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**Reauthorize The Maternal, Infant, And Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program** with a 5-year extension including incremental funding increases up to \$800M per year.

## What Is MIECHV?

A cornerstone of evidence-based public policy with bipartisan support that provides funding for states, territories, and tribal entities to develop and implement voluntary, evidence-based home visiting programs that improve outcomes for at-risk children and families.

### What Is A MIECHV Home Visit?

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.

### Who Do Programs Serve?

All families need support, but for parents living in poverty and facing other risk factors, the access to support and resources that home visiting programs provide becomes even more critical.

### Why Does MIECHV Enjoy Bipartisan Support?

**Funds scientifically proven models** that strengthen families and save money for communities over time.

**Families volunteer** to receive support and mentoring and can choose to discontinue involvement in the program at any time.

**State and local grantees** determine the best way to use MIECHV funding to effectively address the unique needs of their communities.

## Key Outcomes

### Family Health

- 81% of programs showed improvements in maternal & newborn health (HRSA)
- 48% reduction in child abuse and neglect (Nurse-Family Partnership)
- 22% reduction in birth complications (Healthy Families America)

### School Readiness

- Twice the national average in developmental delay screening rates (HRSA)
- 94% of children increased language SCORES (Parents as Teachers)
- 85% of kindergarteners considered "ready for school" (HIPPI)

### Self-Sufficiency

- 85% of programs showed improvements in family economic self-sufficiency (HRSA)
- Parents 5x more likely to enroll in school or training (Healthy Families America)
- 31% of parents attained high school diploma or GED (Nurse-Family Partnership)



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**MIECHV provided more than 2.3 million visits** to families living in poverty across 50 states, D.C., and five territories.

## How Does MIECHV Work?

States, territories, and tribal entities use MIECHV funding to support voluntary, evidence-based home visiting models that partner with families from pregnancy through kindergarten entry. Seventy-five percent of funding must be dedicated to evidence-based programs, and up to 25 percent may be used for promising approaches with some funding reserved for research and evaluation.

## What Are The MIECHV Program Evidence-Based Benchmarks?

- » Improve maternal and newborn health
- » Reduce child injuries, abuse, and neglect
- » Improve school readiness and achievement
- » Reduce crime or domestic violence
- » Improve family economic self-sufficiency
- » Improve coordination and referral for other community resources

**"It's hard work being a mom, and it's going to be even harder to go back to school again, but that's what I learned through the program — to follow through with your dreams to build the life you want for your family. I recommend the program to women every day where I work. It truly has made a better life for my family."**

*- Jennifer, Nurse Family Partnership participant*

**"It's important to keep home visiting because there are young women out there like myself that have been through a ton, who have battled through struggles, and who need to learn more about their pregnancy, the rights and wrongs, as well as to have someone there that understands them and doesn't judge and is there through every step of the way."**

*- Rachel, Healthy Families America participant*

## Why Does MIECHV Need Increased Support?

- » Expand and improve existing evidence-based home visiting services
- » Enhance states' ability to reach more vulnerable children and families
- » Provide stability for families and administrators by assuring continuity of funding for effective programming
- » Build infrastructure that benefits not only MIECHV programs but all community resources and program coordination
- » Improve implementation and evaluation of evidence-based policy that can be replicated in future public policy programs
- » Create cost-savings for communities and government