



California's MIECHV Home Visiting Program

Federal Fiscal Year 2025



Providing families with support for healthy pregnancies, positive child development, and family well-being

California's home visiting programs receive funding through the federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) to provide voluntary home visiting services to families. Using evidence-based models, trained home visitors build trusted relationships with families from pregnancy through early childhood. Home visiting gives parents the tools and know-how to independently raise their children. It's a preventive intervention focused on promoting positive parenting and child development.

What Home Visitors Do

- Build a foundation of trust to help families set and reach goals
- Provide support and education focused on positive parent-child interactions and family and child well-being
- Work with the whole family unit, including fathers, providing guidance on parenting and healthy child development
- Identify health and developmental needs early, referring families to support services and resources in their community

Program Impact

Early childhood is a critical period for development. Decades of research show that home visits by a trained professional during pregnancy and in early childhood improves the lives of children and families, laying the groundwork for future success. By meeting families where they are, home visitors empower parents and caregivers to engage more fully in their children's care and growth.

OVERVIEW

California MIECHV home visiting:

- Supports healthy pregnancies and promotes early childhood development
- Strengthens parenting skills and builds parent confidence
- Connects families to essential health, behavioral health and community resources
- Identifies needs early and supports positive outcomes

PROGRAM STATS

2,301

Families served

21

CA Counties reached

21,451

Home visits completed

Home visitors meet families where they are, building trust that leads to lasting change.

What We Offer

- One-on-one relationship-based support tailored to each family
- Guidance on parenting, child development, and health
- Connections to local services and community resources
- Free support services – no cost to families
- Flexible visits in the home or virtually

A Closer Look

California MIECHV administers home visiting services using two evidence-based models: Healthy Families America (HFA) and Nurse Family Partnership (NFP).

Although specific in-home activities vary by model, both home visiting models offer personalized support during pregnancy and early childhood. Both programs help families access resources, strengthen parenting skills, support early learning and promote healthy child development. Services are designed to meet families where they are, offering flexible, home-based services tailored to each family's individual needs.

Program Details

Program detail	Healthy Families America (HFA)	Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)
Where we serve	Los Angeles, Madera, Merced, Nevada, San Diego, Tehama, Yolo	Alameda, Butte, Contra Costa, Fresno, Humboldt, Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Mateo, Shasta, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus
Who delivers services	Trained Family Support Specialists	Public Health Nurses
Who is eligible	Pregnant and/or parenting families who enroll before the youngest child reaches three months of age	First-time parents who enroll before 28 weeks of pregnancy

Get connected

Learn more or refer a family: www.cdph.ca.gov/CHVP

Email: CA-MCAH-HomeVisiting@cdph.ca.gov



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Spotlight on Success

"I got pregnant and had to go through the system myself as a Welfare-to-Work mom, food-stamp mom, as a mom whose partner is in prison, to a single mom. Having gone through that process made me more aware of the difference I want to make.

The home visiting program not only helped me as a mom, but also with my growth to....better myself, and now I'm in a position that I've always wanted to be in." – Faraha, now employed and pursuing a master's degree to become a licensed counselor.

