

THE MATERNAL, INFANT, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING PROGRAM

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program is a federal-state partnership that provides evidence-based home visiting services in all 50 states, D.C., 5 territories, and 25 tribal communities.

What is Home Visiting?

Evidence-based **home visiting** programs are a prevention strategy used to support pregnant moms and new parents as they deal with the challenges of raising babies and young children.

Healthy Families America® (HFA) is the nationally-recognized, evidence-based home visiting program of Prevent Child Abuse America®. HFA supports families in the home and focuses on building nurturing, safe and secure relationships between parent and child to maximize opportunities for all children –and parents– to reach their full potential.

Highly trained professionals partner with families to visit their homes and provide personal support for families from pregnancy through their children's first years of life. All families need support, but for parents living in poverty and facing other challenges, the access to support and resources that home visiting programs provide becomes even more critical.

By intervening to **prevent adversity** and **build resilience** during a child's most critical years of development, home visiting programs, like [HFA](#), have shown positive impact on reducing incidences of child abuse and neglect, decreased pre-term births and low-birthweight babies, improved school readiness for children, and increased high school graduation rates.

What is the need?

MIECHV-funded programs exist across the country. However, the need for services far exceeds what current funding can provide with less than 5% of families who could potentially benefit receiving home visiting services.

MIECHV is the cornerstone of evidence-based public policy and has widespread **bipartisan support**. The program has been level-funded at \$400 million annually.



The law that authorizes MIECHV will expire in September 2022.

Healthy Families America, along with the national [Home Visiting Coalition](#), is advocating for:

- **Increase in MIECHV funding to reach more families and better support the workforce over the next five years.** Scaling up MIECHV over the next five years with increases of \$200 million annually.
- **Double the tribal set aside** from three percent to six percent to reach more families in these communities.
- **Continue to allow virtual home visiting with model fidelity** as an approved option for service delivery.