

# **The Problems with Home Visiting Programs**

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## **Many Social Ills Associated with Single Parent Families**

- 63 percent of all suicides are individuals from single-parent households. (FBI)
- 75 percent of adolescents in chemical-dependency hospitals come from single-parent households. (CDC)
- More than half of all youths incarcerated for criminal acts come from single-parent households. (Children's Defense Fund)

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## Intact Families ERASE the Achievement Gap

“Dr. William Jeynes used “data from the National Educational Longitudinal Survey to examine the impact of student religious commitment and living in intact families on academic achievement among black and Hispanic 12th graders. *Students with intact families and high levels of religiosity scored as well as all white students on most achievement measures and higher than their black and Hispanic counterparts without intact families or high religiosity.* “(J. Urban Ed. Vol 38 No. 1, 2003 - Emphasis added)

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## Home Visiting Does Not Improve Child Development

Program Name	Primary Effects	Secondary Effects
Early Head Start Home Visiting	Favorable: 1 No effect: 21 Unfavorable or ambiguous: 0	Favorable: 3 No effect: 3 Unfavorable or ambiguous: 0
Healthy Families America (HFA)	Favorable: 7 No effect: 27 Unfavorable or ambiguous: 0	Favorable: 0 No effect: 0 Unfavorable or ambiguous: 0
Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)	Favorable: 4 No effect: 35 Unfavorable or ambiguous: 0	Favorable: 2 No effect: 11 Unfavorable or ambiguous: 1

Source: Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness

<http://homvee.acf.hhs.gov/document.aspx?rid=2&sid=3>

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