

HRSA's Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program

- Supports the [Illinois Home Visiting Program](#) and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting programs for pregnant women and families with children through kindergarten entry living in communities at risk for poor maternal and child health outcomes
- Builds upon decades of scientific research showing that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of a child's life helps prevent child abuse and neglect, supports positive parenting, improves maternal and child health, and promotes child development and school readiness

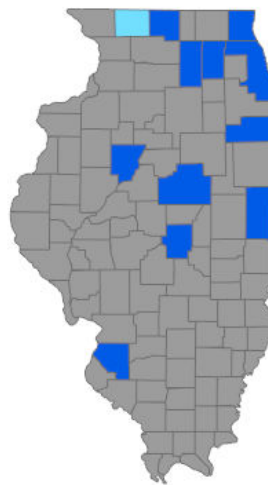
Illinois MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

Rural counties:

Stephenson

Non-rural counties:

Cook, Dekalb, Kane, Kankakee, Lake, Macon, Mclean, Peoria, Saint Clair, Vermilion, Winnebago



Participants

2,706

Households

1,260

Home Visits

17,489

Illinois Targets Community Needs

MIECHV Program awardees serve populations in at-risk communities. Awardees tailor their programs to serve populations of need within their state. In Illinois:

- 87.0% of households were low income
- 23.4% of households included at least one household member with low student achievement
- 18.7% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Illinois

[Healthy Families America \(HFA\)](#)

[Parents as Teachers \(PAT\)](#)

Illinois Performance Highlights

- **Behavioral Concern Inquiries:** Caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning in 94.3% of postpartum home visits
- **Early Language and Literacy Activities:** 83.4% of children enrolled in home visiting had a family member who read, told stories, and/or sang with them on a daily basis
- **Public Awareness:** Resources and materials for families and community referral sources were developed to emphasize home visiting as an essential service for families as they navigate social isolation, economic uncertainty, balancing work without childcare, and other heightened stressors caused by COVID-19