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.

In FY21: $10,071,848 was awarded to the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

Within Washington, MIECHV provided/served:
- **1,578 families**
- **17,091 home visits**
- **1,617 children**

Evidence-based models providing MIECHV-supported home visiting services in Washington include:

- **Parents as Teachers**
- **Nurse-Family Partnership**

Washington Performance Highlights:

- Reflective Practices Training Portfolio: Local programs accessed online programming provided by Washington's Infant Mental Health partners, including: reflective supervision training and supervisor consultation groups; home visitor trainings and peer practice opportunities; relationship-based team practices and virtual visits implementation support.

Family Needs

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

In Washington:

- 64.1% of households were low income
- 40.3% of households included a child with developmental delays or disabilities
- 11.1% of households included a pregnant enrollee under age 21

Potential Beneficiaries:

In Washington, an estimated 428,000 families could benefit from home visiting with sufficient funding.*

- 44% of families met one or more priority criteria.
- 15% of families met two or more priority criteria.

Washington Families Receiving Home Visiting

Race:

- White (64%)
- Black (11%)
- Asian (2%)
- Multiple (12%)
- American Indian/Alaska Native (10%)
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (2%)

Ethnicity:

- 49% Hispanic or Latino

Child's Age:

- 26% Infants <1
- 53% Toddler 1-2
- 22% Preschool 3-5

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

- Child <1
- Single Mother
- Parent with no high school diploma
- Pregnant woman or mother <21
- Low income

References:
- National Home Visiting Resource Center (NHVRC) 2021 Yearbook, MIECHV State Data Tables (FY2020) (*).
- HRSA Home Visiting Program Fact Sheets (*).