

# Arkansas Home Visiting Notes

July 2018 Newsletter



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## AHVN Director's Note:

Summer is definitely in full swing in Arkansas because it is HOT out there! Things are also heating up at the AHVN this summer with the implementation of our new SafeCare Arkansas home visiting programs across the state. We are excited to reach new corners of the state in order to better serve Arkansas families. You can read about the details in this newsletter!

I'm also really glad that we were able to showcase some of our own success stories in this July issue. As a leader and as the director of the AHVN, I am personally blessed to work with a wonderful group of people. Some of those people are highlighted in this month's newsletter and I am so proud to call them colleagues and friends. Congratulations and thank you for everything you do to build stronger families and brighter futures!

I hope everybody is having a terrific summer. Wear sunscreen, remember to keep yourself hydrated, and stay cool! Make sure to check out our July blog about the importance of pool safety as well. Have a great summer, everyone!

Dr. Kathy Pillow-Price

## We Want Your Home Visiting Stories!

Do you have a home visiting success story? Do you know somebody who deserves to be recognized? Have you ever seen a story shared on social media and wanted to share your own? Send them our way!

We love to hear from you. We want to share your good news! Send us your home visiting news, success stories, and accolades! You might just see them featured on our social media or in the AHVN Newsletter!

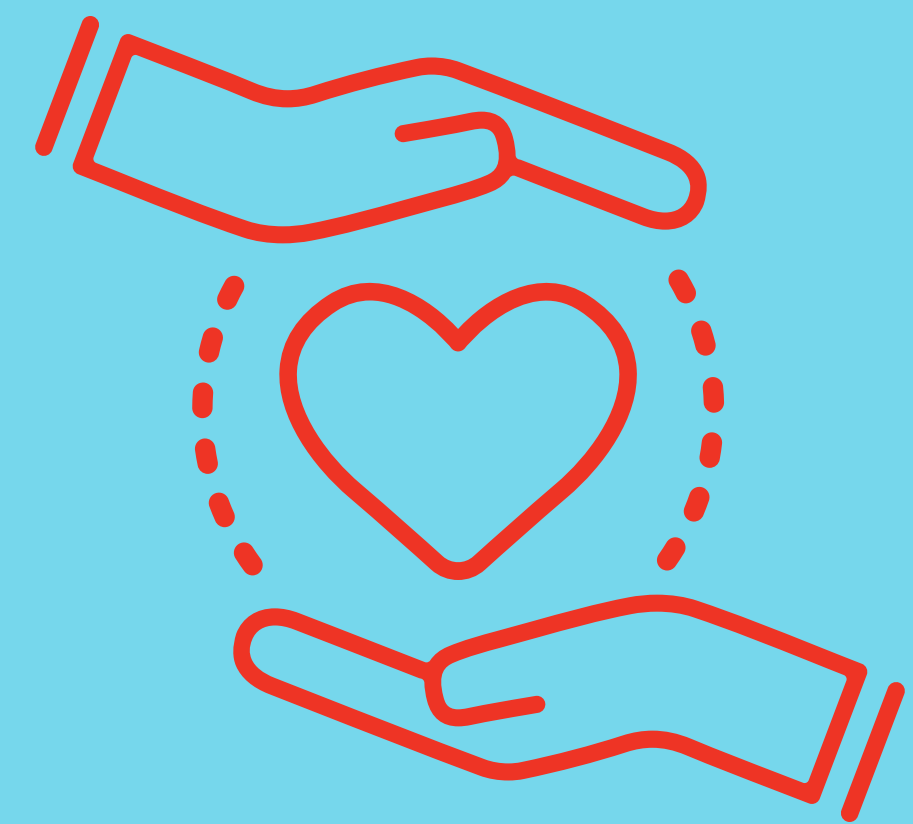
Email your stories to: [huckabayce@archildrens.org](mailto:huckabayce@archildrens.org) and be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to stay up-to-date with the latest AHVN news!







# The Heart of the Home Visitor



Chancy Ware has been a home visitor with the Parents as Teachers program at the Arkansas Home Visiting Network for more than three years. She began her career as a pre-K teacher, but decided to pursue home visiting after seeing the need for home visitors in Arkansas families. Recently, Chancy had the opportunity to work with a family who moved to Arkansas from Nigeria with their five children. When the mother found out she was expecting another baby, she was put in touch with Chancy as her home visitor.

