

Home Visiting Program

Virginia

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

- Made 16,550 home visits to 2,418 parents and children in 1,503 families
- Enrolled 827 new parents and children to the program, or 34% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 44 counties across the state, or 33% of Virginia counties, of which 14 counties, or 32%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Virginia:

- Screened 75% of women participating in the program for depressive symptoms within two months of enrollment - a 20% increase over 2015
- Showed an improvement of caseload capacity from 73% at the beginning of the fiscal year to 87% by the end of fiscal year 2016
- Held a biennial professional development conference in Richmond, VA in November 2016 at which three Home Visiting "Champion" awards were presented

Like all MIECHV Program grantees, Virginia uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. Virginia 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 - Resource Mothers](#)

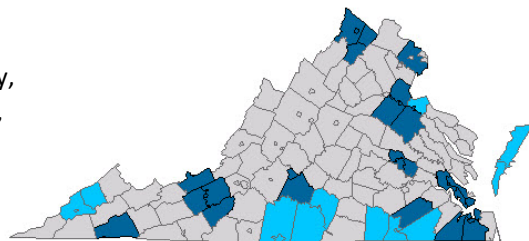
Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the MIECHV Program (as of March 2017):

Rural counties:

Accomack, Brunswick, Charlotte, Danville City, Dickenson, Emporia City, Greensville, Halifax, King George, Northampton, Norton City, Pittsylvania, Southampton, Wise

Non-rural counties:

Bristol City, Campbell, Caroline, Chesapeake City, Clarke, Fairfax, Floyd, Frederick, Fredericksburg City, Giles, Hampton City, Henrico, James City, Lynchburg, Montgomery, Newport News City, Norfolk City, Portsmouth City, Pulaski, Radford City, Richmond City, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Suffolk City, Sussex, Warren, Washington, Williamsburg City, Winchester City, York



More about Virginia:

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

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