

Home Visiting Program

Maine

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

- Made 22,029 home visits to 5,958 parents and children in 2,281 families
- Enrolled 2,534 new parents and children to the program, or 43% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 16 counties across the state, or 100% of Maine counties, of which 11 counties, or 69%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Maine:

- Provided injury prevention and safety information to 86% of families enrolled in home visiting for at least four months in fiscal year 2016
- Screened 96% of children who had reached 12 months of age in for social emotional development
- Partnered with the Office of Child and Family Services and Public Health Nursing to better address the opiate crisis by increasing supports for families with substance-exposed newborns

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

- [Parents as Teachers](#)

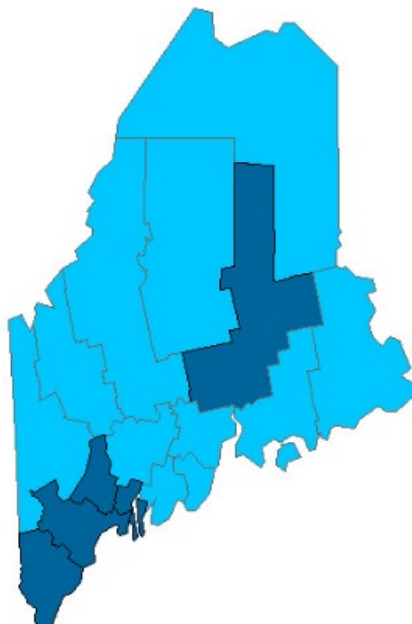
Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the MIECHV Program (as of March 2017):

■ Rural counties:

Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, Washington

■ Non-rural counties:

Androscoggin, Cumberland, Penobscot, Sagadahoc, York



More about Maine:

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

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