



HOME VISITING IN Alaska

Home Visiting Models

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

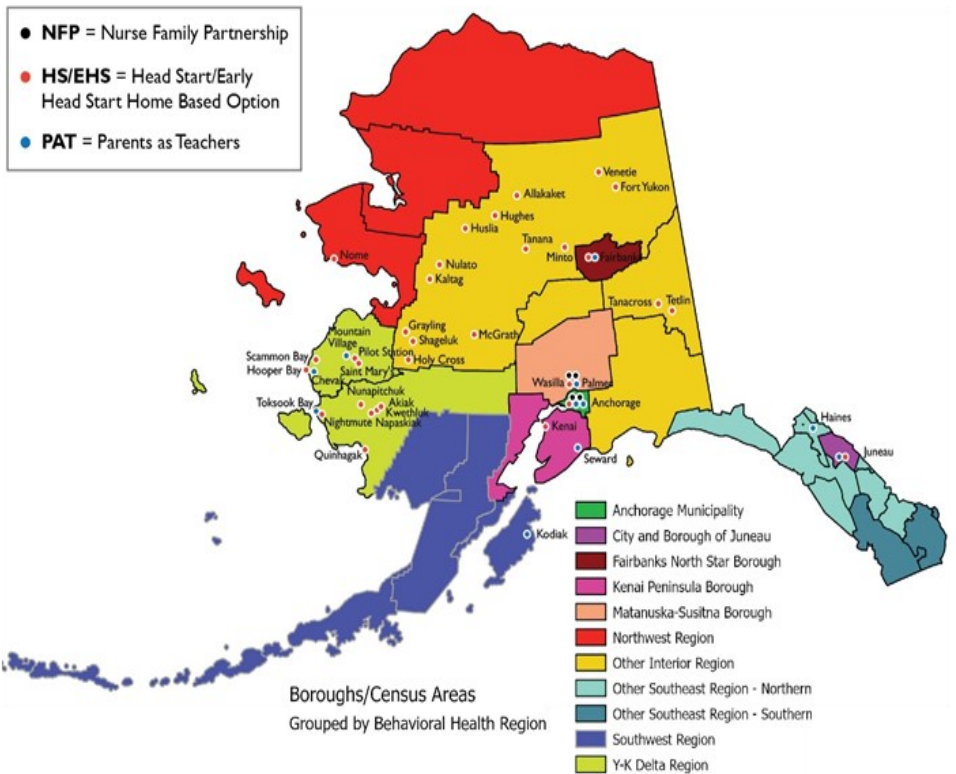
The three evidence-based home visiting models in Alaska are:

- Nurse-Family Partnership*
- Head Start/Early Head Start
- Parents as Teachers



*Funded through MIECHV

Alaska Evidence Based Home Visiting Programs By Borough/Census Area (August 2020)



Head Start is the largest early childhood program in Alaska, serving over 3,000 young children from birth to 5-years-old in 100 communities. Many of these programs offer home-based options.

The PAT curriculum is used by eight programs in Alaska and serves communities in nine out of 29 borough and census areas.

NFP has two sites in Anchorage serving adjacent communities of the Mat-Su Borough. The Nutaqsiivik NFP program at Southcentral Foundation is funded by the Tribal MIECHV grant. The Providence NFP program, housed at Providence Alaska Medical Center, is funded by the State of Alaska's MIECHV program.



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Who MIECHV Served Through Nurse-Family Partnership in FY2021:

- 13.7% of primary caregivers had less than a high school diploma
- 3.5% of households had a history of substance abuse
- 21.0% of primary caregivers are 21 years old or younger
- 52.9% of families have income 100% or less of FPL
- 99.9% of women were enrolled prenatally
- 87.5% of children received timely well-child visits
- 94.7% of children with positive screens for developmental delays received timely services
- 90.3% of primary caregivers received a timely IPV screen

HRSA-funded Providence NFP provided services to 200 families, including 138 children in 2 boroughs/census areas with a total of 1,395 completed home visits.

ACF-funded Nutaqsiivik NFP provided services to 263 families, including 205 children in 2 boroughs/census areas with a total of 3,276 completed home visits.

Non-MIECHV state-funded PAT programs served 161 families including 197 children in at least 5 boroughs/census areas.

Innovations in Supporting the Home Visiting Workforce

The State of Alaska MIECHV program established a contract with the University of Alaska Center for Human Development to develop, implement and evaluate interactive and collaborative home visiting training clinics using the ECHO model. The aim is to ensure the provision of high-quality home visiting services to eligible families in at-risk communities, by establishing and coordinating appropriate collaborative training, linkages and referral networks to community resources and supports within the early childhood system by providing a high-quality, interactive training opportunity. The goals of the Alaska Home Visiting ECHO will advance COVID-19 response efforts, support the home visiting workforce, promote equity, and benefit families served by the MIECHV program.

Alaska plans to elevate and support the home visiting field through the creation of an Alaska Home Visiting Alliance. The purpose of the Alliance will be to further sustainability and service expansion by creating a statewide home visiting coalition that can advise and assist the field in professional development opportunities, family engagement, program planning, staff hiring, onboarding and evaluation, and other activities related to building home visiting staff and program capacity and future service expansion.