



# HOME VISITING IN South Carolina

## All Home Visiting in SC

In 2020, there were several evidence-based models implemented in South Carolina across all funding streams (including MIECHV). These included:

- Attachment and Biobehavioral Catch-Up,
- Early Head Start Home-Based Option,
- Healthy Families America,
- Nurse-Family Partnership, and Parents as Teachers.

Statewide, 75 local agencies operated at least one of these models with:

- 69,746 home visits provided (including 35,826 virtual visits)
- 4,478 families served
- 3,383 children served

### Still the Need

It is estimated that in South Carolina, there were 266,400 pregnant women and families with children under 6 years old, not yet in kindergarten, who could benefit from home visiting. These families included 334,200 children.

## *Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting in SC*

Children's Trust, a state leader in improving the health and well-being of South Carolina families and children, serves as the lead agency for the SC MIECHV program. The aim of SC MIECHV is to provide voluntary home visiting services to at-risk families with the intent of preventing child abuse and neglect, as well as improving health, development, and early learning outcomes of its participants.

South Carolina's MIECHV program is locally implemented by agencies across the state, including:

- health departments,
- nonprofit organizations,
- hospital-based and other clinics, and
- primary medical homes.

Each local agency implements an SC MIECHV-approved, evidence-based home visiting model. In the 2020-2021 reporting year, 16 SC MIECHV-funded agencies delivered services through three different evidence-based home visiting models to reach participants in 42 of South Carolina's 46 counties:

- Nurse-Family Partnership,
- Healthy Families America, and
- Parents as Teachers.

One SC MIECHV partner implemented all three home visiting models to serve their community's needs.





**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**Home Visiting**  
**CONSORTIUM**

A major strategy and objective of the SC MIECHV program is to provide the infrastructure for South Carolina’s continuing growth and development in implementing evidence-based home visiting programs and enhance the state’s overall comprehensive early childhood system of care promoting maternal, infant, and early childhood health, safety, and development and strong parent-child relationships.

Children’s Trust of SC convenes the *South Carolina Home Visiting Consortium* consisting of all home visiting model leads, essential partners, and other state, early childhood partners.

**Vision**

*Every caregiver and every child has access to home visiting services.*

**Mission**

*To coordinate, strengthen and advocate for home visiting initiatives that support all caregivers and children in South Carolina.*

**Values**

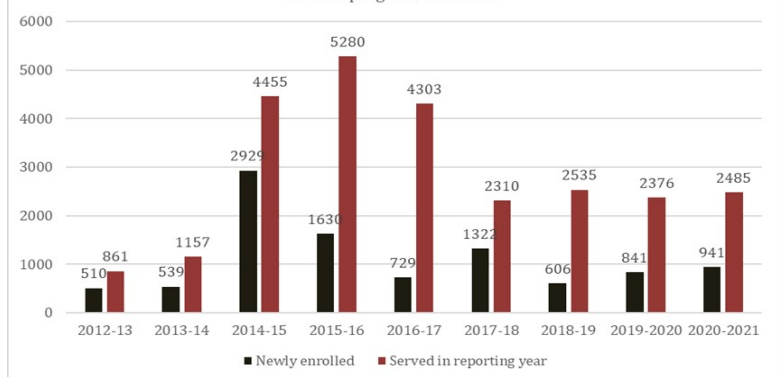
*The following fundamental principles will remain our guide through our decision-making:*

- *Inclusivity*
- *Integrity*
- *Collaboration*
- *Leadership*
- *Quality*

**Making a Difference**

- In total, 11,494 caregivers and children have enrolled in the SC MIECHV program since its inception in 2011 (Fig. 1)
- During the 2020-2021 reporting year, 941 new caregivers and children were enrolled, and a total of 2,485 caregivers and children were served.
- Despite the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March of 2020, SC MIECHV served an increasing number of caregivers from 2019-2020 to 2020-2021.
- In FY21, home-visiting specialists across the 16 implementing sites made 17,886 home visits to enrolled parents and children.
  - 15,601 of those home visits were conducted virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The collective impact of these SC MIECHV-supported visits is noteworthy for the measurable differences they make in the lives of South Carolina children and families.

Figure 1. Number of newly enrolled & served caregivers and children in the SC MIECHV program, 2011-2021



**Ensuring Healthy Outcomes through MIECHV in '20-'21**

- 87% of children born at-term
- 84% of children received last recommended well-child visit
- 98% of children slept safely
- 93% of children screened for developmental delays

- 89% of new mothers had a timely postpartum care visit
- 86% of caregivers were screened for depression
- 95% of caregivers in need were referred to tobacco cessation
- 97% of parents read, sang, or told stories to their children daily