

Home Visiting Program

Kansas

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

- Made 9,038 home visits to 1,315 parents and children in 661 families
- Enrolled 545 new parents and children to the program, or 41% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 6 counties across the state, or 6% of Kansas counties, of which 5 counties, or 83%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Kansas:

- Provided information or training on child injury prevention to 87% of families within 6 months of enrollment
- Provided training to all local program home visiting staff on how to effectively address domestic violence while working with families
- Produced informative evaluation briefs highlighting Kansas program implementation, experiences of home visitors, and family perspectives

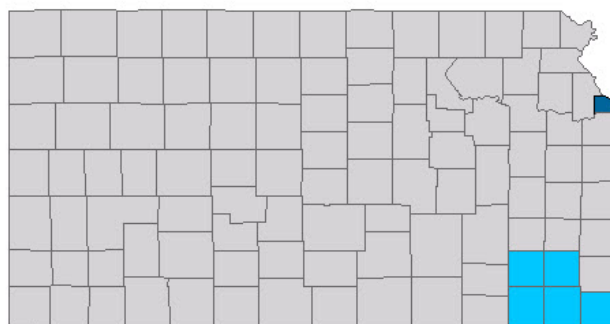
Like all MIECHV Program grantees, Kansas uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. Kansas leverages federal funds to implement the following models to serve children and families across the state:

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

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

Rural counties:
Cherokee, Labette, Montgomery, Neosho, Wilson

Non-rural county:
Wyandotte



More about Kansas:

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

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