

# Home Visiting Program

## Texas

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

- Made 52,612 home visits to 8,086 parents and children in 3,817 families
- Enrolled 3,566 new parents and children to the program, or 44% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 19 counties across the state, or 7% of Texas counties, of which 4 counties, or 21%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Texas:

- Incorporated the Clear Impact Results Based Accountability Framework into their state program to develop outcome scorecards that measure change around child and family wellbeing
- Worked in partnership with communities to explore innovative approaches to leverage additional funding to increase reach and ensure sustainability of home visiting programs
- Ensured that 72% of referrals made during a families' first year in the program resulted in the receipt of additional services within three months of receiving the referral

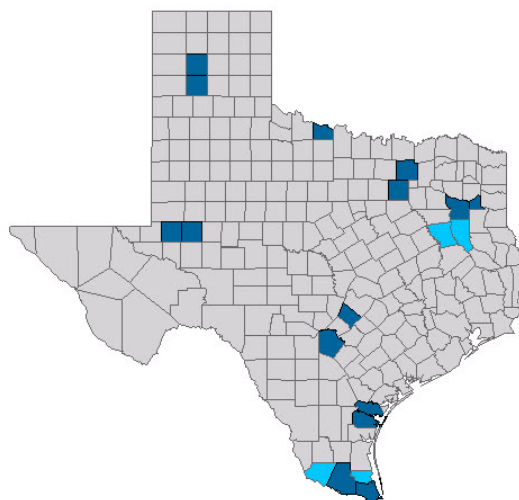
Like all MIECHV Program grantees, Texas uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. Texas leverages federal funds to implement the following models to serve children and families across the state:

- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)
- [Early Head Start - Home Based Option](#)
- [Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters](#)

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

**Rural counties:**  
Anderson, Cherokee, Starr, Willacy

**Non-rural counties:**  
Bexar, Cameron, Collin, Dallas, Ector, Gregg, Hays, Hidalgo, Midland, Nueces, Potter, Randall, San Patricio, Smith, Wichita



### More about Texas:

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

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