

Home Visiting Program

Rhode Island

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

- Made 15,715 home visits to 3,009 parents and children in 1,543 families
- Enrolled 1,464 new parents and children to the program, or 49% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 5 counties across the state, or 100% of Rhode Island counties, of which 0 counties are rural

The MIECHV Program in Rhode Island:

- Screened 98% of families participating in home visiting programs for domestic violence
- Ensured that 97% of mothers and children receiving home visiting services were enrolled in a health insurance plan within three months of enrollment or maintained their health insurance plan at three months post enrollment
- Trained 21 family visitors from across all three home visiting models to become Certified Lactation Counselors (CLCs)

Like all MIECHV Program grantees, Rhode Island uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. Rhode Island 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:

Bristol, Kent, Newport, Providence, Washington



More about Rhode Island:

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

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