Evidence-based home visiting is a research-proven tool to support the development and safety of our most vulnerable children and their families. Far too many of Pennsylvania’s youngest children are at risk of child abuse and neglect, live in poverty, and experience poor education and health outcomes. At times, parents and others raising children need support to improve their education, health, safety and economic stability.

Only 1 in 10 Pennsylvania babies born on Medicaid received the appropriate evidence-based home visiting services following birth last year.

Only 21 percent of Pennsylvania children under age 6 known to the child welfare system received the appropriate evidence-based home visiting services to reduce the likelihood of future child abuse and neglect last year.

Only half of Pennsylvania children born to a mother without a high school diploma received appropriate evidence-based home visiting services last year.

Childhood Begins at Home is a statewide campaign designed to help policymakers and the public understand the value of evidence-based home visiting as an effective way to support parents and others raising children. Partners include Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, Maternity Care Coalition, Pennsylvania Head Start Association, Pennsylvania Nurse-Family Partnership, Pennsylvania Parents as Teachers, Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children and Trying Together.
Help address the opioid crisis by investing in evidence-based home visiting programs as recommended to be part of the Plan of Safe Care.

$6.5 million increase ($5.3M in the Community-Based Family Centers and $1.2M in the Nurse-Family Partnership line items) to expand evidence-based home visiting to an additional 800 families; train staff to better support families dealing with the opioid crisis; and provide a COLA to NFP and PAT.