The Pair of ACEs

Adverse Childhood Experiences

Maternal Depression

Physical & **Emotional Neglect**

Emotional & Sexual Abuse

Divorce

Incarceration

Substance Abuse

Mental Illness

Homelessness **Domestic Violence**

Adverse Community Environments

Poverty

Violence

Discrimination

Community Disruption

Lack of Opportunity, Economic Mobility & Social Capital

Poor Housing Quality & Affordability

WHAT IS HEALTHYSTEPS?



HealthySteps is an evidence-based interdisciplinary pediatric primary care program designed to promote positive parenting and healthy development for babies and toddlers.





CORE COMPONENTS





Ongoing, Preventive Team-Based Well-Child Visits



Child development, Social-Emotional & Behavioral Screenings



Screenings for Family Needs (i.e., PPD, other risk factors, SDoH)



Care Coordination & Systems Navigation



Child Development & Behavioral Consult



Positive Parenting Guidance & Information



Early Learning Resources







Two HealthySteps Sites in Washington, DC

Children's Health Center Anacostia



Children's Health Center at THEARC

- Launched in January 2017
- Two Part-time HealthySteps Specialists
- One Full-time Family Services
 Associate /Care Coordinator



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It's easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."

- Frederick Douglas



HEALTHYSTEPS DC SUMMARY OF SERVICES PROVIDED

- 40% of the 441 patients screened scored positive for depression and anxiety (EPDS ≥ 10)
- 50% of HS Specialists' intervention sessions focused solely on parental mental health (PMH)
- 60% of HS Specialists' intervention sessions addressed PMH (solely or in combination with other concerns)
- PMH interventions included:
 - Postpartum depression, parental stress, trauma, grief & loss
- Other interventions included:
 - Parenting, co-parenting, child behavior and development, and sleep hygiene



