

Home Visiting Program

Alaska

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV Program) supports the Alaska Home Visiting Program and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to at-risk pregnant women and parents with young children.

The MIECHV Program, which builds upon decades of scientific research, provides voluntary, culturally-appropriate, individually-tailored supports to families in their homes, including providing information about children's health, development, and safety, and when appropriate, referrals to support services.

Through federal grants from the MIECHV Program, in fiscal year 2016, home visitors in Alaska:

- Made 3,173 home visits to 417 parents and children in 236 families
- Enrolled 191 new parents and children to the program, or 46% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 2 counties across the state, or 7% of Alaska counties, of which 1 county, or 50%, is rural

The MIECHV Program in Alaska:

- Provided 100% of enrolled clients with information or training on injury prevention
- Reported that 98% of women who had recently delivered a baby indicated that they initiated breastfeeding at birth

Like all MIECHV Program grantees, Alaska uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. Alaska leverages federal funds to implement the following models to serve children and families across the state:

- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)

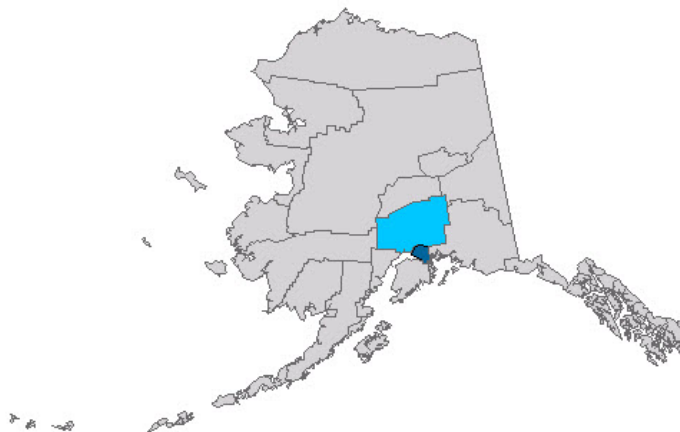
Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the MIECHV Program (as of March 2017):

Rural county:

Matanuska-Susitna

Non-rural county:

Anchorage



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The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in partnership with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The Program supports at-risk pregnant women and families, and helps parents of children from birth to kindergarten entry tap the resources and hone the skills they need to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to learn.

Research shows that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of life improve maternal and child health, prevent child abuse and neglect, increase positive parenting, and enhance child development and school readiness.