



Home Visiting in Wyoming

2025

Supporting families from pregnancy through early childhood with trusted, community-based care.

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program connects Wyoming families with trained Family Support Specialists using the evidence-based Parents as Teachers (PAT) model. Through trusted, relationship-based care, home visitors strengthen parenting, promote healthy development, and connect families to the services they need to thrive.

Parents are a child's first and most important teacher

Home visiting has been shown to strengthen parent-child relationships, improve school readiness, and support maternal and child health. It also reduces the risk of child abuse and neglect and increases family stability and self-sufficiency, giving Wyoming children a stronger foundation for the future.

Who Is Served

- Expectant families and families with children up to kindergarten enrollment, with priority given to those facing the greatest challenges.

What Home Visitors Do

- Provide developmental screenings and parenting tools
- Connect families to health and community resources
- Support healthy child development and school readiness

Program Impact

Wyoming MIECHV is more than a service — it's a strategic investment in Wyoming's children, families, and communities, backed by federal and state funding and a shared commitment to serving families where they are. The program is operated by one local implementing agency that currently employs 21 home visitors, serving eight (8) of Wyoming's counties, and has a caseload capacity of 363 families.



OVERVIEW

In Wyoming, home visiting:

- Supports healthy pregnancies and early childhood development
- Strengthens parenting skills and family confidence
- Connects families to critical health and community resources
- Helps identify needs early and reduces the risk of abuse and neglect

Program Stats

FY25

(October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025)

289

Families reached

4,501

Total Home Visits

17

Home visitors

“Parenting is hard, the internet is overwhelming and there are so many situations that a parent faces with each child that has a uniqueness to it, that being able to have a trusted person to get support from is invaluable. Every parent would benefit from this program.”

- Parent enrolled in Wyoming's MIECHV Program

A Closer Look

Wyoming's MIECHV program utilizes trained Family Support Specialists to provide six (6) weekly introductory home visits upon enrollment followed by **twice-monthly** visits through the remainder of enrollment. The program provides personalized support during pregnancy and early childhood, helping families access resources, strengthen parenting, and support healthy child development.

The PAT program is designed to serve the entire family resulting in all age-eligible children in a family being enrolled in the program. Families are matched with a Family Support Specialist offering flexible, relationship-based support that builds trust and long-term family well-being.

What Wyoming MIECHV Home Visiting Offers

- One-on-one support tailored to each family
- Guidance on parenting, child development, and health
- Growth in parent-child play interactions, centered around the child's development
- Connections to local services and community resources
- Flexible visits in the home or another comfortable location

Program Details

Program detail	Information
Counties served	8 of Wyoming's 23 counties: Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Fremont, Hot Springs, Laramie, Natrona, Sweetwater
Who delivers services	Family Support Specialists (Parents as Teachers model)
Visit format	In-home and virtual visits twice a month following weekly visits for the first six (6) weeks.
Cost	Free / No cost to families
Eligibility	Expectant families and families with children up to kindergarten enrollment

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Spotlight on Success

“I struggled with going back to being a single mom after leaving a bad relationship. My home visitor was supportive in helping me access resources and support, and was a friend while helping me stay focused on being the mom I needed to be.

Before working with the home visitor, my older child had developmental delays, and I was concerned that if I wasn't active enough with my younger child, the same issues could occur. The home visitor bonded not just with my younger child and me, but with my older child as well. As time went on, my older child's struggles became more difficult, and we didn't understand why. By working closely with us, the home visitor helped us identify ideas and resources that ultimately led us to realize that my older child had a neurological condition.

The home visitor stayed in touch after my younger child graduated and continued to be a good friend and provide support in a different way. It was also thanks to the home visitor that, even after we left the active part of the program, we began to consider that my older child's struggles might not just be ADHD but autism. The home visitor showed me information on PDA (pathological demand avoidance), and this started the ball rolling in a direction that helped us look into this possibility during my older child's evaluations.

Even now that we're settled, our home visitor continues to send us resources and guidance. We're able to continue to be a part of the community instead of being stuck at home, and we're better able to stay above our struggles.”

- Parent enrolled in Wyoming's Home Visiting Program

