

The Positive Impact of

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



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:

\$7,724,116

was awarded to the Colorado Department of Human Services¹

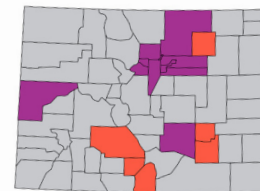
Within Colorado, MIECHV provided/served:*

1,994 families

24,778 home visits

2,031 children

Colorado MIECHV Program At-a-Glance



- Rural:** Alamosa, Costilla, Crowley, Morgan, Otero, Saguache
- Urban:** Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Gilpin, Jefferson, Mesa, Pueblo, Weld

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



Colorado Performance Highlights:[^]



- ◆ **91.8%** of caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning in postpartum home visits
- ◆ **82.5%** of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) within 6 months of enrollment

IPV Screening Guidance: Partnered with the HIPVY and Parents as Teachers state intermediary, Parent Possible, to release guidance

- ◆ document for home visitors transitioning to virtual screenings, addressing best practices to ensure safety and privacy, informing and empowering participants, and resources

Family Needs[^]

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

In Colorado:

- ◆ **69.8%** of households were low income
- ◆ **11.0%** of households included a child with developmental delays or disabilities

Colorado Families Receiving Home Visiting

Race*

- White (82%)
- Black (5%)
- Asian (2%)
- Multiple (9%)
- American Indian/Alaska Native (2%)

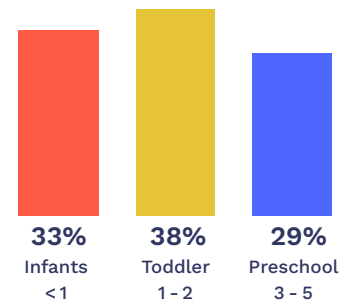


To protect confidentiality, race categories with less than 10 respondents have been omitted. Percentages may not add to 100%.

Ethnicity*

69%
Hispanic or Latino

Child's Age*

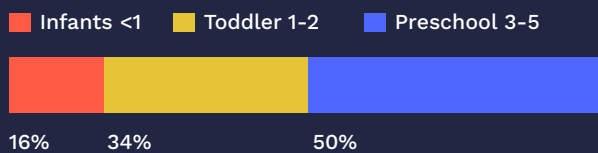


Potential Beneficiaries:

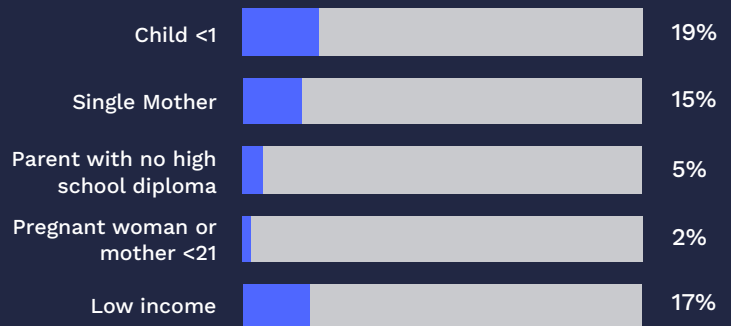
In Colorado, an estimated 305,200 families could benefit from home visiting with sufficient funding.*

- ◆ **42%** of families met one or more priority criteria.
- ◆ **13%** of families met two or more priority criteria.

390,500 children could benefit from home visiting with sufficient funding.*



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



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