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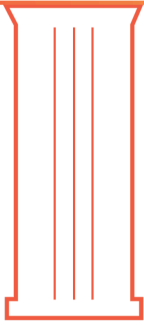


What is the Chicago Home Visiting Partnership Project?

The Chicago Home Visiting Partnership Project (CHVPP) is an early childhood home visiting program created in mid-2021 at [the Center for the Economics of Human Development](#) (CEHD) with the understanding that specific knowledge partners would be necessary to create a unique research study. [Preparing for Life](#) (PFL)—an evidence-based home visiting model from Ireland—and [Casa Central](#), an organization that has been strengthening communities and transforming lives in Chicago's West Side neighborhoods since 1954, were engaged in 2021 and 2022 respectively.

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Project Updates



World Association for Infant Mental Health Presentation

July has been a milestone month for CHVPP with Isela Serna (left above) from Casa Central, Louise McCulloch (center) from PFL, and Becky Harles (right) from CEHD representing the project team at the World Association for Infant Mental Health (WAIMH) conference in Dublin, Ireland this summer. They delivered a comprehensive introduction to CHVPP, covering its community-based beginnings, unique curriculum, and the culturally tailored adaptation process for the Latino community.

Staffing

We are excited to introduce Judith Alonso as the newly appointed Home Visiting Supervisor for CHVPP. Judith brings valuable experience as a family development

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we are also welcoming Maritza Rivera to the team as our first home visitor. Maritza and Judith will work closely with Isela Serna, Director of Home Visiting and Casa as well as the rest of the partnership to define, refine and create this project from here on. We all look forward to incorporating their expertise and perspectives into our team. Welcome Judith and Maritza!

Curriculum Adaptation

The first phase of our curriculum adaptation is done! We are currently in the process of finalizing the American English version and translating into Spanish. The teams continue to work together closely to make sure that the tipsheets align with all our individual goals. The next step will be to engage our community advisory board to give input on the content and delivery of the materials.

We Want to Hear From You!

Question: When creating a home visiting project, who are the key community organizations or stakeholders to engage with?

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Results from last newsletter on the most important aspect to look for when hiring staff.

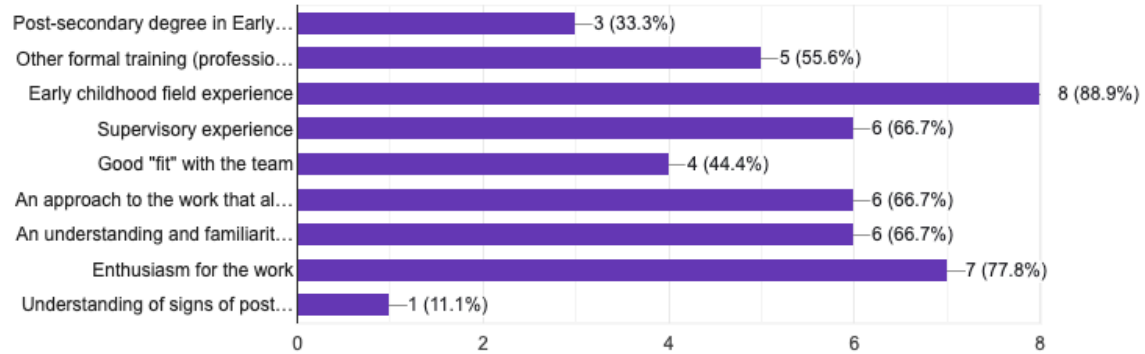
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new home visiting supervisor? (choose all that apply)

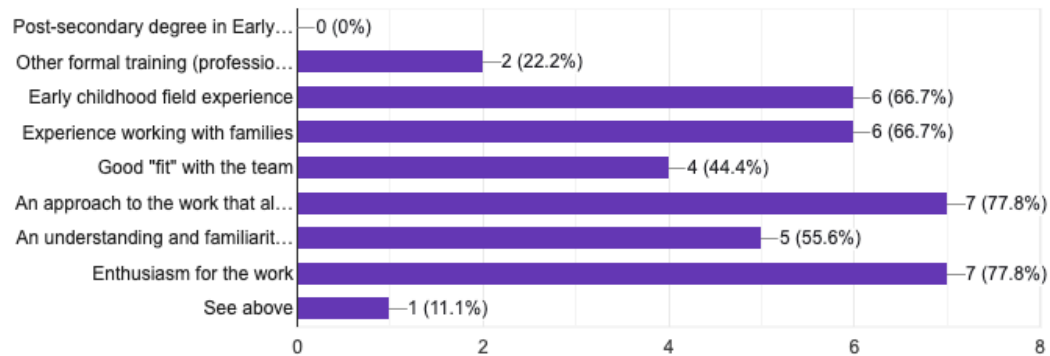
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What are the most important qualifications or characteristics to look for when hiring a new home visitor? (choose all that apply)

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The Project Needs a New Name!

CHVPP was always meant to be a placeholder until the full partnership was in place. **What do you think we should call ourselves?** Send suggestions to Becky Casper Harles:

rtharles@uchicago.edu.

Team Member Spotlight

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Niall Sexton, Program Manager at Preparing For Life

Niall joined the Preparing for Life as Programme Manager in 2018. He has a background in community development and non-profit management in the United States and Ireland. Niall is a qualified Social Worker with an MSW in Social Work and Community Organizing from the University of Pittsburgh.

“This project is a very exciting opportunity for us, and we are really looking forward to adapting the manuals and materials and making sure that it is appropriate and recognizing the unique culture existing within the Chicago community.”

Resources for Advocates

The original PFL randomized control trial study, which was started in Dublin, Ireland in 2008, found that the PFL intervention was extremely beneficial to children in terms of developmental outcomes. The team, led by Dr. Orla Doyle at University College Dublin, is currently conducting a follow-up study on the original participants, now that they are 14 years old. This study will allow us to gain valuable insights into the long-term impact of the program.

For more information on the original PFL study, reference to [the age 5 follow-up](#) and [the Age 9 follow-up](#).

Fun Facts!

- **Unique Fingerprints:** Did you know that just like every individual has unique fingerprints, babies develop their own set of fingerprints by the 10th week of pregnancy? These one-of-a-kind patterns remain unchanged throughout their lives, making each person's fingerprints truly distinct and identifiable.
- **Hiccups in the Womb:** It's fascinating to learn that babies can experience hiccups while still in the womb. These rhythmic, gentle movements can be felt by the mother, usually during the later stages of pregnancy. Don't worry, hiccups are considered a normal part of fetal development and not a cause for concern.

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Preparing for Life is an early intervention program designed to support parents and children at each stage of development from conception to the day they start school. Based in North Dublin, PFL works in partnership with parents to provide a comprehensive set of evidence-based services including home visiting.

Casa Central is one of the largest Latino social service agencies in the Midwest. Since 1954, Casa Central has delivered evidenced-based, award-winning programming in response to the needs of the Latino community.



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