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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Association of State and Tribal Home Visiting Initiatives (ASTHVI)?

ASTHVI is a nonprofit, nonpartisan collaboration of administrators of state- and federally-funded home visiting programs. Our mission is to facilitate the national, peer-to-peer exchange of innovative practices, and to share information about the impact of home visiting programs in our states and local communities with policymakers, the press and the public.

Who is eligible for ASTHVI membership?

ASTHVI membership is open to state, territorial and tribal officials administering federal-, state- and tribal-funded home visiting programs. Administrators managing home visiting programs for non-profit organizations that are MIECHV grantees are also eligible for membership.

What are ASTHVI's goals, objectives and activities?

ASTHVI's primary purpose is to facilitate communication among home visiting administrators to share questions, advice, best practices, and products with their peers around the country. We also serve as a source of state-specific home visiting data for policymakers, the media and the public. We work with the ASTHVI membership and all other organizations in the home visiting community to convey the impact of home visiting generally and the MIECHV program specifically, as well as to link home visiting to the larger systems of care and services for families.

ASTHVI does not engage in any lobbying or advocacy activity. We do synthesize and provide factual information on state and tribal home visiting programs and perspectives to stakeholders. ASTHVI's work is conducted primarily through committees on data collection, policy, tribal home visiting, and membership. ASTHVI's work is guided by an elected Steering Committee of home visiting administrators.

How is ASTHVI funded?

ASTHVI was launched with a start-up grant provided by the Richard W. Goldman Foundation. In 2016, ASTHVI is transitioning to a member-supported association, and annual dues will be assessed for continued membership.

What are the benefits of ASTHVI membership?

ASTHVI offers its members:

- Inclusion in a national network of peer home visiting administrators for professional development and exchange of best practices;
- Participation in conference calls to discuss issues facing home visiting administrators;
- Opportunities to provide information and perspectives that inform federal policymaking;
- Access to members-only resources on the ASTHVI website;
- Participation in listserv communication to raise and respond to home visiting administrators' questions, and share promising practices and products developed by peers;
- Updates on federal policy developments affecting home visiting;
- Participation in national face-to-face meetings;
- Public education support and assistance to communicate home visiting's impact and success stories to key state-based media outlets.

Who are ASTHVI's leaders? What is the role of the ASTHVI Steering Committee?

To ensure that ASTHVI is responsive to the needs of home visiting administrators, it is led by a Steering Committee of officials from around the country. Steering Committee members include:

- Laura Alfani, Washington Department of Early Learning
- Claudia Catalano, Massachusetts Department of Public Health
- Carol Brady, Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions
- Benjamin Hazelton, Oregon Health Authority
- Katie Hess, United Indians of All Tribes Foundation
- Janet Horras, Iowa Department of Public Health
- Brad Planey, Arkansas Department of Health

The Steering Committee will be responsible for ensuring that ASTHVI's goals and objectives and activities reflect the priorities and perspectives of home visiting administrators.

Who do I contact for more information?

We encourage you to contact any of our Steering Committee members, or the ASTHVI staff at asthvi.email@gmail.com