

The Positive Impact of

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

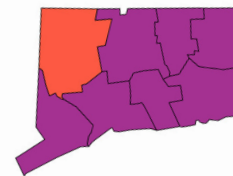


MIECHV provides federal funds to states, territories, and tribal entities for voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services. Home visitors meet with parents one on one from pregnancy through their child's kindergarten entry to help lay the foundation for the health, education, development, and economic 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.

Connecticut MIECHV Program At-a-Glance



- Rural:** Litchfield
- Urban:** Fairfield, Hartford, Middlesex, New Haven, New London, Tolland, Windham

In FY21:

\$9,344,972

was awarded to the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood¹

Within Connecticut, MIECHV provided/served:*

1,105 families

19,190 home visits

1,035 children

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



Connecticut Performance Highlights:[^]



- ◆ **93.0%** of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for depression within 3 months of enrollment or within 3 months of delivery.
- ◆ **92.9%** of children enrolled in home visiting had a family member who read, told stories, and/or sang with them on a daily basis.

- ◆ **Staying Connected:** Partnered with State Department of Corrections (DOC) to support incarcerated parents to reduce trauma felt by their children. The COVID-19 regulations shifted in person efforts. Procurement of smartboards, training dolls, empathy bellies, journals and books continued the learning.

Family Needs[^]

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

In Connecticut:

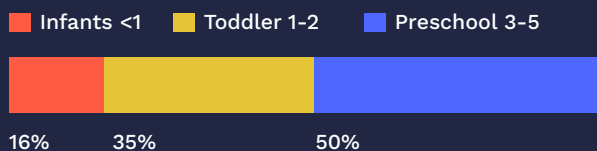
- ◆ **59.9%** of households were low income
- ◆ **22.0%** of households reported a history of child abuse or maltreatment
- ◆ **16.6%** of households reported a history of substance abuse

Potential Beneficiaries:

In Connecticut, an estimated 164,500 families could benefit from home visiting with sufficient funding.*

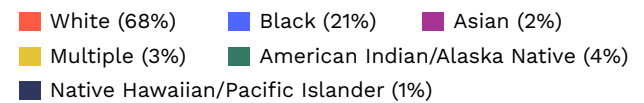
- ◆ **45%** of families met one or more priority criteria.
- ◆ **15%** of families met two or more priority criteria.

212,000 children could benefit from home visiting with sufficient funding.*



Connecticut Families Receiving Home Visiting

Race*



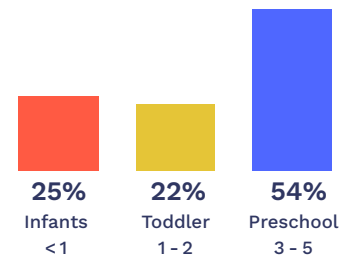
To protect confidentiality, race categories with less than 10 respondents have been omitted. Percentages may not add to 100%

Ethnicity*

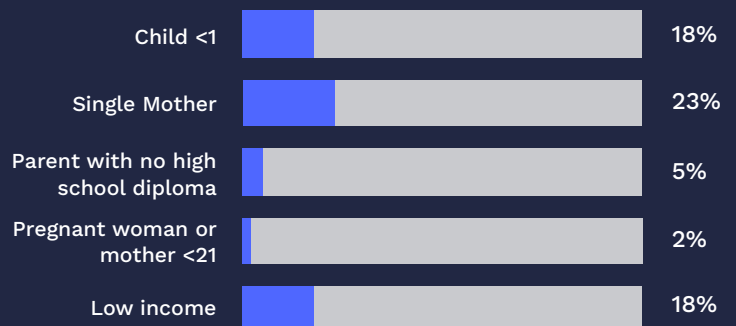
49%

Hispanic or Latino

Child's Age*



The estimated percentage of families who could benefit in Connecticut 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 (*)