Not long after the mother found out she was pregnant, the father became physically and verbally abusive. The mother was relocated to a women's shelter. She then gave birth, left to raise six children in a foreign country alone. During her pregnancy she was battling gestational diabetes and high blood pressure, so she was taking lots of medication to keep it under control. This resulted in an underweight and sickly infant.

"Nothing can prepare you for what you will see in the field," said Chancy. "You have to go the extra mile to meet the needs of the family and mother. It may not be in your job description to go to the hospital, but I take it upon myself to go the extra mile."

Chancy was worried the hospital wouldn't let her in to see the mother, but they did.

"Without a home visitor, she would be alone. She only has me and her church family. She has no other family in America," said Chancy.

Thanks to home visiting, and Chancy's big heart, the mother receives weekly visits and daily calls and texts that she wouldn't receive otherwise. As of last week, she and the baby are doing better and out of the hospital. The baby has gained weight as well.

"I share my story with my participants and let them know that everyone has a story!" Chancy said. "I am open with them and treat them how I want to be treated. I'm more than just a parent educator. Yes, it is my job, but I mean it when I tell them 'We will make it through this together.' Being a home visitor helps me too. It's not just about paperwork. It's about heart."





# Our Team Is Awesome!



In June 2018, Parents as Teachers State Manager Wanda Corney was selected to serve on the Parents as Teachers Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council!

The mission of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council is to lead, create and sustain organizational change by providing a focused approach to Cultural Competency in the implementation of the values of Parents as Teachers.

Congratulations, Wanda!  
Way to go!



We would like to say congratulations to some of our team members, Alta Jones and Diane Chaney, for reaching some very important milestones at Arkansas Children's and the Arkansas Home Visiting Network!

2018 will mark Alta's 25th year and Diane's 15th year with the company!

Thank you both for everything you do to keep us all up and running.

We could not do it without you!





# SafeCare Arkansas: What's Next?



SafeCare Arkansas is a health and well-being program for maltreated children that has been developed through Arkansas Children's Home Visiting Network in partnership with the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS). The purpose of SafeCare Arkansas is to improve risk and safety assessment and management as well as increase services in order to protect children in their homes and prevent their entry into foster care. SafeCare is helping with this in Pulaski county by responding to moms brought in under Garret's Law in Arkansas. Currently, the highest rate of Garret's Law babies is in Garland County, which means we must be responsive to where we needed most in order to better build stronger families and brighter futures.

Since its implementation in July 2017 in Pulaski County, SafeCare Arkansas has served more than 200 children and currently employs six SafeCare providers.

We expect to implement the next SafeCare program in Region 8, which is located in northeast Arkansas and includes Clay, Craighead, Fulton, Greene, Izard, Lawrence, Mississippi, Randolph and Sharp counties. We hope to get this program in Region 8 by the fall of 2018.

The next region in line is Region 2, located in western Arkansas and includes Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Scott, Sebastian, and Yell counties. This region is also expected to be implemented during the fall of 2018.

