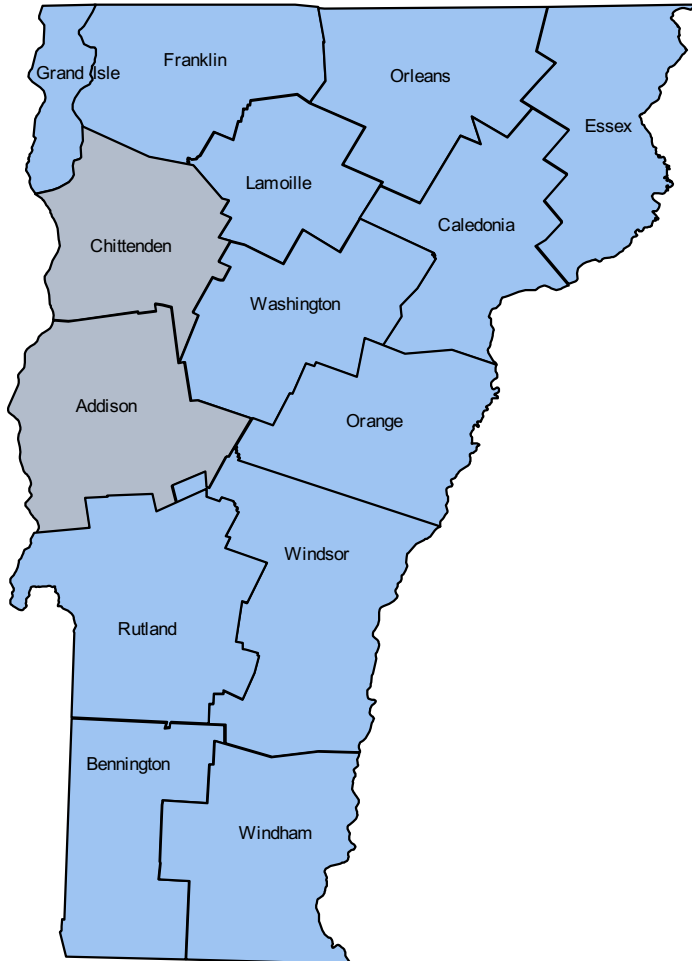


# VERMONT HOME VISITING

## Empowering the whole family



Vermont's MCH Home Visiting Program is funded through federal investments from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program to support the Nurse Family Partnership model that provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to at-risk first time pregnant women and their children up to age 2 years.

In fiscal year 2015, nurse home visitors:

- Made 4,111 home visits to 568 parents and children in 328 families
- Enrolled 301 new parents and children to the program
- Served families living in communities in 12 counties out of the 14 counties in Vermont.

## Evidence-Based Program

Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is Vermont's MIECHV funded evidence-based home visiting. NFP employs Bachelor's prepared nurses to support low-income first time mothers and their children up to age 2 years to improve prenatal health outcomes, parenting skills, child health and development, and family economic self-sufficiency.

## Home Visiting: how does it work?

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.



Vermont's MCH Home Visiting Program:

- Worked with state legislators to enact legislation in June, 2013 requiring adoption of standards for MCH home visiting programs.
- Initiated combined training of nurses and other early childhood professionals.
- Received grants from SAMSHA/LAUNCH and Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge to support the evidenced based home visiting programs of Parents as Teachers (PAT) and Maternal Early Childhood Sustained Home Visiting Program (MECSH.)



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