

Home Visiting Program

Maryland

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

- Made 15,280 home visits to 2,387 parents and children in 1,332 families
- Enrolled 902 new parents and children to the program, or 38% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 10 counties across the state, or 42% of Maryland counties, of which 2 counties, or 20%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Maryland:

- Reported that 95% of children at 6 months of age had kept their last well-child visit
- Reported that the first graduating class of the University of Maryland Baltimore College Home Visiting Training Certificate Program completed the program in May of 2016. This program is available to all home visitors and was created to develop, pilot, and implement intensive training curricula and programs that address the multidimensional needs of home visitors in support of accomplishing core competencies and goals across evidence-based home visiting programs in Maryland
- Reported that Maryland's Home Visiting Consortium has been meeting on a quarterly basis since September 2015, and is drafting a five year action plan to address coordination/collaboration and sustainability of home visiting services in Maryland

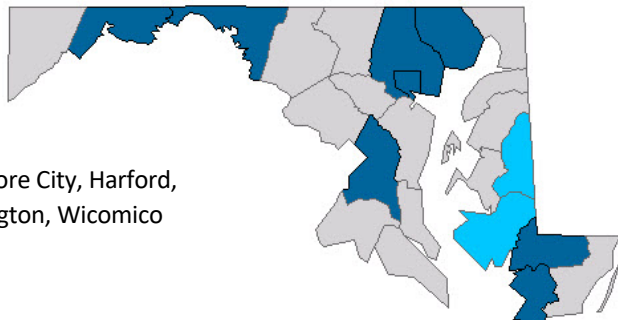
Like all MIECHV Program grantees, Maryland uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. Maryland leverages federal funds to implement the following models to serve children and families across the state:

- [Healthy Families America](#)
- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)

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

Rural counties:
Caroline, Dorchester

Non-rural counties:
Allegany, Baltimore County, Baltimore City, Harford, Prince George's, Somerset, Washington, Wicomico



More about Maryland:

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

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