



HOME VISITING IN WYOMING

Home Visiting: How Does It Work?

Through personal visits with parents and their children, home visitors focus on parent-child interaction, development-centered parenting and family well-being. Home visitors provide development and health screenings, and help connect families to social supports and make referrals to services if needed. Home visiting programs promote strong communities, thriving families and children who are healthy, safe and ready to learn.

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Building on Family Strengths

The Wyoming Home Visiting Program is funded by the federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting to at-risk pregnant women and



parents with young children through Kindergarten. The program, which builds on decades of scientific research, provides voluntary, culturally appropriate, individually-tailored supports to families in their homes, including providing information about children's development, health and safety, and when appropriate, referrals to support services. With its MIECHV funds, Wyoming implements the Parents as Teachers model.

Other MIECHV evidence based home visiting models operating in Wyoming include Family Spirit and MECSH (Maternal Early Childhood Sustained Home visiting).

A Wyoming Family Home Visiting Story

"Before Parents as Teachers, I was unfairly put in a box I didn't fit in (and so was my girl)!!! My Parent Educator told me she didn't see me as an "old parent" and didn't see my daughter as "just terrible 2's". I was given techniques to try at home for my busy restless girl and referred to have her tested. She is a 35 out of 35 on a scale for kids who sensory seek. Not wrong, just different... though dangerous at times. PAT is also coming along side CDC (Child Development Center-an Early Intervention Program) to help me get sleep and help my girl get the sensory she needs to be happy and healthy! I enjoy my visits so much I even joined the advisory committee. This has taught me how supportive each of the women involved really are, and how much the community benefits from their selfless attitudes and extensive continuing education not to mention the multiple partnerships! "

Investment: Building for a Strong Future

The federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program provides Wyoming with federal funding for a portion of the state's home visiting program. Through federal grants from MIECHV, home visiting in Wyoming has:

- Made over 3,500 personal visits to 258 families
- Provided services to families experiencing domestic violence and mental health issues
- Implemented (previously non-existent) infant mental health consultations for home visitors
- Served families living in communities in 5 counties across the state



Like all MIECHV grantees, Wyoming uses evidence-based home visiting models. These models have been shown to improve child health and well-being while also being cost effective. MIECHV has also provided training opportunities to cross-model partners. In addition, the Wyoming Home Visiting Network promotes program collaboration, supplemental training, and data collection practices consistent with the high standards set forth in MIECHV.