

Home Visiting Program

Hawaii

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

- Made 4,407 home visits to 828 parents and children in 429 families
- Enrolled 409 new parents and children to the program, or 49% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 4 counties across the state, or 80% of Hawaii counties, of which 2 counties, or 50%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Hawaii:

- Screened 95% of caregivers for depression within six months of enrollment
- Screened 92% of enrolled children at 8 months or 36 months for communication and general cognitive skills
- Utilized Continuous Quality Improvement methods to increase recruitment, enrollment, and retention of families that receive home visiting services

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

- [Healthy Families America](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)
- [Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters](#)

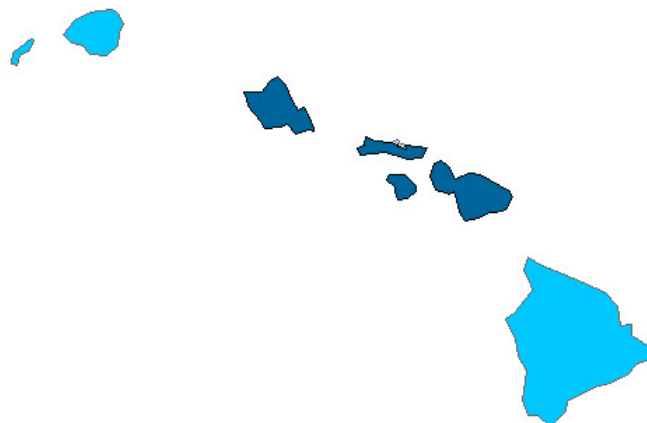
Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the MIECHV Program (as of March 2017):

Rural counties:

Hawaii, Kauai

Non-rural counties:

Honolulu, Maui



More about Hawaii:

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

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