscal year 2005, 65% of all families, identified as "high risk" during screenings done at the birth center, will receive home visitation services.

Local Performance Measure: Percent of "high risk" families enrolled in Family Connections home visitation program.

Strategies: To continue to collaborate with the United Way, public health, private healthcare providers, Mercy Center-NI and home care agencies to refer families assessed as high risk.



*The data for FY '00 and '01 do not represent the percent of births screened at the birth center that chose to participate in the program. Data collection from the birth center began in FY '02.

Mahaska-Wapello Empowerment Area



Local Identified Need/Priority: Increase parental involvement with their children and encourage early intellectual stimulation of very young children.

Goal: Increase parents knowledge about child-rearing practices, developmentally appropriate activities, and child development.

Local Performance Measures: Percent of parents participating in Parents as Teachers program who are more knowledgeable about child development, more confident in parenting skills, more engaged in language and literacy-promoting behaviors, use positive parenting, and are involved in their child's education.

Strategies: 100% of parents giving birth at local and regional hospitals receive information about Parents as Teachers (PAT) and are invited to enroll in the program. Those parents who give birth in local hospitals, but reside outside the Mahaska-Wapello area are provided information about PAT programs in their home area. Empowerment funds and an Early Learning Opportunity Act Discretionary Grant (ELOA) grant supported the program.

