

Home Visiting Program

Idaho

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

- Made 6,504 home visits to 1,610 parents and children in 639 families
- Enrolled 996 new parents and children to the program, or 62% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 12 counties across the state, or 27% of Idaho counties, of which 6 counties, or 50%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Idaho:

- Screened 83% of children enrolled at 6 months of age or within 6 months of enrollment for delays in communication, problem solving cognitive skills, social skills, and gross and fine motor skills
- Provided 82% of caregivers with injury prevention education within 5 months of enrollment
- Completed a rigorous evaluation project focused on home visitor stress and retention, and as a result of the findings, the Idaho Home Visiting Program is taking steps to better support local implementing agencies through reflective supervision

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

- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)
- [Early Head Start - Home Based Option](#)

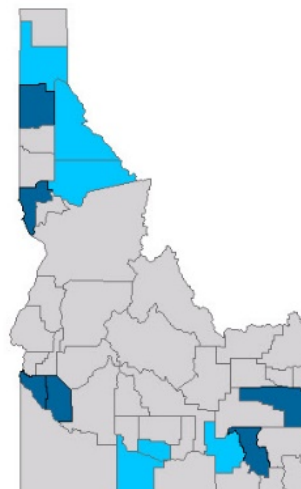
Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the MIECHV Program (as of March 2017):

Rural counties:

Bonner, Clearwater, Jerome, Power, Shoshone, Twin Falls

Non-rural counties:

Ada, Bannock, Bonneville, Canyon, Kootenai, Nez Perce



More about Idaho:

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

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