

# Home Visiting Program

## Kentucky

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

- Made 58,452 home visits to 4,810 parents and children in 2,381 families
- Enrolled 1,575 new parents and children to the program, or 33% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 29 counties across the state, or 24% of Kentucky counties, of which 28 counties, or 97%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Kentucky:

- Reported that 96% of mothers had a medical home within 6 months after the birth of their baby
- Indicated that 80% of children screened for problem solving cognitive skills and learning scored above the cutoff

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

- [Health Access Nurturing Development Services](#)

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

#### Rural counties:

Bath, Bell, Breathitt, Carter, Clay, Elliott, Floyd, Fulton, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Rowan, Wolfe

#### Non-rural county:

McLean



### More about Kentucky:

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

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