

# Home Visiting Program

## Florida

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

- Made 17,720 home visits to 3,259 parents and children in 1,799 families
- Enrolled 1,448 new parents and children to the program, or 44% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 21 counties across the state, or 31% of Florida counties, of which 7 counties, or 33%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Florida:

- Reported that 94% of women enrolled in the program before their child turned 2 months old did not have a subsequent pregnancy by 12 months postpartum
- Increased screening rates for intimate partner violence, as well as safety planning and referrals for those with identified concerns following implementation of a statewide CQI learning collaborative between fiscal years 2015 and 2016
- Established and implemented a robust process for ensuring programmatic and fiscal accountability through contract/sub recipient monitoring using a partnership approach that involves state Home Visiting Program staff, local implementation sites, and model developers

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

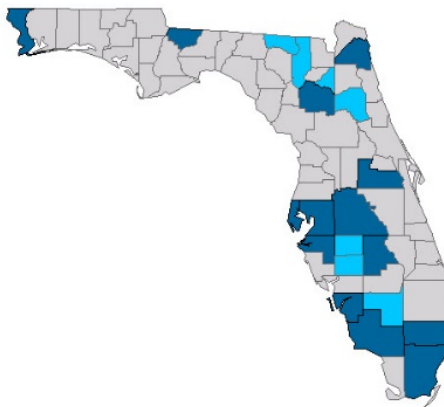
### Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the MIECHV Program (as of March 2017):

#### ■ Rural counties:

Bradford, Columbia, DeSoto, Hamilton, Hardee, Hendry, Putnam

#### ■ Non-rural counties:

Alachua, Broward, Collier, Duval, Escambia, Gadsden, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Orange, Pinellas, Polk



### More about Florida:

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

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

[Title V MCH Block Grant Snapshot for Florida](#)

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.