

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;
- 6% 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. MIECHV was reauthorized by Congress in the 2022 year-end package, with the program expanded, tribal set-aside doubled, and allowances for limited continuance of virtual home visits.
- The program's expansion is dependent upon an upcoming state match of funds, which means there is now an opportunity to educate members of the NC General Assembly about the importance of home visiting and this evidence-based program.

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](#).
- **Send an email or write a letter** to your members of the NC General Assembly about the importance of home visiting.
- **Post on social media** about the importance of home visiting (see [this toolkit](#) on Family Support Awareness Month for ideas!)



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