

Home Visiting Program

Illinois

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

- Made 12,296 home visits to 1,901 parents and children in 988 families
- Enrolled 944 new parents and children to the program, or 50% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 15 counties across the state, or 15% of Illinois counties, of which 2 counties, or 13%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Illinois:

- Screened 99% of enrolled women who reached 2 months postpartum for postpartum depression
- Screened 93% of children who were at least 12 months old for communication, cognitive skills, and learning
- Developed a coordinated intake system by working with Rush Hospital to embed coordinated intake into the hospital's Care Coordination Service
- Provided reflective practice supervision and infant mental health consultation at all home visiting sites. Illinois was chosen as a pilot site for the Center of Excellence for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation technical assistance

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

- [Healthy Families America](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)
- [Early Head Start – Home Based Option](#)

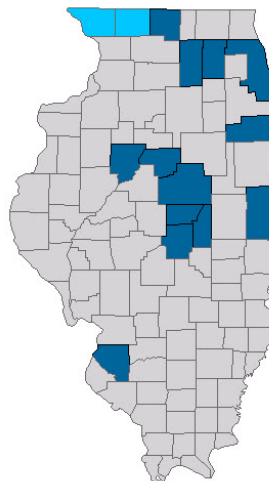
Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the MIECHV Program (as of March 2017):

Rural counties:

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Non-rural counties:

Cook, DeKalb, DeWitt, Kane, Kankakee, Macon, McLean, Peoria, Piatt, St. Clair, Vermilion, Winnebago, Woodford



More about Illinois:

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

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