



HOME VISITING IN WEST VIRGINIA

Home Visiting Models

West Virginia MIECHV supports the following evidence-based models for home visiting:

- Parents as Teachers
- Healthy Families America
- Early Head Start

During the COVID-19 pandemic, home visitors have transitioned to offering telehealth virtual visiting to continue serving families in West Virginia.



Empowering the Whole Family

West Virginia utilizes federal funding from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) to facilitate home visiting programs throughout the state. Operating within the Office of Maternal, Child, and Family Health and in partnership with agencies across the state, home visiting provides valuable resources and strategies aimed at improving the quality of life for expectant families and children who are at risk for poor outcomes along benchmarks of health, education, and socioeconomic status.

The primary goals of home visiting include improving the health and wellbeing of mothers and children, as well as providing children with the tools they need to succeed in an academic setting. Professionally trained home visitors offer support and information on everything from prenatal care, health and nutrition, and breastfeeding, to making plans for education or a new career—all areas focused on developing positive and healthy outcomes for families and children across West Virginia.



West Virginia Home Visiting Fast Facts

In 2020, West Virginia home visiting programs provided...

18,116 home visits,
61.1% of which were
classified as low-income

to

1,985 families

and

2,413 children

95.6% of caregivers enrolled
were *screened for intimate
partner violence* within six
months of enrollment

92.5% of caregivers enrolled
were *screened for depression*
within three months of
enrollment or three months
post-delivery

Positive Outcomes of Home Visiting

West Virginia is dedicated to the continued efficiency of home visiting programming. As such, West Virginia measures the success of the following benchmarks provided by MIECHV legislation and maintains them as a focus for all home visiting programming:

- Improved health for newborns and mothers
- Prevention of child abuse, neglect, and maltreatment department visits
- Cutback of emergency department visits
- Increased school readiness and academic achievement for the child
- Decrease in domestic violence and crime
- Improved family economic self-sufficiency
- Expanded knowledge of and connections with other community resources and support

Regardless of which evidence-based model undertaken, all programs are dedicated to ensuring the continued health and wellbeing of caregivers and children as measured along these benchmarks.

