

Iceland's Prosperity Act

Aims

The Hungarian Health Visitor Network aims to improve maternal, child and family health through a universal, preventive, community-based system of support.

The service provides comprehensive care from pregnancy through childhood and adolescence, promoting healthy development, early identification of needs, health education, and coordination of support across health, education and social care services.



Responsible organization:
National Home Visiting Network



Country
Hungary

Implementation Highlights

- Longstanding, universal, community-based model of prevention supporting families from pregnancy through childhood.
- Offers structured contacts during pregnancy, the postnatal period, infancy, and early childhood, with developmental screening and health promotion activities continuing throughout childhood and adolescence.
- Strong integration between health and social services through liaison roles.
- Supports early identification of holistic needs of the child and family.
- Provides a skilled workforce delivering early childhood and family support through regular home visits, developmental monitoring, health education, breastfeeding support, and coordination of care.



What makes this an innovative practice?

Impact: does it work?

Effectiveness and efficiency

Provides continuity of care from pregnancy through childhood, supporting prevention, health promotion and early identification of developmental and family needs.

Evidence Base

Published evidence highlights positive impact on maternal and child health and integrated service delivery. .

Reach: who can benefit?

Equity and access

Universal national service available free of charge to all families, helping ensure access to support.

Transferability and scalability

Nationally coordinated model embedded within local communities and integrated across health, education and social care sectors.

References and additional tools to favour translation

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