

Home Visiting Program

Arkansas

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

- Made 30,118 home visits to 4,541 parents and children in 2,409 families
- Enrolled 1,945 new parents and children to the program, or 43% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 55 counties across the state, or 73% of Arkansas counties, of which 38 counties, or 69%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Arkansas:

- Provided information on optimal birth spacing to 91% of pregnant and parenting women with a child younger than 18 months of age who remained in the program for at least 12 months
- Expanded the Arkansas Home Visiting Network Training Institute (AHVNTI) regionally and nationally. AHVNTI offers 35 instructor-led modules in Arkansas and also has 12 online modules that are available to all home visitors in and beyond Arkansas free of charge

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

- [Healthy Families America](#)
- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)
- [Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters](#)
- Promising Approach - Following Baby Back Home

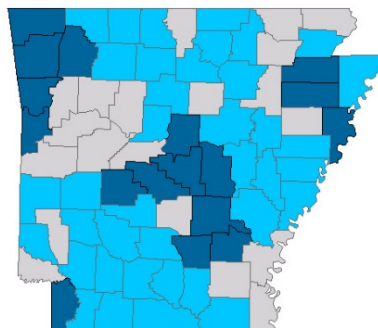
Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the MIECHV Program (as of March 2017):

Rural counties:

Arkansas, Ashley, Boone, Bradley, Calhoun, Carroll, Clark, Columbia, Conway, Dallas, Fulton, Greene, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Independence, Izard, Lafayette, Lee, Marion, Mississippi, Monroe, Montgomery, Nevada, Newton, Ouachita, Phillips, Pike, Polk, Prairie, Searcy, Sevier, Sharp, St. Francis, Stone, Union, Van Buren, White, Woodruff

Non-rural counties:

Benton, Cleveland, Craighead, Crawford, Crittenden, Faulkner, Garland, Jefferson, Lincoln, Lonoke, Madison, Miller, Poinsett, Pulaski, Saline, Sebastian, Washington



More about Arkansas:

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

[National Survey of Children's Health 2011/2012 Arkansas 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.