

HRSA's Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program

- Supports the [Delaware Home Visiting Program](#) and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting programs for at-risk pregnant women and families with children through kindergarten entry
- Builds upon decades of scientific research showing that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of a child's life helps prevent child abuse and neglect, supports positive parenting, improves maternal and child health, and promotes child development and school readiness

Delaware MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

Rural counties:

None

Non-rural counties:

Kent, New Castle, Sussex



Participants

951

Households

493

Home Visits

5,545

Delaware Serves a High-Risk Population

MIECHV Program awardees serve high-risk populations. Awardees tailor their programs to serve populations of need within their state.

- 68.1% of households were low income
- 15.0% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home
- 2.4% of households included pregnant teens

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in DE

[Healthy Families America](#)

[Parents as Teachers](#)

Delaware Performance Highlights

- **Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Training:** To ensure home visitors are well equipped when providing services to families struggling with substance use disorder, Delaware trained over 50 home visitors on Management of Opioid Dependency during Pregnancy, as well as on Soothing Techniques for Babies with NAS, to provide a practical approach for home visitors
- **Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Screening:** 97.6% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for IPV within 6 months of enrollment
- **Parent-Child Interaction:** 92.3% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting received an observation of caregiver-child interaction by the home visitor using a validated tool