

Home Visiting Program

New Jersey

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

- Made 73,677 home visits to 13,008 parents and children in 7,096 families
- Enrolled 4,970 new parents and children to the program, or 38% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 21 counties across the state, or 100% of New Jersey counties, of which 0 counties are rural

The MIECHV Program in New Jersey:

- Screened 84% of newly enrolled mothers who participated in home visiting programs for alcohol, tobacco, or illicit drug use
- Launched a statewide training series that began in September 2016 to ensure that all home visitors receive necessary training on Oral Health, Tobacco Cessation, Intimate Partner Violence/HITs tool, and Home Safe Home
- Reported that 99% of children who participated in home visiting programs were on target for general cognitive skills when assessed after six months in the program

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

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

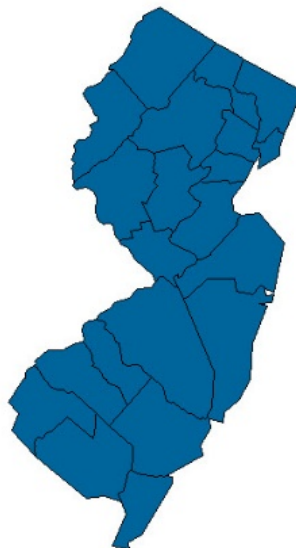
Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the MIECHV Program (as of March 2017):

Rural counties:

None

Non-rural counties:

Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren



More about New Jersey:

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

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