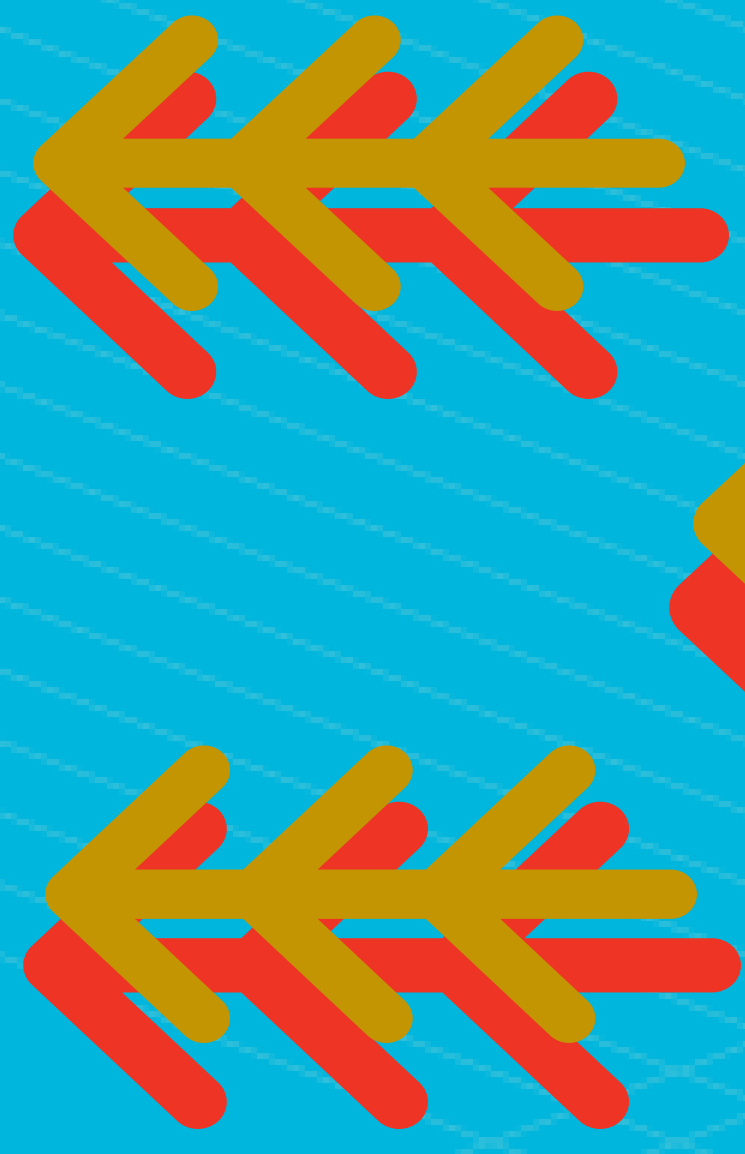
In 2019, more regions will be added, including Region 3 and Region 1 in the beginning of the year. Region 3 includes Clark, Garland, Hot Spring, Howard, Montgomery, Perry, Pike, Polk, and Saline counties, and Region 1 includes Benton, Carroll, Madison and Washington counties.

During spring and summer of 2019, we expect to add Regions 5 and 9. Region 5 is in northern Arkansas and includes Baxter, Boone, Conway, Faulkner, Marion, Newton, Pope, Searcy, and Van Buren counties, and Region 9 includes Cleburne, Crittenden, Cross, Independence, Poinsett, Stone, White, and Woodruff counties.

