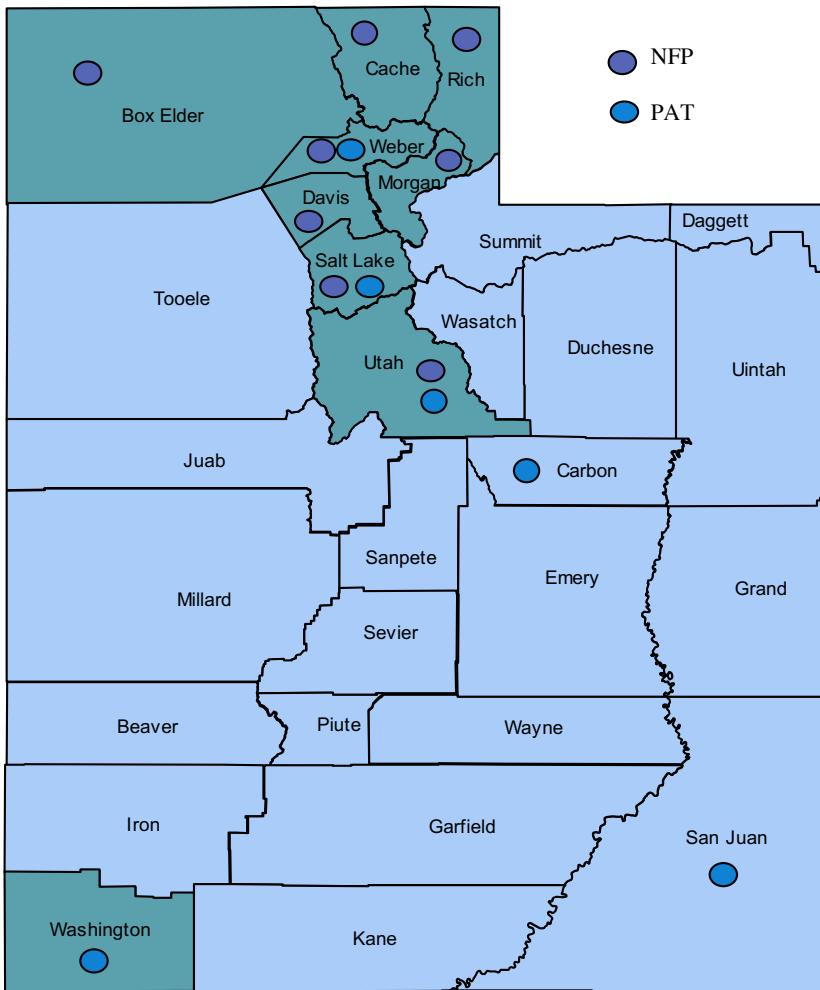


UTAH HOME VISITING

Empowering the whole family



INVESTMENT

The Utah Department of Health, Office of Home Visiting, is funded in part through federal investments from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program

Utah has received a total of \$9 million in federal MIECHV funds. Additional funding has been provided through child abuse prevention funding from federal sources.

There are nine counties currently being served (or 31 percent of the counties in the state). The state aims to expand to a total of 15 counties once it is awarded expansion grant funds in FFY2017.

Service Footprint

In the most recent fiscal year, Utah home visitors made more than 4,300 visits to nearly 800 parents and children. With MIECHV funding, these visits are taking place in 9 counties across the state. Home visitors also enrolled 330 first-time parents and children in at least one federally approved evidence-based program.

The following evidence-based programs provide services to Utah families:

- Early Head Start
- Nurse-Family Partnership
- Parents as Teachers

Innovation and Continuous Quality Improvement

Through periodic visits to the home, home visitors assess pregnant women's and families' health and social support needs; make referrals to needed services; and provide education and support to promote positive health and social outcomes. The MIECHV home visiting programs work to improve outcomes for families in the following areas:

- Improved maternal and newborn health;
- Prevention of child abuse, neglect or maltreatment;
- Improved school readiness and achievement;
- Reduction in domestic violence;
- Improved family economic self-sufficiency; and
- Improved coordination and referrals for needed community resources and supports.



A key part of MIECHV is a focus on coordination. Utah carries out this commitment by collecting data from all the home visiting programs and sharing the findings. This work is important to understanding the positive impact home visiting in making for children, families and society as a whole.

The Home Visiting Program in Utah has:

- Developed a statewide Home Visiting Conference;
- Initiated a statewide expansion of the Help Me Grow Program; and
- Developed a Pacific Islands pilot for an evidence-based home visiting program



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