

Home Visiting Program

Mississippi

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

- Made 12,129 home visits to 1,595 parents and children in 739 families
- Enrolled 582 new parents and children to the program, or 36% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 14 counties across the state, or 17% of Mississippi counties, of which 12 counties, or 86%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Mississippi:

- Provided nearly 100% of all mothers enrolled in the home visiting program with information and training on prevention of child injuries
- Worked with the Department of Human Resources, Division of Early Childhood Care and Development, which provides child care subsidies to low-income working families, to connect home visiting participants to the child care subsidies they need so parents could go to work or school
- Obtained support from the Mississippi State Department of Health to provide mental health services for home visiting participants in need of mental health supports, and also connected home visiting participants to WIC Department Lactation Specialists in order to better support breastfeeding

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

- [Healthy Families America](#)

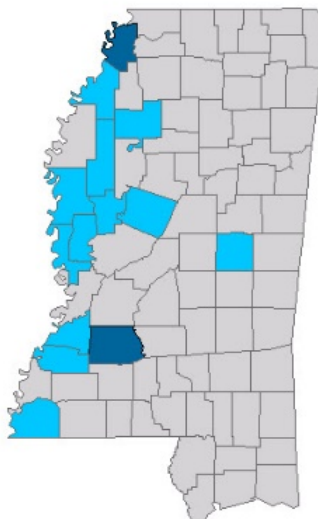
Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the MIECHV Program (as of March 2017):

Rural counties:

Claiborne, Coahoma, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Jefferson, Neshoba, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Washington, Wilkinson

Non-rural counties:

Copiah, Tunica



More about Mississippi:

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

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