

Home Visiting Program

Delaware

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

- Made 3,864 home visits to 1,047 parents and children in 547 families
- Enrolled 354 new parents and children to the program, or 34% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 3 counties across the state, or 100% of Delaware counties, of which 0 counties are rural

The MIECHV Program in Delaware:

- Provided 96% of mothers with information or training on injury prevention
- Screened 97% of women in the program between time of birth and 6 months after birth for postpartum depression
- Incorporated a Medical-Legal Partnership Model, which enabled the Nurse Family Partnership program to partner with poverty lawyers to assist their families with obtaining legal services to address social and legal problems

Like all MIECHV Program grantees, Delaware uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. Delaware 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](#)
- [Early Head Start](#)

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

Rural counties:

None

Non-rural counties:

Kent, New Castle, Sussex



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