

Home Visiting Program

Missouri

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

- Made 9,536 home visits to 1,261 parents and children in 627 families
- Enrolled 459 new parents and children to the program, or 36% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 5 counties across the state, or 4% of Missouri counties, of which 4 counties, or 80%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Missouri:

- Screened 99% of postnatal women for depression within 4-8 weeks of the child's birth
- Reported that 100% of one-year old children scored above the cutoff point in screening for problem solving and positive approaches to learning
- Completed the Missouri MIECHV Gateway website, which features resources to enhance and support Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) initiatives. Local implementing agencies received technical assistance and began submitting quarterly Plan-Do-Study-Act outlines to MIECHV program staff to report on CQI projects

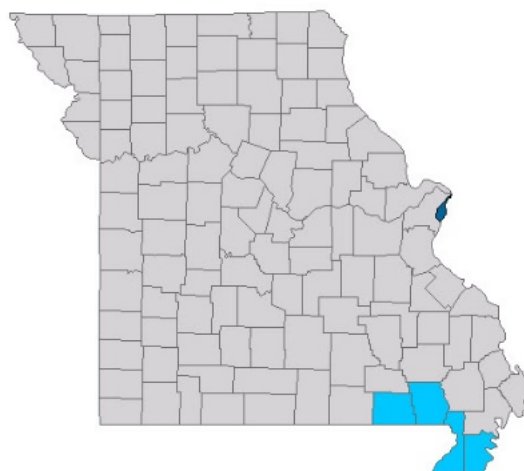
Like all MIECHV Program grantees, Missouri uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. Missouri leverages federal funds to implement the following models to serve children and families across the state:

- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)
- [Early Head Start - Home Based Option](#)

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

Rural counties:
Butler, Dunklin, Pemiscot, Ripley

Non-rural county:
St. Louis City



More about Missouri:

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

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