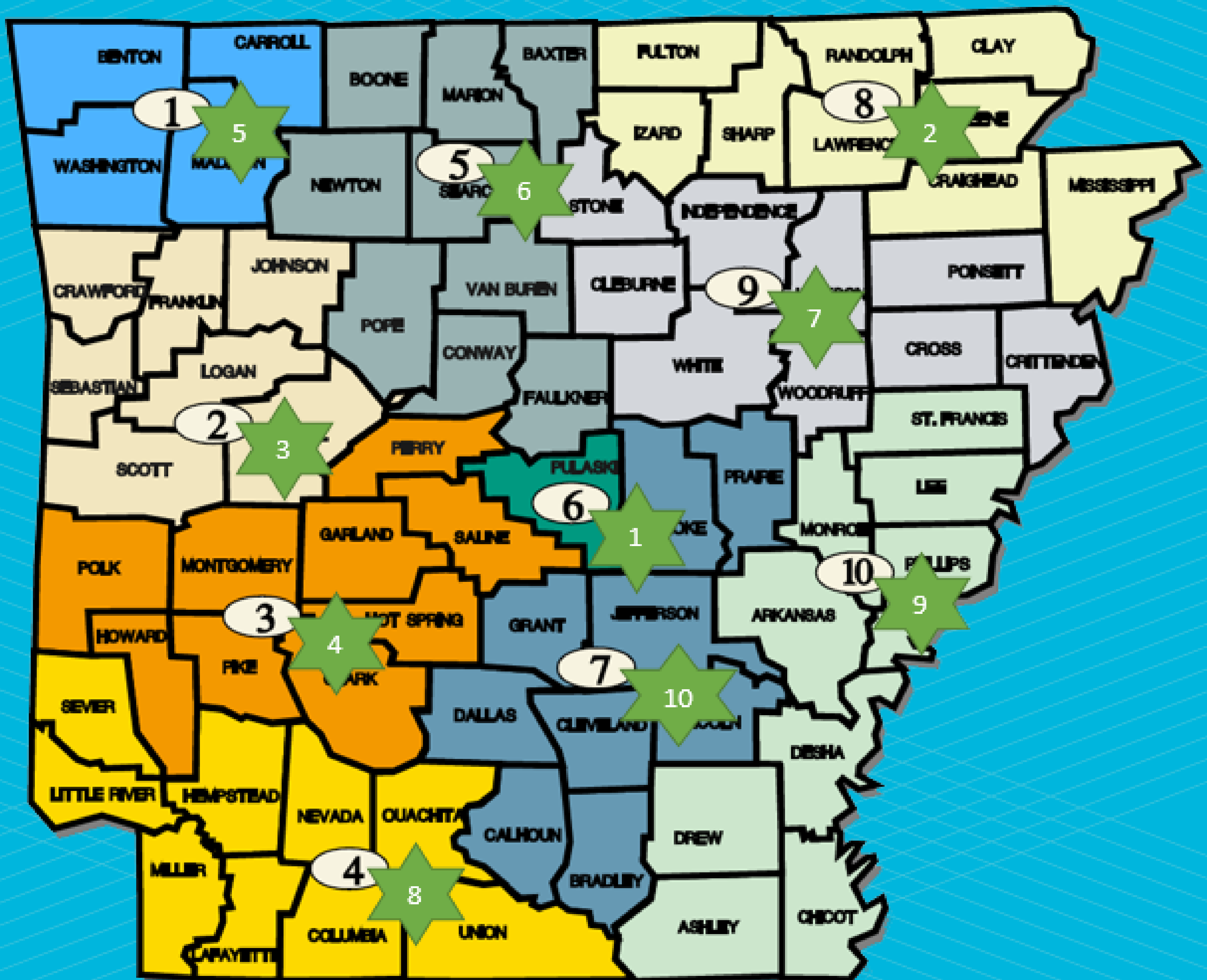
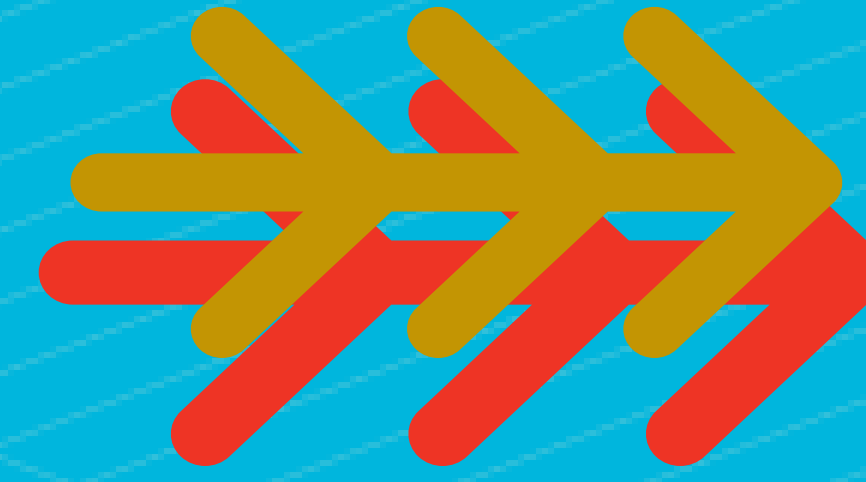
During the final implementation stages, we will roll out Regions 4, 10, and 7 during fall and winter of 2019. Region 4 is located in southwest Arkansas and includes Columbia, Hempstead, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, Ouachita, Sevier, and Union counties. Region 10 includes Arkansas, Ashley, Chicot, Desha, Drew, Monroe, Phillips, and St. Francis Counties, and Region 7 includes Calhoun, Dallas, Grant, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Lonoke counties.

