

The Positive Impact of

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



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:

\$6,111,628

was awarded to the Maine Department of Health and Human Services¹

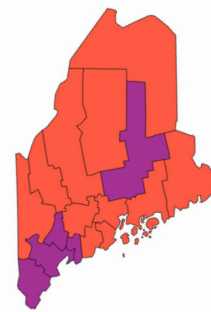
Within Maine, MIECHV provided/
served:*

1,770 families

19,150 home visits

1,850 children

Maine MIECHV Program At-a-Glance



- Rural:** Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, Washington
- Urban:** Androscoggin, Cumberland, Penobscot, Sagadahoc, York

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



Parents as Teachers®

Maine Performance Highlights: ^



- ◆ **96.1%** of caregivers enrolled in home visiting had continuous health insurance coverage for at least 6 consecutive months
- ◆ **95.2%** of children enrolled in home visiting had a family member who read, told stories, and/or sang with them on a daily basis
- ◆ **84.8%** of children enrolled in home visiting had a timely screen for developmental delays

Family Needs ^

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

In Maine:

- ◆ **48.6%** of households were low income
- ◆ **21.4%** of households reported a history of substance abuse
- ◆ **17.0%** of households included a child with developmental delays or disabilities

Maine Families Receiving Home Visiting

Race*

- White (88%)
- Black (8%)
- Asian (1%)
- Multiple (2%)
- American Indian/Alaska Native (<1%)

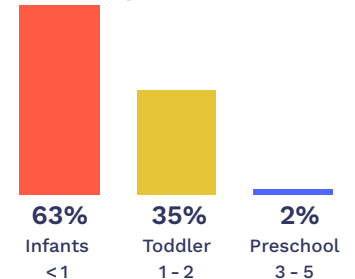


To protect confidentiality, race categories with less than 10 respondents have been omitted. Percentages may not add to 100%

Ethnicity*

3%
Hispanic or Latino

Child's Age*

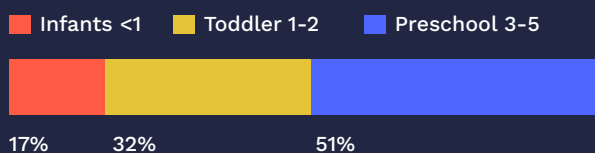


Potential Beneficiaries:

In Maine, an estimated 61,800 families could benefit from home visiting with sufficient funding.*

- ◆ **44%** of families met one or more priority criteria.
- ◆ **16%** of families met two or more priority criteria.

75,600 children could benefit from home visiting with sufficient funding.*



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

