

# Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV)



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## What is MIECHV?

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program provides federal funding for states, territories, and tribal entities to develop and implement voluntary, evidence-based home visiting programs to improve the development, health, and well-being of at-risk families with young children.

### These programs must meet 4 of 6 evidence-based benchmarks:

1. Improve maternal and newborn health
2. Reduce child injuries, abuse, and neglect
3. Improve school readiness and achievement
4. Reduce crime or domestic violence
5. Improve family economic self-sufficiency
6. Improve coordination and referral for other community resources

### How is the funding distributed?

- 75% of funding must be dedicated to evidence-based programs, while up to 25% may be used for promising approaches;
- 3% of funding is reserved specifically for tribal home visiting programs; and some funding is reserved for research and evaluation.

In North Carolina, the home visiting programs of Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) and Healthy Families America (HFA) receive MIECHV funding to support their work.

## What is MIECHV reauthorization?

- The MIECHV program must be reauthorized every 5 years by Congress. The current MIECHV funding expires on September 30th, 2022, and if it is not reauthorized by then, the money goes away.
- Compared to other items Congress works on, the MIECHV program is relatively small and unknown, so the success of reauthorization relies upon the work of advocates to educate and uplift the importance of MIECHV.

## How can you help?

- **Share your story** of how home visiting programs have impacted the [lives of your family](#) or the [families with whom you work](#).
- **Participate in a site visit** with a member of US Congress to discuss and demonstrate the importance of the MIECHV program for families and communities.
- **Send an email or write a letter** to your members of US Congress
- **Post on social media** about the importance of home visiting (see [this toolkit](#) on Family Support Awareness Month for ideas!)
- **Write a letter** to your local newspaper editor about the importance of funding MIECHV



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