



HOME VISITING IN IOWA

Home Visiting Models

Iowa has a wide range of home visiting models across the state including evidence based home visiting models as well as promising practice programs.

The three evidence based home visiting models funded by MIECHV in Iowa are:

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



Home visiting services are available in all 99 Iowa counties.

In fiscal year 2021, the MIECHV program provided services to 809 families in 13 counties, and Early Childhood Iowa served 8,664 families.

Our goal is to serve half of the state's birth-to-five population.

Investment:

In Iowa, home visiting enjoys state, federal, and philanthropic support. Each funding stream fills a crucial gap in services and serves as a catalyst for attracting additional support for programs.

Early Childhood Iowa, a state agency, receives around 13 million annually from the state general fund to operate family support programs. Historically, 90% of these funds are expended on home visiting programs and 10% on group-based parent education programs.

Early Childhood Iowa local areas receive \$9.4 million from federal, state and local government, private foundations, United Ways, churches and other charitable organizations to support its funded family support programs.



MIECHV System Building Activities

***Single Web-Based Data Collection and Reporting System** - DAISEY

***Statewide Coordinated Intake System** for Family Support Services and Early Intervention - IFSN

***Institute for the Advancement of Family Support Professionals**

***Learning Lab and I2D2** - Integrated Data System to determine specific activities that produce better results for families

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Program Goals:

Iowa is looking to expand MIECHV beyond the current 13 communities based on the most recent needs assessment.

All Iowa home visiting programs share the goal of evaluating and implementing strategies to improve the quality of home visiting services. By utilizing all funding streams, the state hopes to serve half of all vulnerable newborns through home visiting programs with an emphasis on enrolling families prenatally.

Professional Development:

With MIECHV funding, Iowa has developed an online assessment that will ensure all family support professionals are competent and prepared to work with children and families.

Home visitors also have access to online learning modules covering core competencies. Home visitors can specialize in domestic violence, substance abuse, mental health and child abuse prevention.

Who we serve in MIECHV

- 68% of primary caregivers had low educational attainment
- 22% of primary caregivers had a history of substance abuse
- 24% of primary caregivers are younger than 21 years of age
- 71% of families are low income, income 133% or less of FPL
- 26% of women were enrolled prenatally
- 89% of children had caregivers that read, told stories or sang to them everyday
- 85% of infants are always placed on their backs for sleeping, without bed sharing or soft bedding
- 92% of primary caregivers had health insurance for at least six continuous months
- 92% of primary caregivers were screened for depression

