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that have been researched have a medical professional go into the home, and probably the most famous of those is called the PEACH program, which was developed by Dr. David Olds and had a lot of support in Nebraska, but we have continued to have trouble trying to get the funding for it. But I think the research on this, its longitudinal research, shows how effective that could be and I bring it up not only effective in preventing abuse but because of how expensive it is to provide support systems from the court system through the social services system, police calls and others, and how effective it can be when you have a program of this nature. This is the results for the mothers from this longitudinal research which was conducted over a 15-year period: 33 percent fewer subsequent births; 27 percent greater spacing between births; 30 fewer months on welfare; 81 percent fewer arrests and convictions; and 79 percent fewer verified reports of child abuse. And for the children: 60 percent fewer instances of running away; 56 percent fewer arrests; 81 percent fewer convictions and probation violations; 56 percent reduction in alcohol use; and a 54 percent reduction in use of the emergency room, ages 0 to 4. All of these impact many, many aspects of our state budgets and local budgets. And I think it's very important, and I appreciate Senator Howard including this in our statute, that we take the next step, which several other states already have. Florida, New York, Vermont, Missouri, Virginia, Utah, Indiana, New York, and Arizona, I guess I mentioned New York twice, support home visitation programs through their state budgets to combat child abuse. And we need to focus, I suppose, at first, but this needs to be universal. This needs to be for every new mom. And...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...we...I'm reading from a story, which I normally don't read from news stories, but this one I think was particularly sobering. When the Governor's Child Abuse Task Force began its work, this is an article in the Omaha World-Herald, and it's entitled "Program that assists teenage moms to end." And because of the fact that we didn't have the funding in place, one of the best researched, most successful programs was running out of money in the Omaha area at the same