

Home Visiting Program

Northern Mariana Islands

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

- Made 856 home visits to 284 parents and children in 106 families
- Enrolled 116 new parents and children to the program, or 41% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 3 counties across the state, or 75% of Northern Mariana Islands counties, of which 3 counties, or 100%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Northern Mariana Islands:

- Reported that 77% of adult participants were enrolled in a high school, college, training or certification program at six months post enrollment who reported not being enrolled at intake
- Since fiscal year 2015, more than doubled the percent of pregnant women, postpartum mothers, and infants who reported having no health insurance at intake who received insurance by six months post-enrollment

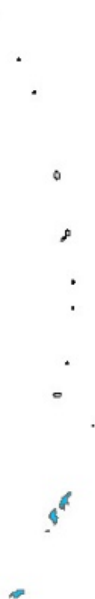
Like all MIECHV Program grantees, Northern Mariana Islands uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. Northern Mariana Islands leverages federal funds to implement the following models to serve children and families across the state:

- [Healthy Families America](#)

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

Rural counties:
Saipan, Rota, Tinian

Non-rural counties:
None



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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.