

# Home Visiting Program

## Alabama

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV Program) supports the Alabama 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 Alabama:

- Made 24,192 home visits to 5,088 parents and children in 2,241 families
- Enrolled 2,573 new parents and children to the program, or 51% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 43 counties across the state, or 64% of Alabama counties, of which 27 counties, or 63%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Alabama:

- In partnership with Alabama's Project LAUNCH program, hired an Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant to provide one-on-one program support so that home visitors will be better trained on how to serve the mental health and well-being of children birth to 5 years old and their families
- Screened 99% of enrolled children who reached at least 6 months of age for delays in communication, cognitive skills, learning, and physical health and development
- Screened nearly 100% of female caregivers for domestic violence within the first four months of enrollment

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

- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)
- [Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters](#)

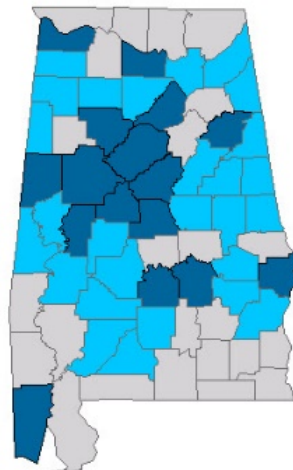
### Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the MIECHV Program (as of March 2017):

#### **Rural counties:**

Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Chambers, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Conecuh, Coosa, Cullman, Dallas, DeKalb, Franklin, Greene, Lamar, Macon, Marengo, Marion, Marshall, Monroe, Perry, Randolph, Sumter, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Wilcox, Winston

#### **Non-rural counties:**

Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Chilton, Colbert, Hale, Jefferson, Lowndes, Mobile, Montgomery, Morgan, Pickens, Russell, Shelby, Tuscaloosa, Walker



### More about Alabama:

[Alabama Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program](#)

[National Survey of Children's Health 2011/2012 Alabama Profile](#)

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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.