

Home Visiting Program

South Dakota

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

- Made 2,029 home visits to 288 parents and children in 196 families
- Enrolled 176 new parents and children to the program, or 61% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 12 counties across the state, or 18% of South Dakota counties, of which 12 counties, or 100%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in South Dakota:

- Reported that 97% of infants had a well-child visit between the time they were discharged from the hospital and six months postpartum
- Provided 97% of clients who participated in the program with parental education or training on injury prevention within six months of enrollment in the program
- Partnered with the South Dakota Early Intervention/Part C program and the Child Care Services program to plan a Family Engagement Summer Institute for all program staff

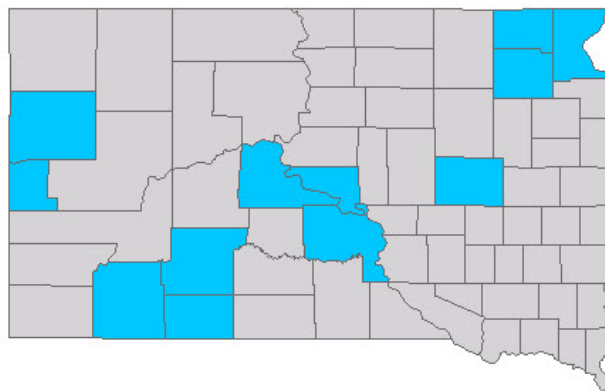
Like all MIECHV Program grantees, South Dakota uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. South Dakota leverages federal funds to implement the following models to serve children and families across the state:

- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)

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

Rural counties:
Beadle, Bennett, Butte, Day, Hughes, Jackson, Lawrence, Lyman, Marshall, Oglala Lakota, Roberts, Stanley

Non-rural counties:
None



More about South Dakota:

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

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