

Home Visiting Program

Washington

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

- Made 18,278 home visits to 3,053 parents and children in 1,663 families
- Enrolled 1,130 new parents and children to the program, or 37% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 15 counties across the state, or 38% of Washington counties, of which 5 counties, or 33%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Washington:

- Screened 85% of mothers for depression within six months of enrollment
- Screened 86% of mothers for alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drug use in the first 6 months following enrollment or delivery
- Provided model-specific coaching to local implementing agencies to ensure programs are achieving fidelity to the evidence-based models, as well as to ensure that programs that are funded through MIECHV investments produce strong outcomes like those found in the foundational home visiting research

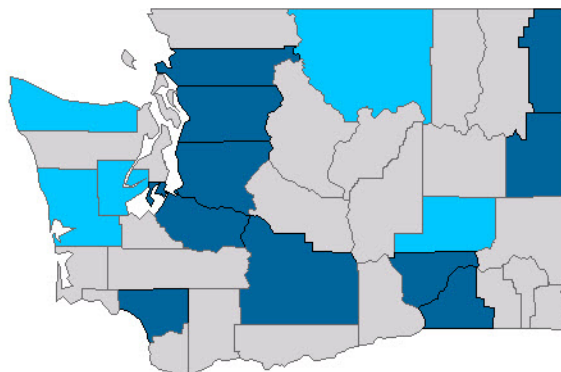
Like all MIECHV Program grantees, Washington uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. Washington leverages federal funds to implement the following models to serve children and families across the state:

- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)

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

Rural counties:
Adams, Clallam, Grays Harbor, Mason, Okanogan

Non-rural counties:
Cowlitz, Franklin, King, Pend Oreille, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Spokane, Walla Walla, Yakima



More about Washington:

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

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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.