The Positive Impact of

Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) in

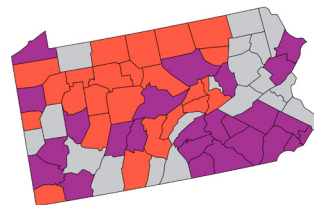# Pennsylvania

FIRST FIVE YEARS FUND

MIECHV provides federal funds to states, territories, and tribal entities for voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services. Home visitors meet with parents one on one from pregnancy through their child's kindergarten entry to help lay the foundation for the health, education, development, and economic self-sufficiency of the entire family. Visits by caring, experienced professionals who provide families support and connections to needed resources and services can help families leverage their strengths so they can thrive.

Since 2013, MIECHV has been level-funded at $400 million annually and pre-pandemic estimates showed MIECHV reached only 3-5% of eligible families nationwide. As MIECHV is set to expire on September 30, 2022, reauthorization offers Congress the opportunity to provide additional investments that will enable home visiting programs to reach

more families. The National Home Visiting Coalition, of which FFYF is a member, recommends a five-year reauthorization that would increase funding by $200 million annually (reaching $1.4 billion in FY2027); doubling the MIECHV tribal set-aside from 3% to 6% to reach more families in American Indian and Alaska Native communities; and continuing to allow virtual home visiting implemented with model fidelity as a service delivery option for families who choose it.

Pennsylvania MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

Rural: Bedford, Bradford, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Crawford, Elk, Forest, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mckean, Mifflin, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, Union, Venango

Urban: Adams, Allegheny, Armstrong, Berks, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Chester, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Erie, Fayette, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lycoming, Mercer, Monroe, Montgomery, Perry, Philadelphia, Pike, Washington, York

In FY21:

$11,804,745

was awarded to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services[1]

Within Pennsylvania, MIECHV provided/served:*

2,859 families
29,514 home visits
2,896 children

Evidence-based models providing MIECHV-supported home visiting services in Pennsylvania include:[^]

Healthy Families America®

Nurse-Family Partnership
Helping First-Time Parents Succeed®

Early Head Start

Parents as Teachers®

References: National Home Visiting Resource Center (NHVRC) 2021 Yearbook, MIECHV State Data Tables (FY2020) (*), HRSA Home Visiting Program Fact Sheets (^), HRSA FY2021 Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Awards (1)

Pennsylvania Performance Highlights:^

- **96.9%** of caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning in postpartum home visits

- **87.7%** of mothers enrolled in home visiting received a postpartum visit with a healthcare provider within 8 weeks of delivery

- **78.0%** of caregivers enrolled in home visiting had continuous health insurance coverage for at least 6 consecutive months
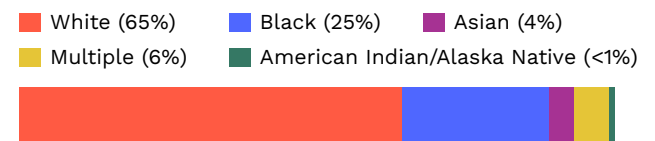
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Family Needs^

States tailor their programs to meet community needs, with priority given to certain populations listed in the law.

In Pennsylvania:

- **70.6%** of households were low income

- **25.2%** of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home

- **11.7%** of households included a child with developmental delays or disabilities

Pennsylvania Families Receiving Home Visiting

Race*

- White (65%)
- Black (25%)
- Asian (4%)
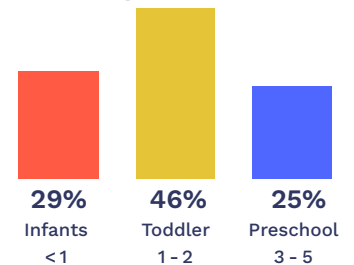- Multiple (6%)
- American Indian/Alaska Native (<1%)

To protect confidentiality, race categories with less than 10 respondents have been omitted. Percentages may not add to 100%

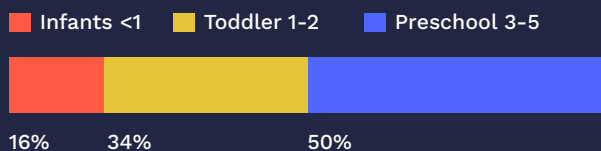### Ethnicity*

20% Hispanic or Latino

Child's Age*

- **29%** Infants <1
- **46%** Toddler 1 - 2
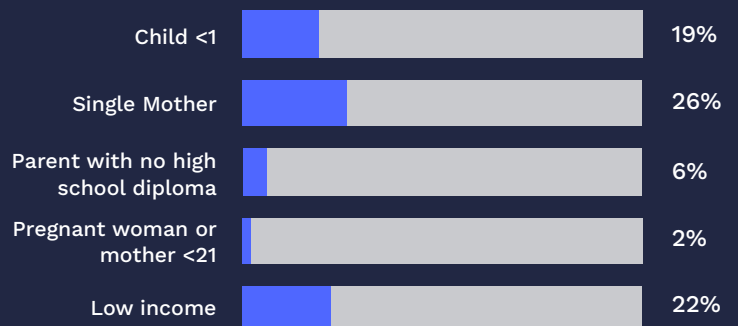- **25%** Preschool 3 - 5

Potential Beneficiaries:

In Pennsylvania, an estimated 644,000 families could benefit from home visiting with sufficient funding.*

- **50%** of families met one or more priority criteria.

- **19%** of families met two or more priority criteria.

826,800 children could benefit from home visiting with sufficient funding.*

- Infants <1
- Toddler 1-2
- Preschool 3-5

16%   34%   50%

The estimated percentage of families who could benefit in Pennsylvania met the following priority criteria:*

Child <1	19%
Single Mother	26%
Parent with no high school diploma	6%
Pregnant woman or mother <21	2%
Low income	22%

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