Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood
HOME VISITING PROGRAM

The voluntary Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program gives pregnant people and families living in communities at risk for poor maternal and child health outcomes the necessary resources and skills to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to succeed.

In FY 2022, the MIECHV Program served approximately 138,000 parents and children and provided more than 840,000 home visits.

The MIECHV Program funds states, territories, and tribal entities to develop and implement evidence-based, voluntary programs that best meet the needs of their communities.

BENCHMARKS

- Improved maternal and newborn health
- Improved school readiness and achievement
- Improved family economic self-sufficiency
- Reduced child injuries, abuse, and neglect
- Reduced crime or domestic violence
- Improved coordination and referrals for community resources

The MIECHV Program serves many of the most vulnerable families. In FY 2022, states and territories reported that:

- 67% of participating families had household incomes at or below federal poverty guidelines ($26,500 for a family of four)
- 60% of adult program participants had a high school diploma or less

Families served by the MIECHV Program were at risk for poor family and child outcomes. In FY 2022, states and territories reported that:

- 19% of households reported a history of child abuse and maltreatment
- 13% of households reported substance misuse
- 9% of households included enrollees who are pregnant teens

The MIECHV Program’s impact on parents and their children in FY 2022:

- 81% of MIECHV caregivers were screened for depression within 3 months of enrollment or 3 months of delivery
- 79% of children enrolled in MIECHV had a family member who read, told stories, and/or sang with them on a daily basis
- 70% of mothers enrolled in MIECHV received a postpartum visit with a health care provider within 8 weeks of delivery
- 70% of children enrolled in MIECHV received the most recent recommended well-child visit based on the AAP schedule

Learn more about the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program and its impact on families.