

Home Visiting Program

Ohio

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

- Made 18,798 home visits to 3,691 parents and children in 1,830 families
- Enrolled 1,822 new parents and children to the program, or 49% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 27 counties across the state, or 31% of Ohio counties, of which 15 counties, or 56%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Ohio:

- Reported that 97% of children who participated in home visiting programs improved the results of their developmental screening between the time of their initial screen and follow-up screen, or the screenings did not identify any concerns
- Enhanced centralized intake process through an interagency agreement that formed a joint central coordination with the Department of Developmental Disabilities, so that central intake serves as a single point of access for all families
- Reported that Ohio legislature passed a law mandating the use of evidence-based home visiting for all state-funded programs. Ohio Senate Bill 332 required that the state's Help Me Grow Program align its practices to model those of the federal-funded home visiting program, to include goals, benchmarks and reporting, and established the Ohio Home Visiting Consortium, and requires the state to facilitate a biannual summit on quality in home visiting

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

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

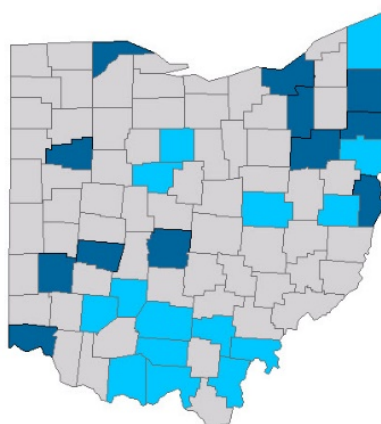
Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the MIECHV Program (as of March 2017):

Rural counties:

Adams, Ashtabula, Clinton, Columbiana, Coshocton, Crawford, Fayette, Gallia, Harrison, Marion, Meigs, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton

Non-rural counties:

Allen, Clark, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lucas, Mahoning, Montgomery, Stark, Summit, Trumbull



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[Ohio 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.