

Healthy Families New York

Local Impacts of Flat Funding



Flat Funding

Adjusting for inflation, “flat funding” means funding has been reduced by **15%** since FY 2007-2008.

In fiscal year 2007-2008, New York State’s budget included \$25.2 million for Healthy Families New York (HFNY) Home Visiting programs. In 2008-2009, the financial crisis led to an 8% cut for HFNY to \$23.3 million. Funding has been held at \$23.3 million for eight years.

HFNY Reports Impacted Areas:

94%

STAFF IMPACT

Program sites have found a direct relationship between funding and staff turnover/ their ability to attract and retain families.

88%

PROGRAM CHANGES

Programs find it harder to hire staff and provide the necessary training to continue to promote positive outcomes.

80%

SPECIALIZED SERVICES

Sites have found that flat funding limits their ability to continue to effectively engage fathers and support relationship development with their children.



Impact on Services

Programs struggle to find ways to help families access transportation, support infant mental health, address substance abuse and provide socialization activities.



Impact on Families

Sites find providing intensive home visiting services to the most vulnerable families with the highest needs becoming more of a challenge.

“Flat funding prohibits us from being more creative with incentives, outreach materials, and employee raises to help with attracting new families and keeping current ones.”

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