

# Home Visiting Program

## Pennsylvania

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

- Made 39,307 home visits to 6,574 parents and children in 3,282 families
- Enrolled 2,467 new parents and children to the program, or 38% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 47 counties across the state, or 70% of Pennsylvania counties, of which 22 counties, or 47%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Pennsylvania:

- Screened 97% of mothers who participated in home visiting programs for domestic violence
- Indicated that 95% of participants in home visiting programs who were enrolled for at least one year reported having health insurance
- Created a Policy and Procedure manual for the Home Visiting Program and State Funded Nurse Family Partnership Local Implementing Agencies. The manual is designed to support current LIAs and educate any individual looking to obtain information about program services and requirements

Like all MIECHV Program grantees, Pennsylvania uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. Pennsylvania 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](#)
- [Early Head Start - Home Based Option](#)

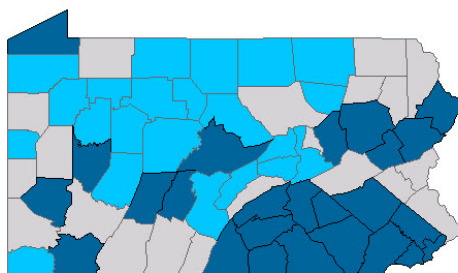
**Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the MIECHV Program (as of March 2017):**

### Rural counties:

Bradford, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Crawford, Elk, Forest, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mifflin, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, Union, Venango

### Non-rural counties:

Adams, Allegheny, Armstrong, Berks, Blair, Cambria, Carbon, Centre, Chester, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Erie, Fayette, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Luzerne, Monroe, Montgomery, Perry, Philadelphia, Pike, York



### More about Pennsylvania:

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

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