

HRSA's Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program

- Supports the [Illinois Home Visiting Program](#) and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting programs for at-risk pregnant women and families with children through kindergarten entry
- Builds upon decades of scientific research showing that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of a child's life helps prevent child abuse and neglect, supports positive parenting, improves maternal and child health, and promotes child development and school readiness

Illinois MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

Rural counties:

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Non-rural counties:

Cook, DeKalb, DeWitt, Kane, Kankakee, Macon, McLean, Peoria, Piatt, St. Clair, Vermilion, Winnebago, Woodford



Participants

2,187

Households

1,100

Home Visits

13,178

Illinois Serves a High-Risk Population

MIECHV Program awardees serve high-risk populations. Awardees tailor their programs to serve populations of need within their state.

- 85.5% of households were low income
- 25.9% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home
- 20.7% of households included someone with low student achievement

Illinois Performance Highlights

- **Recruitment and Engagement of Pregnant and/or Parenting Youth in Child Welfare Care and Families Experiencing Homelessness:** Launched two projects focused on recruitment and engagement of pregnant and/or parenting youth in child welfare care, and recruitment and retention of families experiencing homelessness, providing these hard to reach sub-populations with access to voluntary home visiting services. Lessons learned will inform future policy
- **Parent-Child Interaction:** 92.3% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting received an observation of caregiver-child interaction by the home visitor using a validated tool
- **Behavioral Concerns:** Caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning in 90.5% of postpartum home visits

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in IL

[Early Head Start - Home Based Option](#)

[Healthy Families America](#)

[Parents as Teachers](#)