

WHAT IS THE MATERNAL, INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING PROGRAM (MIECHV)?

A program designed to improve outcomes for at-risk children and families through evidence-based home visiting programs. MIECHV coordinates work at the federal, state and local levels. The program was established in 2010 and is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). MIECHV grants are made to states and tribal communities to "deliver effective evidence-based early childhood home visiting programs to pregnant women, expectant fathers, and parents and primary caregivers of young children birth to kindergarten entry in communities identified through statewide needs assessments as being at risk."¹

HOW IS THE FUNDING USED?

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1. States and tribal communities develop unique plans to target funding to particular communities identified through needs assessments.
 2. Each state or tribal community can opt to use one or more evidence-based home visiting models [identified through the Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness (HomVEE)] to serve families in those communities. One of those models is the Early Head Start Home Visiting Model, based on the Early Head Start home-based option.



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COMPARISON: OHS-FUNDED EARLY HEAD START HOME-BASED OPTION VS. MIECHV-FUNDED EARLY HEAD START HOME VISITING MODEL

| | MIECHV-Funded Early Head Start Home Visiting Model | OHS-Funded Early Head Start Home-Based Option |
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| Follows the requirements of the home-based option described in the Head Start Program Performance Standards | ✓ | ✓ |
| Offers weekly 90-minute home visits | ✓ | ✓ |
| Provides twice-monthly group socializations | ✓ | ✓ |
| Requires the delivery of comprehensive child development services | ✓ | ✓ |
| Funding flows from the OHS directly to local grantees | | ✓ |
| Funding is distributed from states or tribal communities to local programs implementing the Early Head Start model | ✓ | |
| Requires screening, ongoing assessment, and the collection and aggregation of data related to school readiness and other program-wide goals | ✓ | ✓ |
| Collects additional data evaluating progress toward the “benchmarks” of the MIECHV program | ✓ | |

States and tribal communities must implement the home visiting model(s) they select with fidelity (exactly as they were designed).



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HOW WILL MIECHV IMPACT MY EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM?

Most of the local programs using the Early Head Start Home Visiting Model under MIECHV are adding home-based slots to existing Head Start or Early Head Start programs to expand services to communities most at-risk. Those programs have already been identified and notified.

Implementation across states and tribal communities will vary. However, anticipated benefits to all existing Early Head Start and Head Start home-based programs may include:

- Coordinated statewide home visiting needs assessments
- Potential for enhanced role of Head Start State Collaboration Offices in coordinating statewide home visiting services
- Additional training materials and resources for home visiting programs and staff
- Increased capacity for comprehensive statewide early childhood systems (workforce development, referral networks, etc.)
- Access to in-depth evaluation information on the Early Head Start Home Visiting Model

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

Information Memorandum: [Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program](#)

Information on Selected Evidence-Based Models: [Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness Review](#).

State Information for MIECHV: [State Home Visiting Websites](#)



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