

Home Visiting Program

South Carolina

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

- Made 17,549 home visits to 5,280 parents and children in 2,705 families
- Enrolled 1,630 new parents and children to the program, or 31% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 38 counties across the state, or 83% of South Carolina counties, of which 14 counties, or 37%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in South Carolina:

- Expanded their program by integrating home visiting into primary healthcare/medical homes, while concentrating on the areas of greatest need such as child maltreatment, maternal and infant health, school readiness, and families with children with special needs
- Provided guidance for the prevention of child injuries to 99% of families enrolled in home visiting programs
- Contracted with the Rural Health Research Center within the School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina to implement a comprehensive evaluation process and ensure all supported programs are measured against legislative benchmarks

Like all MIECHV Program grantees, South Carolina uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. South Carolina 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](#)
- [Healthy Steps](#)

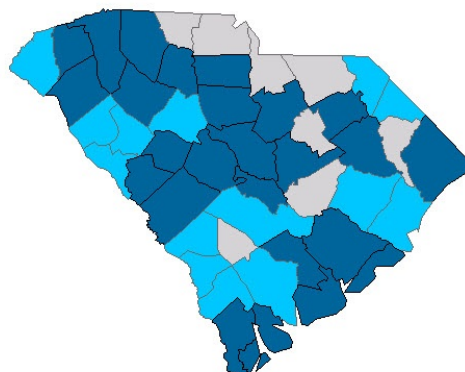
Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the MIECHV Program (as of March 2017):

Rural counties:

Abbeville, Allendale, Barnwell, Colleton, Dillon, Georgetown, Greenwood, Hampton, Marlboro, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Williamsburg

Non-rural counties:

Aiken, Anderson, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Chester, Darlington, Dorchester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence, Greenville, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Laurens, Lexington, Pickens, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg, Sumter, Union



More about South Carolina:

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

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