

# Home Visiting Program

## Virgin Islands

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV Program) supports the Virgin Islands 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 2015, home visitors in Virgin Islands:

- Made 252 home visits to 102 parents and children in 85 families
- Enrolled 16 new parents and children to the program, or 16% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 2 counties across the state, or 67% of Virgin Islands counties, of which 2 counties, or 100%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Virgin Islands:

- Support opportunities to strengthen partnerships and share resources within early childhood among providers and key community stakeholders; and
- Provide a platform to build and promote professional development and collaborative learning through communities of practice among EBHV programs.

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

- [Healthy Families America](#)
- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)

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

**Rural counties:**

St. Croix, St. Thomas

**Non-rural counties:**

None



### More about Virgin Islands:

[Title V MCH Block Grant Snapshot for Virgin Islands](#)

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.