

MIECHV Home Visiting in Illinois

October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025



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

Home visiting in Illinois connects families with trained professionals who provide guidance, resources, and support during pregnancy and early childhood. Through trusted, relationship-based care, home visitors work with parents on positive parenting skills, promote healthy development, and connect families to the services they may need to thrive.

Who is Served

Families expecting a child or with young children, including those who may benefit from additional support or access to services.

What Home Visitors Do

- Provide parenting support and guidance
- Connect families to health and community services
- Support child development and school readiness

Program Impact

Home visiting in Illinois makes a meaningful difference for families and communities. By meeting families where they are, these programs help improve maternal and child health, support early learning and build a stronger foundation for long-term success.

Home visitors meet families where they are, building trust and supporting positive, lasting outcomes including improved family health and better opportunities for their children.

Home Visiting in Illinois | Learn more at [IDEC.illinois.gov](https://idec.illinois.gov)



Overview

In Illinois, home visiting:

- Supports healthy pregnancies and child development
- Supports and strengthens parenting skills and confidence
- Connects families to critical health and community resources
- Helps identify needs early and reduce risk over time

MIECHV Program Stats

- **972** Families reached
- **1,033** Adults
- **1,125** Children
- **13,658** Home visits
- **10+** High need communities reached
- **60** Home visitors
- **18** Local implementing agencies

A Closer Look

Illinois MIECHV funding supports trained home visiting professionals who use research-based curricula to provide family support and coaching through regular home visits for expectant families and those with young children. The program provides personalized support during pregnancy and early childhood, helping families access resources, strengthen parenting and support healthy child development. Services are designed to meet families where they are, offering flexible, relationship-based support that builds trust and promotes long-term well-being.

What We Offer

- One-on-one support tailored to each family
- Guidance on parenting, child development, and health
- Connections to local services and community resources
- Flexible visits in the home or virtually

Positive Outcomes for Illinois Families

MIECHV benchmarks address a variety of key areas including healthy growth and development, safety in the home, school readiness, and child and maternal health and wellbeing. In Illinois in FFY25:

97% of children had a family member engaged in daily literacy activities

88% of children were screened for developmental delays

91% of caregivers were screened for depression within 3 months of enrollment or delivery

85% of caregivers received intimate partner violence screening within 6 months of enrollment

During this year, MIECHV funds (\$13,725,304) represented 6.37% of public home visiting investments in Illinois.

MIECHV Program Details

Program Details	Information
Counties served	Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kankakee, Macon, Peoria, St. Clair, Stephenson, Vermilion, Winnebago
Who delivers services	Home visitors who receive training on evidence-based program models
Visit format	In-home visits, with virtual visits available as needed
Cost	No cost for families
Priority populations	Low-income household, low student achievement, child abuse or neglect, use of tobacco products in the home, child with developmental delays or disabilities, substance use disorder, pregnant under 21, served in US armed forces

Spotlight on Success

“One home visit can make a powerful difference. When someone comes into your home with kindness, respect, and a willingness to listen, they bring comfort and hope. Their support helps families feel understood, less alone, and more confident in facing challenges. They make a home feel more peaceful and a little brighter. Small acts of compassion can leave a lasting, positive impact on a family’s life.”

— Mom receiving home visiting services in Illinois

Home visitors meet families where they are, building trust that supports long-term well-being.



Get Connected

Learn more or refer a family:

[Illinois Department of Early Childhood Home Visiting Unit](https://idec.illinois.gov/forparents/home-visiting-.html) : <https://idec.illinois.gov/forparents/home-visiting-.html>

Questions: DEC.HomeVisiting@illinois.gov