

# Virginia Home Visiting

## Partnership:

The Virginia Home Visiting Consortium (HVC) is a collaboration of statewide early childhood home visiting programs that serve families of children from pregnancy through age five. Since 2006, the HVC has been advancing the delivery of high quality, efficient services that improve the health, social and educational outcomes for new and expecting parents, young children and their families.

The HVC coordinates work across models to enhance infrastructure, expand and sustain services, support continuous quality improvement and innovation in the field.

In Virginia, 13,000 families receive home visits, including those funded by the federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program (1,158). There are 117 localities that are served and a total of 9 program types.

## Investment:

Virginia receives approximately \$8.2 million in MIECHV funding (\$2 million in formula grant funding and \$6.2 million in competitive/expansion grant funding).

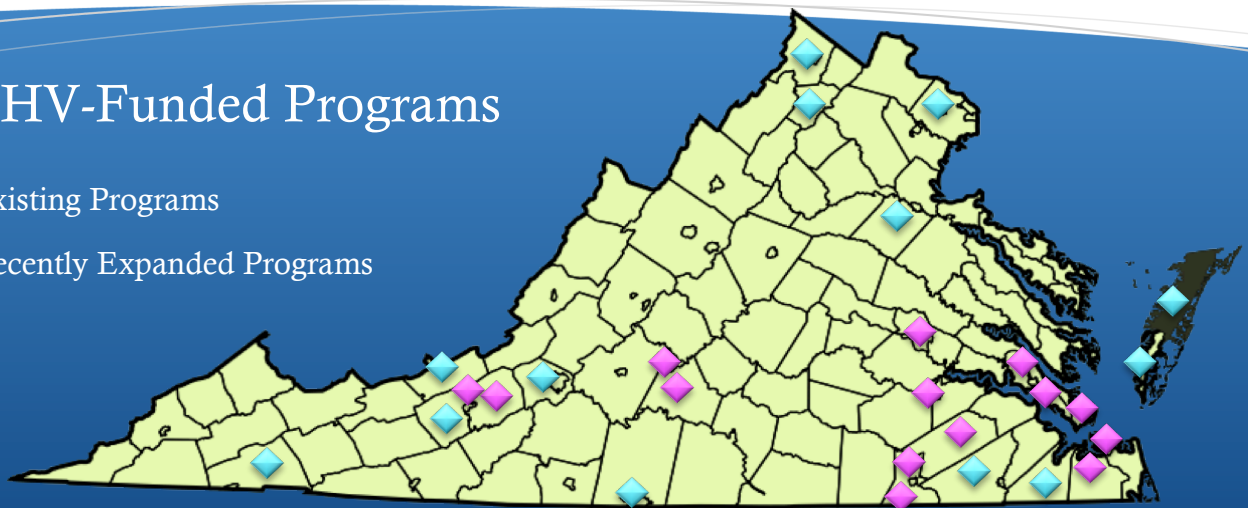
Virginia MIECHV funds are supporting the expansion of home visiting services using the following evidence-based models:

- Healthy Families America
- Nurse Family Partnership
- Parents as Teachers

Over \$5.7 million has been awarded to 18 local home visiting programs serving 27 “at-risk” communities.

## MIECHV-Funded Programs

- ◆ Existing Programs
- ◆ Recently Expanded Programs



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## Infrastructure Improvements:

Four projects serving communities throughout the Eastern and Southwestern regions of the state are developing a centralized intake and referral system for their regional areas.

This effort promotes coordinated systems of care and a consistent point of entry into home visiting where multiple home visiting programs co-exist with differential admission criteria and service priorities.

A high risk behavioral screening tool, as a means to quickly and concurrently identify pregnant and postpartum women at risk for mental health, substance abuse, smoking and interpersonal violence, will be incorporated into the intake process.



## Evidence of Success from 2013 Evaluation:

- 94% demonstrated positive parent-child interaction or showed improvement
- 98% had optimal home environments to support child development or showed improvement
- 99.2% had no founded cases of child abuse and

## Professional Development:

MIECHV in Virginia has expanded the availability of high-quality training for home visitors across the state by providing 17 core trainings at no cost for HVC affiliated home visitors.

Administered online and around the state through James Madison University, special topics are also available statewide. Home visitors now have access to their individual professional development portfolio.

## One Parent's Story:

"I first started with New River Valley Parents as Teachers (PAT) because I felt that I would need support after having Hayden because I would essentially be raising her by myself. My parents are not local and the majority of my friends did not have experience raising children. I realized that I needed the support of PAT services. I was able to talk freely about any problems I was having and ask any questions I had about Hayden's development.

I received help obtaining health insurance and a pack and play so that I could keep Hayden with me at work. I was a PAT parent for nine months. I graduated from services after I got an AmeriCorps position with the PAT program. I chose to work with the PAT program because I enjoy helping other people who are in the position I was in and just need help in providing a safe environment for their child to develop in." —Rachel P.

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