

Arkansas Home Visiting

Parents ask for help. Home visitors provide it.

Home visiting started in local communities that wanted a better way to help families. Along the way, home visiting efforts have attracted support from local, state and federal governments because the research shows home visiting helps parents and improves outcomes for children, especially for the most vulnerable families.

Arkansas Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)



The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) is the designated entity to administer the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program for the state. Local sites throughout Arkansas conduct home visiting services using four evidence-based home visiting models and Arkansas's own promising approach (Following Baby Back Home) to foster healthy, safe, and stimulating environments for infants, toddlers, and young children, including at-risk children and families.

The ADH has administered this project since 2011. In that time, **more than 201,000 home visits** have been made serving **7,592 children**.

In 2022, Arkansas MIECHV served **1,907 households** in 60 of Arkansas's 75 counties and made **25,495 visits**.

Arkansas MIECHV serves families through four evidence-based models and one promising approach:

- Healthy Families America
- Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters
- Nurse-Family Partnership
- Parents as Teachers
- Following Baby Back Home (promising approach)

Home visiting programs are proven to help parents become the best teachers, nurturers, and providers for their children. Programs offer the following personalized services for families:

Assessments of individual family needs

- Needs related to finances, food security, education, employment, and family and social support
- Children's developmental and socio-emotional needs

Education and support for parents

- Prenatal health, newborn care, child development, and other topics that concern new parents
- Assistance with enrolling in GED and other educational programs
- Referral and coordination with needed resources and services



Arkansas Home Visiting Network

Since 2011, the Arkansas Home Visiting Network (AHVN) has promoted high quality, evidence-based home visiting services to Arkansas families. AHVN facilitates activities to accomplish the following goals:

- Promote collaboration through coordinated intake, community alignment, and coordinated service activities
- Raise public awareness about home visiting
- Sustain and expand home visiting services
- Collect and share data
- Engage partners in Continuous Quality Improvement initiatives
- Provide ongoing training and technical assistance

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