

1 AN ACT relating to the Health Access Nurturing Development Services Program.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 211.690 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) There is established within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services the Health  
5 Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS) Program as a voluntary  
6 statewide home visitation program, for the purpose of providing assistance to at-risk  
7 parents during the prenatal period and until the child's third birthday. The HANDS  
8 Program recognizes that parents are the primary decision-makers for their children.  
9 The goals of the HANDS Program shall be to:
- 10 (a) Facilitate safe and healthy delivery of babies;
  - 11 (b) Provide information about optimal child growth and human development;
  - 12 (c) Facilitate the safety and health of homes; ~~and~~
  - 13 (d) Encourage greater self-sufficiency of families; **and**
  - 14 **(e) Provide information about maternal and postpartum depression.**
- 15 (2) The cabinet shall administer the HANDS Program in cooperation with ~~the Cabinet~~  
16 ~~for Health and Family Services and the~~ local public health departments. The  
17 voluntary home visitation program may supplement, but shall not duplicate, any  
18 existing program that provides assistance to parents of young children.
- 19 (3) The HANDS Program shall include educational components on:
- 20 (a) The recognition and prevention of pediatric abusive head trauma, as defined  
21 in KRS 620.020;
  - 22 (b) Information related to lactation consultation and breastfeeding information; ~~and~~
  - 23 ~~and~~
  - 24 (c) Information related to the importance of safe sleep for babies as a way to  
25 prevent sudden infant death syndrome as defined in KRS 213.011; **and**
  - 26 **(d) The recognition and treatment of maternal and postpartum depression.**
- 27 (4) Participants in the HANDS Program shall express informed consent to participate

1 by agreement on a form promulgated by the Cabinet for Health and Family  
2 Services.

3 (5) Participants in the HANDS Program shall participate in the home visitation  
4 program through in-person face-to-face methods or through tele-service delivery  
5 methods. For the purposes of this subsection, "tele-service" means a home visitation  
6 service provided through video communication with the HANDS provider, parent,  
7 and child present in real time.