

Home Visiting Program

North Carolina

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

- Made 7,155 home visits to 1,073 parents and children in 572 families
- Enrolled 415 new parents and children to the program, or 39% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 13 counties across the state, or 13% of North Carolina counties, of which 7 counties, or 54%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in North Carolina:

- Screened 98% of mothers or primary caregivers with children up to age 6 months for depressive symptoms
- Reported that 92% of mothers or primary caregivers and their children had health insurance at enrollment and one year post enrollment
- Reported that there were 0 cases of substantiated maltreatment of children in the program

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

- [Healthy Families America](#)
- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)

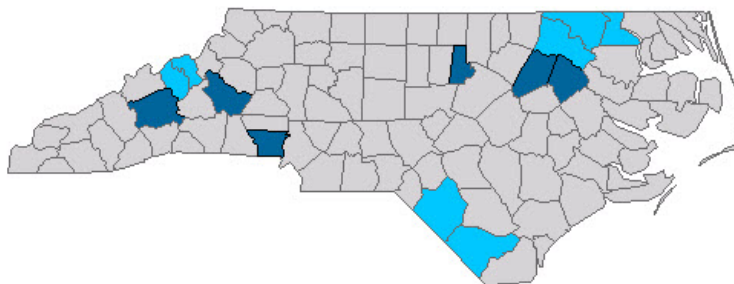
Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the MIECHV Program (as of March 2017):

Rural counties:

Columbus, Halifax, Hertford, Mitchell, Northampton, Robeson, Yancey

Non-rural counties:

Buncombe, Burke, Durham, Edgecombe, Gaston, Nash



More about North Carolina:

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

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