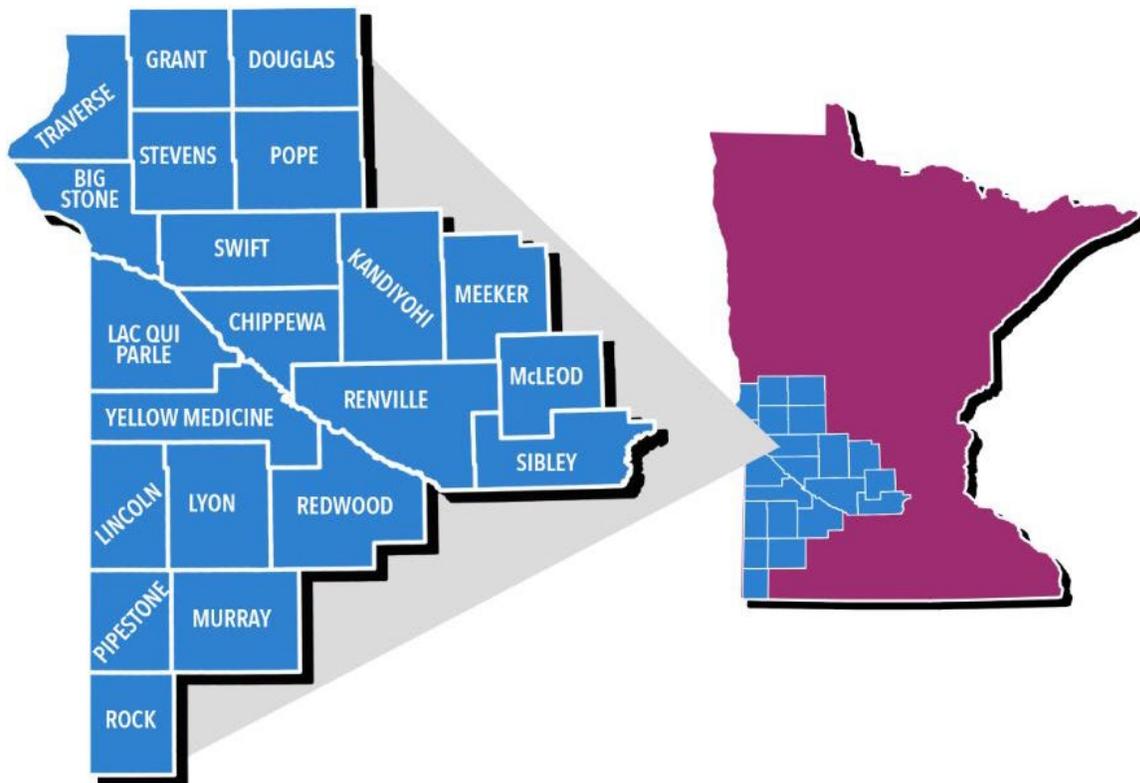


Grantee spotlight: Supporting Hands Nurse-Family Partnership

REACHING MOTHERS ACROSS 21 COUNTIES IN MINNESOTA

For over 16 years, Supporting Hands Nurse-Family Partnership (SHNFP) has been helping first-time mothers have healthy pregnancies, improving child health and development, and supporting mothers to become more economically self-sufficient. They first received funding from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) for evidence-based family home visiting in 2012 through federal Administration for Children and Families funding and were awarded federal Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) funds in 2016. They are currently one of MDH family home visiting's 65 Strong Foundations grantees supported through federal and state funds.

SHNFP implements the national, evidence-based Nurse-Family Partnership program in a 21-county service area across southwest and south-central Minnesota. SHNFP nurse home visitors are in public health departments including Big Stone, Chippewa, Douglas, Grant, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Murray, Pipestone, Pope, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Sibley, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, and Yellow Medicine counties.



Minnesota counties served by SHNFP. Source: [Counties Served | Supporting Hands Nurse-Family Partnership Program](https://www.shnfp.org/service-area/)

In 2023, SHNFP hosted two regional focus groups to obtain client input about program strengths and to inform program improvement. Clients provided the following feedback related to SHNFP program implementation:

“Car seat safety is one of the most important things all first-time mothers should know. We don’t use car seats in the country I am from, so this was a big learning moment for me.”

“It would be great for SHNFP staff to have a list of therapists or fast mental health resources to utilize.”

“I love how excited she is to visit me and my daughter and all the ideas she has for our visits.

“I love meeting with my nurse! Every time I’m emotional she is there for me and I see my nurse as a friend. My nurse has saw me cry and gives me ample support.”

SHNFP has graduated over 590 clients since its implementation, meaning the client completed the full length of the program over the course of prenatal care until their child reaches age two. By strengthening families, SHNFP sparks multigenerational change and helps break cycles of poverty. Learn more at [Supporting Hands Nurse-Family Partnership program \(www.shnfp.org\)](http://www.shnfp.org).



Back row left to right: nurse supervisor Lacey Severson, executive director Nikki Prosch, nurse home visitor Solveig Newberg, nurse home visitor ReNae Gibson, nurse home visitor Amanda Jensen, nurse home visitor Tessa Erickson, nurse home visitor Lois Peters. Middle row left to right: nurse home visitor Jody Wharton, nurse home visitor Raquel Morales, nurse home visitor Karen Eder, nurse home visitor Sara Staples. Front row left to right: mental health consultant Tracy Schreifels, nurse supervisor Katie Jensen, (past) nurse home visitor Karen Mitteness, nurse home visitor Dixie Johnson.

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