For a more detailed look at the SafeCare roll out, check out the map on the next page! We can't wait to complete the SafeCare implementation throughout the next two years in order to keep serving Arkansas families through home visiting. We make it our goal to build stronger families and brighter futures and as SafeCare Arkansas spreads throughout the state, we know we can truly make a difference!





# The SafeCare Arkansas Roll Out Map



\*Region Numbers In White Ovals  
\*Roll Out Numbers In Green Stars



# Calling All Home Visiting Heroes!



Get ready for the 2018 AHVN  
Conference!

There will be amazing keynote  
speakers, break-out sessions,  
& vendors!

***SAVE THE DATE!***



The conference is free  
to attend and will be  
held at the Hot Springs  
Convention Center in  
Hot Springs, Arkansas  
November 5 - 6, 2018.

The theme of this year's  
conference is Home  
Visiting Super Heroes!  
Everyone is encouraged  
to participate in the  
theme!

We want your Home  
Visiting stories & photos to  
feature in the slideshow at  
the conference! Send  
them to us on Facebook,  
tag us on Instagram, or  
email them!



***#HOMEVISITINGHEROES***





# Nominate Your Hero Today!

## 2018 AHVN SCOTT GORDON HOME VISITING PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

# NOMINATION PROCESS

**Step 1:** AHVN Awards Committee sends out request for nominations.

**Step 2:** You receive request for nominations.

**Step 3:** You think of a superhero home visiting professional you would like to nominate.

**Step 4:** You take a few days to think about WHY your superhero deserves to be nominated. Refer to the two essay prompts for what the Awards Committee needs to know about your superhero home visitor/supervisor. See link below for more information on the essay prompts.

**Step 5:** Write out the REASONS WHY your superhero home visitor/supervisor deserves this award. Think hard. The longer the response the better. This should be in the form of two essays. One essay for each prompt. 200 words minimum for EACH essay prompt. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/hvofyear> for more details.

**Step 6:** Collect basic info about your superhero to include in the nomination (home visiting model, role, contact phone, email address, supervisor/coordinator, full name and address of organization/site).

**Step 7:** Think of additional professional reference. Someone who will support your superhero home visitor/supervisor nomination. Gather info about him/her (name, relationship to nominee, email address, phone number).

**Step 8:** Complete online nomination form. Remember to SUBMIT! You must complete the form ALL IN ONE sitting so gather ALL of the needed information BEFORE filling out the form.

**Step 9:** The Awards Committee will review the nominations towards the end of the summer.

**Step 10:** The Awards Committee WILL contact you, the person you nominated, and the professional reference during the follow-up process.

**Step 11:** The Awards Committee will select the **2018 Scott Gordon Home Visiting Professional of the Year Award** winner from the SUBMITTED nomination forms based on the nomination submission content AND the follow-up information received.

**Step 12:** The list of persons nominated, first and second runners-up, and the winner will be announced at the 2018 Arkansas Home Visiting Network Annual Conference in Hot Springs, Arkansas on November 5-6, 2018.

FULL details and link to Online Nomination Submission Form are located at: <https://tinyurl.com/hvofyear>



# Milestones and Shout-Outs!

Batesville  
PAT

10,000+ visits since the implementation  
of MIECHV!

Dawson  
HIPPI

10,000+ visits since the implementation  
of MIECHV!

Ozark  
Opportunities  
HFA

Most improved assessment completion  
since the implementation of MIECHV in  
ASQ, ASQSE, and Family Maps  
combined, and a 92% average program  
to date for this quarter!





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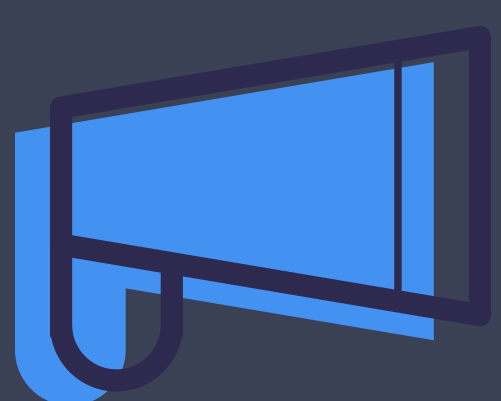
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