

Home Visiting Program

New Mexico

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

- Made 6,019 home visits to 1,024 parents and children in 462 families
- Enrolled 477 new parents and children to the program, or 47% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 6 counties across the state, or 18% of New Mexico counties, of which 3 counties, or 50%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in New Mexico:

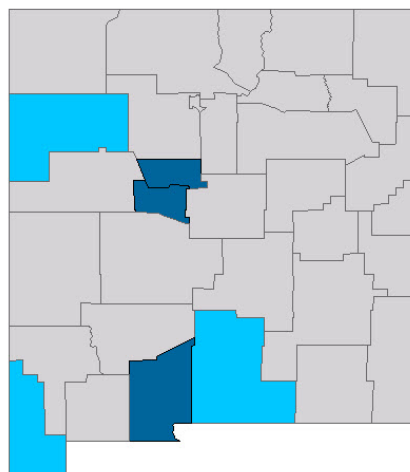
- Screened 96% of postpartum women who participated in home visiting services for post-partum depression
- Provided training or information on injury prevention to 93% of families that participated in home visiting programs
- Implemented a central intake service, New Mexico Kids Resource and Referral line and database (www.newmexicokids.org) to connect families with home visiting and other early childhood programs and supports. The state conducted a pilot and evaluation study of the service in two high-need communities

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

- [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:**
Hidalgo, McKinley, Otero
- **Non-rural counties:**
Bernalillo, Doña Ana, Valencia



More about New Mexico:

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

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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.