

Providing Support That Empowers: Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs and Brain Science-Informed Human Services

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Using Brain Science to Transform Human Services and Increase Personal Mobility from Poverty

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- Thoughts
- Emotions
- Actions
- Future orientation



Understanding this science can transform human services and personal pathways out of poverty through brain science informed:

- Level 1- Environment and Process Improvements
- Level 2- Enhanced Case Management Approaches
- Level 3- Coach-Navigator Interventions

Level III- Coach Navigator Interventions Based on Brain Science What are they?

- They produce economic mobility outcomes, up to and including full economic independence (≈80%+ of AMI);
- 2. They strengthen the personal decisionmaking and self-management skills most depleted by the stresses of poverty



Coach Navigator Interventions Produce Full Economic Independence Outcomes How do they do it?

- Coaching with participant-directed self-assessment and goal-setting across multiple domains: family stability; well-being; money management; education; and career.
- Duration- up to and including full economic independence



Coach Navigator Interventions strengthen the personal decision-making and self-management skills How do they do it?

- Coaches use brain science-based tools and approaches designed to reduce personal stress, improve decision-making and foster resilience and persistence;
- With frequency and duration, routine practice promotes permanent skill gains.



Coach Navigator Model Outcomes

2009-2014 Boston Mobility Mentoring

- Increased earnings 72% to \$27.00/hr;
- Increased post secondary degrees from 30% to 90%;
- Positive ROI in Year 5 alone of \$8000pp (Prottas, Brandeis, 2015)



Washington State DEL Mobility Mentoring (n=10,000) positive parent outcomes in all 17 areas measured (earnings, education, etc.) p<.001 (WA DEL, 2017)

US Partnership on Mobility from Poverty Personal Mobility Pathways Recommendations

1. Expand coach-navigator interventions. Help existing programs add capacity, and create new programs.

2. Educate the field. Educate providers on the brain science of poverty and how brain science-informed strategies can help.

3. Strengthen existing providers. Support providers through funding and technical assistance to implement brain science-informed approaches into their work.

4. Evaluate and share best practices. Support evaluations of new brain science-informed interventions, and disseminate key findings.

Combining Brain Science-Enhanced Personal Mobility Interventions with Other Partnership Ideas



- Scale Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs to Reduce Poverty and Improve Health
- Stepping on the Gas: Community Colleges as Engines of Economic Mobility
- Opening Mobility Pathways by Closing the Financial Services Gap
- Opportunity Neighborhoods: Building the Foundation for Economic Mobility in America's Metros

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Scaling Evidence-Based Home Visiting

Roxane White | roxane.white@aspeninstitute.org | @RoxPWhite Morgridge Family Economic Security Innovator in Residence, Ascend at the Aspen Institute; Member, US Partnership on Mobility from Poverty Early childhood home visiting is a service delivery strategy that connects new and expectant parents with a designated support person—often a trained nurse, social worker, or early childhood specialist—to meet in their home or another preferred location.

The Two-Generation Continuum





2Gen Core Components

social capital

peer and family networks, coaching, and cohort strategies

early childhood

development

Head Start, Early Head Start child care partnerships, preK, and home visiting

postsecondary & employment

pathways

community college, training and certification, workforce partnerships

health & > well-being

mental, physical, and behavioral health, coverage and access to care, adverse childhood experiences, toxic stress

economic assets

asset building, housing and public supports, financial capacity, transportation

Home Visiting: Theory of Change



Families Served Through Evidence-Based Home Visiting



3,916,475 home visits provided



301,154 families served



312,154 children served

(National Home Visiting Resource Center, 2017 Home Visiting Yearbook, https://www.nhvrc.org.)

Evidence-Based Home Visiting by County (2016)



Potential Impact for Evidence-Based Home Visiting

18,269,100

Families could

home visiting

benefit from



Evidence of Effectiveness

Research from Nobel-winning economist James Heckman demonstrates a **13% return** on investment in high-quality early childhood for each year of a child's life.

For families with young children who have an annual income of \$25,000 or less, a \$3,000 increase during the years of early childhood yields a **17 percent increase** in adult earnings for those children.

Brain research shows that the brains of new parents undergo major structural changes just as babies' brains do.



Recommendations

- Facilitate access to state Medicaid funding
- Remain responsive to ongoing efforts to reform US healthcare system
- Grow the home visiting workforce
- Mobilize strategic partnerships in priority states
- Invest in community-wide efforts to promote population health level change
- Convene stakeholders to identify sustainable funding solutions
- Fund research to support home visiting as a solution to intergenerational poverty

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