

## Growing National Interest

Many States and cities have expressed an interest in adopting the nurse home visitation program because it has proven so successful in preventing crime and violence and other serious health and social problems. Three components of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs—the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and the Executive Office for Weed and Seed—are supporting implementation of the program in six high-crime, urban areas as part of its national Weed and Seed and Safe Futures initiatives. By summer 1998, agencies serving low-income neighborhoods in Fresno, Los Angeles, and Oakland, CA; Clearwater, FL; St. Louis, MO; and Oklahoma City, OK, were implementing the nurse home visitation program.



OJJDP also funds an initiative at the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at the University of Colorado, which recently named the nurse home visitation program 1 of 10 “blueprint” programs after a rigorous evaluation demonstrated its effectiveness in preventing violence and success in replication across sites. The center is developing instructions to help communities plan and implement blueprint programs. OJJDP will provide the center with approximately \$5 million over 3 years to assist selected communities in implementing blueprint programs.

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