

NEW MEXICO HOME VISITING

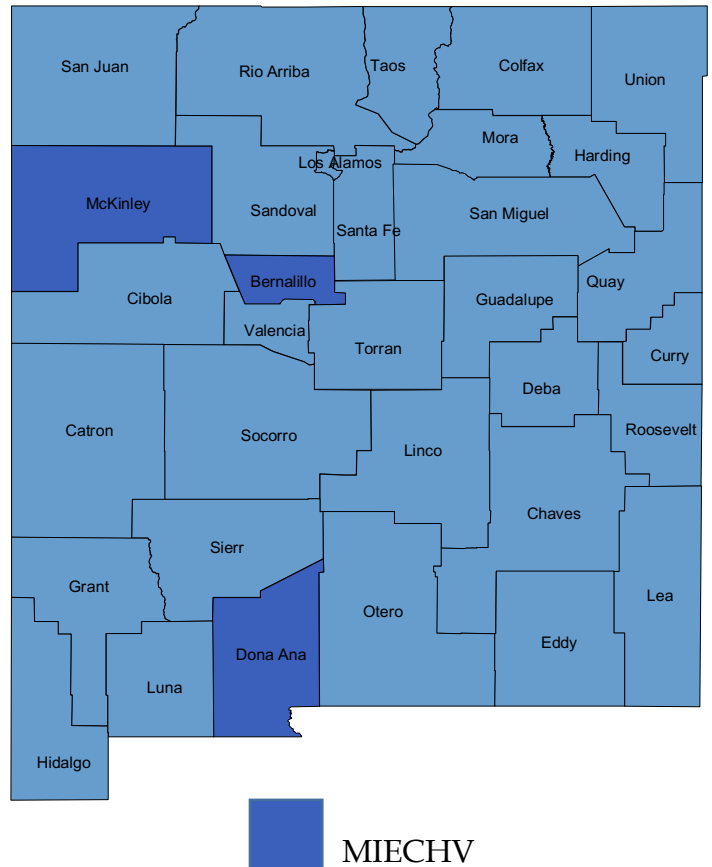
Empowering the whole family

Home visiting in New Mexico is part of the state's overall early childhood education efforts. The program is administered by the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department.

The federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program provides \$8.4 million (\$1.2 million in formula grants and \$7.2 million in competitive grants). This covers 5 counties in the state (16 percent of all counties in the state) and serves more than 520 parents and children in nearly 250 families. Recently, 190 new parents and children have been enrolled in the program.

Like all MIECHV grantees, New Mexico uses evidence-based home visiting models. These models have been shown to improve child health while also being cost effective. The following home visiting programs operate in New Mexico:

- Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)
- Parents as Teachers (PAT)



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;
- Improved coordination and referrals for needed community resources and supports

Accomplishments: building for a strong future

Coordinated Intake

Home visiting operates through a coordinated intake system. This allows the state to identify families that would benefit from services and connect them to the appropriate home visiting model. This also aids in eliminating duplicative efforts.

Data Collection

The state's data management system supports the collection and reporting of data for all home visiting programs in the state – non-MIECHV funded programs included. The system allows for accurate reporting and accountability processes.

Statewide Research

The state partnered with the University of New Mexico's Center for Education Policy Research (CEPR) to conduct evaluations of the state's home visiting system.

Technology for Professional Development

Administrators use video conferencing to provide training and technical assistance for home visitors in high-risk, rural communities. This mitigates travel time and fiscal resources allocated to professional development for programs in these hard-to-reach communities.



To learn more about New Mexico home visiting...

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