



HOME VISITING IN COLORADO

Home Visiting Models

Colorado MIECHV funds three evidence-based models and recently assisted in the launch of a fourth model* across the state.

The evidence-based home visiting models funded by MIECHV in Colorado include:

- **Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters**
- **Nurse-Family Partnership**
- **Parents as Teachers**
- **Child First***



Home visiting services are available in all 64 Colorado counties, although options in many areas are very limited. This brief focuses on those home visiting services that are funded, at least partially, by MIECHV.

In program year 2020-2021, Colorado MIECHV provided services to almost 1,800 families in 12 at-risk counties through the work of 16 implementing agencies.

Investment:

In Colorado, home visiting is deeply valued and supported through state, federal, and philanthropic funding. Colorado's evidence-based home visiting model continuum provides families with multiple options (in more populated areas), from focusing on school readiness skills to receiving intensive, therapeutic services.

Colorado's [2020 MIECHV needs assessment](#) significantly increased the number of at-risk counties, reflecting the increasing need for family support programs. Colorado MIECHV responded to this increase by funding more programs than ever before (beginning 2021-2022), with the hope of funding even more in future program years.

In program year 2020-2021, Colorado MIECHV supported the Home Visiting Investment Task Force, a working group within the Early Childhood Leadership Commission. The Task Force's goal is to develop a strategy to scale a continuum of home visiting services in Colorado and guide the release of the funding solicitations, including MIECHV.



MIECHV Systems Building

Colorado's San Luis Valley is a region nestled between mountain ranges, offering gorgeous views and beautiful landscapes including the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. The Valley is also home to some of Colorado's toughest outcomes for families.

However, partially through MIECHV funding, an innovative 2Gen-focused collaboration exists to help home visiting families obtain high school equivalency and higher education degrees, jobs that pay livable wages and provide personal pride, and connection to many resources assisting with food, housing, fuel to heat homes, and transportation.

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Colorado MIECHV's 2020-2021 Goals:

- Provide evidence-based home visiting services in 12 Colorado counties serving a caseload of 1,547 families
- Continue to implement and evaluate a coordinated intake system for Denver-area Nurse-Family Partnership sites
- Improve family stability and self-sufficiency of home visiting families in the San Luis Valley through the navigation project Working Together
- In alignment with Colorado Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five Initiative objectives, ensure that at least 70% of MIECHV-enrolled children turning five years old are provided support and information around kindergarten readiness

Intermediary System:

Colorado MIECHV is fortunate to include our State Intermediary agencies Invest in Kids and Parent Possible as partners in our work. Invest in Kids serves as the state office for Child First and Nurse-Family Partnership, and Parent Possible serves as the state office for Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters and Parents as Teachers. Each office provides sites with model guidance, technical assistance, and invaluable input to programming.

Colorado MIECHV Data:

- 25% of caregivers had less than a high school diploma at the time of enrollment
- 69% of families served were low income
- 11% of households reported a child with a developmental delay or disability
- 72% of children had caregivers that read, told stories, or sang to them daily
- 93% of caregivers were asked about their concerns about their child's development, behavior, or learning

