

Home Visiting Program

Colorado

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

- Made 37,704 home visits to 7,219 parents and children in 3,553 families
- Enrolled 3,783 new parents and children to the program, or 52% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 12 counties across the state, or 19% of Colorado counties, of which 6 counties, or 50%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Colorado:

- Screened 96% of women who were enrolled 6-months postpartum for depression
- Screened 96% of eligible children for delays in communication, cognitive skills, learning, and physical health and development
- Increased Home Visiting Program caseload from 553 families in fiscal year 2012 to 3,553 families, an increase of 542% over 4 years
- Offered funding to all Home Visiting Programs to provide mental health consultation and training to home visitors to improve their ability to serve high-needs families

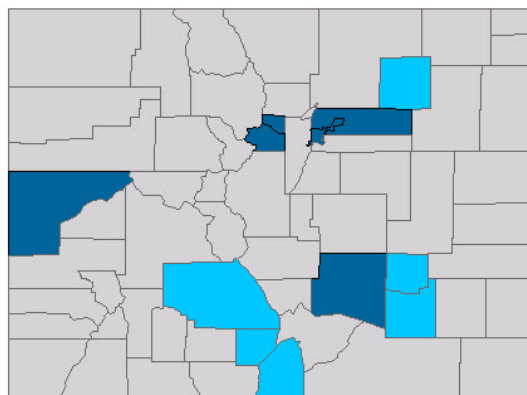
Like all MIECHV Program grantees, Colorado uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. Colorado leverages federal funds to implement the following models to serve children and families across the state:

- [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:
Alamosa, Costilla, Crowley,
Morgan, Otero, Saguache

Non-rural counties:
Adams, Clear Creek, Denver, Gilpin,
Mesa, Pueblo



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

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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.