

HRSA's Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program

- Supports the [Massachusetts Home Visiting Program](#) and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting programs for at-risk pregnant women and families with children through kindergarten entry
- Builds upon decades of scientific research showing that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of a child's life helps prevent child abuse and neglect, supports positive parenting, improves maternal and child health, and promotes child development and school readiness

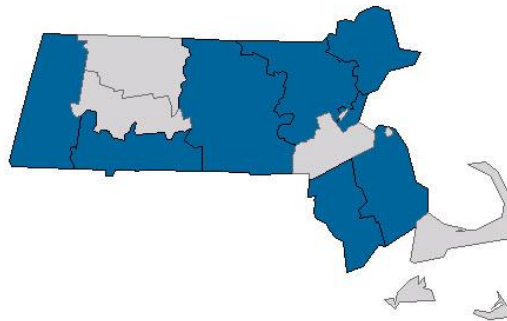
Massachusetts MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

Rural counties:

None

Non-rural counties:

Berkshire, Bristol, Essex, Hampden, Middlesex, Plymouth, Suffolk, Worcester



Participants

3,596

Households

1,940

Home Visits

26,155

Massachusetts Serves a High-Risk Population

MIECHV Program awardees serve high-risk populations. Awardees tailor their programs to serve populations of need within their state.

- 36.3% of households included pregnant teens
- 21.2% of households reported a history of child abuse or maltreatment
- 19.4% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in MA

[Early Head Start - Home Based Option](#)

[Healthy Families America](#)

[Parents as Teachers](#)

Massachusetts Performance Highlights

- **Hospital Collaboration to Promote Safe Sleep:** Welcome Family partners with the Massachusetts NICU Safe Sleep Initiative, a quality improvement project to increase safe sleep practices for high risk infants, by reinforcing education provided during hospitalization and tracking sleep practices post-discharge.
- **Depression Screening:** 83.3% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for depression within 3 months of enrollment or within 3 months of delivery
- **Continuity of Insurance Coverage:** 76.3% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting had continuous health insurance coverage for at least 6 consecutive months