



**Item:**

Healthy Start of North Central Florida, Inc. Data Review and Update on NewboRN Home Visiting Program (NHVP) and Maternal Family Partner (Mia Jones)

**Requested Action:**

The Board is asked to fund NewboRN Home Visiting Program (NHVP) and Maternal Family Partner for a year starting October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

**Background:**

The purpose of the Healthy Start program is to improve health outcomes before, during, and after pregnancy, and reduce racial/ethnic differences in rates of infant death and adverse perinatal outcomes. Supported by Federal and a State office, there is a Healthy Start for every county in the state of Florida. With their array of services for birth and postpartum families it is an essential part of our community. Through a Community Consortium Healthy Start fosters community, state, and federal partnerships to improve health care quality and access. This includes:

- Addressing gaps in service
- Co-creating services that consider different cultures and languages.
- Increasing awareness of maternal and infant health issues
- Focusing on factors that affect health with Community Partners
- Community education
- Collecting community data
- Building community collaborations

In partnership with community partners like Healthy Start of North Central Florida Inc., the Children's Trust of Alachua County is working to transform early childhood care and education in Alachua County.

The Children's Trust of Alachua County fully funds two programs with Healthy Start of North Central Florida Inc., NewboRN Home Visiting Program (NHVP) and the Maternal Family Partner.

- Alachua County's NHVP was created in 2018 to offer every Alachua County family giving birth the opportunity to have a nurse home visit within 7 days following delivery. Partnering with both hospitals, a local birthing center, and the Florida School of Midwifery, the NHVP engages with new families to obtain consent for a home visit.

- In fiscal year 2021-2022, a pilot program consisting of a Maternal Family Partner located at a local OB/GYN Office, Comprehensive Women’s Health, was created to work in collaboration with the Connect program, home visiting programs, and the prenatal care provider to build a relationship with families earlier in the prenatal period. Newly pregnant women are assessed for strengths and needs and connected to services in Alachua County that will help support healthy pregnancy and birth outcomes.

This report will provide a data review and update on NewboRN Home Visiting Program and the Maternal Family Partner administered by Healthy Start.

The Trust staff is requesting both programs be funded for 1 year versus 6 months. Continued partnership will help the Trust staff to co-design maternal and child health funding opportunities for FY 2025 alongside Healthy Start and other maternal and child health community partners. To get there we have asked the following of NewboRN Home Visiting Program and Maternal Family Partner position:

- To reestablish old and create new collaborations with community partners. This means they will be identifying and convening grassroots local leaders and champions; seeking partnership with community health worker programs and resource centers; and building a stronger re-collaboration with UF Health and HCA North Florida Hospitals and clinics who specifically focus on maternal child and community health.
- To float and integrate the Maternal Family Partner position between two to three offices to address gaps, reach more high-risk clients, and target more Alachua County families. The Maternal Family Partner has been piloted in 2 different clinics since 2021. It was originally approved with the hope of expansion.

**Programmatic Impact:**

Goal 1- Children and youth are healthy and have nurturing caregivers and relationships.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$442,624 (NHVP) and \$82,992 (Maternal Family Partner) for FY 2023-2024  
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**Recommendation:**

The Board is asked to fund NewboRN Home Visiting Program and Maternal Family Partner for a fiscal year.