

have been treated for neonatal abstinence syndrome (Jansson & Velez, 2012) need extra support from their parents. These babies can have problems with their regulation (sleeping, feeding, and crying), muscle tone and motor activity. Weight and other remaining health checks are also performed at home.

Note: Child health care; medical supervision, parent groups and vaccinations are given at the clinic setting.

Antenatal and paediatric home visits are important and most rewarding. However, home visiting services in Sweden are still somewhat unique. There is, however, the experience of a first-time home visit that is offered by the child health care services (Jansson, 2002). Of additional interest, the USA has long had the experience of home visiting programs led by nurses, among others, Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP). NFP studies have demonstrated that in the long run there are personal gains and economic benefits to the community with home visiting services to women during pregnancy and in the first years of a baby's

life (Olds et al., 2010).

Team Hega plans to do an evaluation of our home visiting program and provide a follow-up especially looking at developmental (social, emotional, relational and cognitive) for the children. We are starting a study to monitor how the children's life situations, health status and development look after they have left the unit. This is an important step for us in order to further develop the healthcare services for women during pregnancy, their children and their families.

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## The World in WAIMH

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