

Home Visiting Programs Video Transcript

Hello. My name is Michelle Schumacher. I'm a family navigator at the Waisman Center. Today, we are talking about programs that come to your home to support you and your child, otherwise known as home visiting programs. We are going to answer these questions.

What are home visiting programs?

Why are home visiting programs helpful?

What is important to know about home visiting programs?

How do you connect with home visiting programs?

Finally, where can you learn more about home visiting programs?

First, let's answer the question: **what are the programs that come to your home to support you and your child?**

Many counties in Wisconsin offer programs that come to your home to provide parenting, support and support for the whole family. We will call these home visiting programs for the rest of this video. These programs bring activities for you to do with your child and track your child's progress as they learn and grow. These programs may be offered through local public health departments or other community organizations. The ages they serve and specific goals of each program can be different. The goal of home visiting programs is to support families in giving their child their best start.

Next, let's talk about **why home visiting programs are helpful.**

Home visiting programs are there to support you as caregivers and help your child. These programs help children to get ready to do well in school and life through learning activities. Sometimes staff provide learning materials as part of their visit or help you work with what you already have at home to involve your child in learning. This way, families get involved in their child's growth and staff can help families keep an eye on their child's development. Home visiting programs provide a wide range of support for all family members, not just the enrolled child. This means that staff can help caregivers and family members connect to valuable resources for anything that life throws at them. This could be resources for housing, education, employment, and more. Home visiting programs can be especially important if your child has developmental concerns. It's so important for kids to receive support for learning when they are young. The earlier they can start the better.

What else is important to know about home visiting programs?

For home based programs, visits are scheduled around your availability. They want parents to be involved and they value thoughts about what works best for your family. Most home visiting programs are free. Services can be provided in your family's primary language. These programs are different from birth the three program and the services offered through child protective services.

How do you connect to home visiting programs?

Connect with Well Badger to find your local program options. WIC or 211 may have helpful information on what is available in your area as well. Then reach out to those local home visiting programs to ask about an application and eligibility criteria.

Finally, where can you learn more?

Please see the resource links in the video details. All of these resources are available through the QR code on this screen as well. Thanks so much for joining us today, and we look forward to seeing you next time.