

# Home Visiting Program

## Tennessee

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

- Made 19,961 home visits to 3,235 parents and children in 1,656 families
- Enrolled 1,215 new parents and children to the program, or 38% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 32 counties across the state, or 34% of Tennessee counties, of which 20 counties, or 63%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Tennessee:

- Provided 92% of households age appropriate injury prevention information or training, an increase of 13% over fiscal year 2015
- Screened 99% of women for domestic violence when they enrolled in the program
- Continued development and updating of a data collection system to track benchmark-associated process and outcome measures and a plan for a more robust data collection and management system

Like all MIECHV Program grantees, Tennessee uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. Tennessee 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](#)
- [Promising Approach - Nurses for Newborns](#)
- [Promising Approach - MIHOW](#)

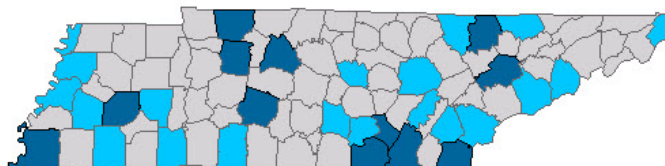
**Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the MIECHV Program (as of March 2017):**

### **Rural counties:**

Claiborne, Cocke, Coffee, Cumberland, DeKalb, Dyer, Grundy, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Johnson, Lake, Lauderdale, Lawrence, McMinn, Monroe, Rhea, Scott, Sevier

### **Non-rural counties:**

Campbell, Davidson, Dickson, Hamilton, Knox, Madison, Marion, Maury, Montgomery, Polk, Sequatchie, Shelby



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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.