

# Home Visiting Program

## Montana

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

- Made 10,153 home visits to 1,937 parents and children in 954 families
- Enrolled 1,037 new parents and children to the program, or 54% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 21 counties across the state, or 38% of Montana counties, of which 18 counties, or 86%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Montana:

- Reported that 98% of primary caregivers who participated in home visiting programs increased or maintained the amount of hours they spent in education or employment
- Screened 88% of eligible children (4 month and older) for delays in communication, cognitive skills, learning, and physical health and development
- Supported evidence-based home visiting services in 19 communities, including two tribal communities (Northern Cheyenne and Fort Peck Tribes)

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

- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)
- [Family Spirit](#)
- [SafeCare Augmented](#)

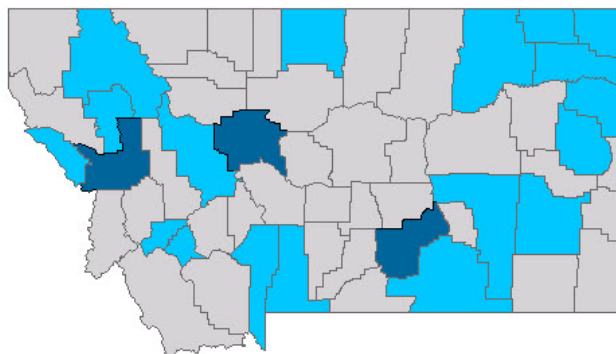
### Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the MIECHV Program (as of March 2017):

#### Rural counties:

Big Horn, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Gallatin, Hill, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Mineral, Park, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Silver Bow, Valley

#### Non-rural counties:

Cascade, Missoula, Yellowstone



### More about Montana:

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

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