

# Home Visiting Program

## North Dakota

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

- Made 2,561 home visits to 469 parents and children in 255 families
- Enrolled 214 new parents and children to the program, or 46% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 3 counties across the state, or 6% of North Dakota counties, of which 3 counties, or 100%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in North Dakota:

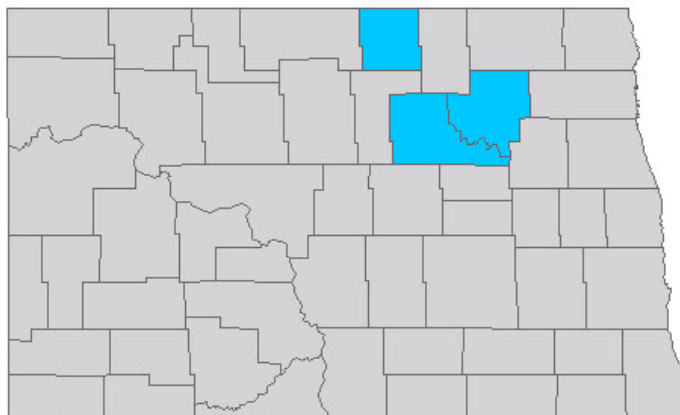
- Screened 82% of mothers who participated in home visiting programs for postpartum depression within three months of giving birth
- Reported that 78% of mothers and infants who participated in home visiting programs had health insurance at four months postpartum
- Received an Innovation Grant to promote self-healing communities with two sovereign American Indian nations implementing Home Visiting Programs: Spirit Lake and Turtle Mountain Nations. Activities will focus on addressing historical trauma, adverse childhood experiences, and substance abuse

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

- [Parents as Teachers](#)

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

- **Rural counties:**  
Benson, Ramsey, Rolette
- **Non-rural counties:**  
None



### More about North Dakota:

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

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