

Dear Colleagues:

Home visiting reflects a simple idea: start early, support parents, and strengthen families. Through evidence-based home visiting, trained professionals—such as nurses, social workers, and parent educators—meet with families in their homes to offer guidance, support, and connections to resources during pregnancy and early childhood. Home visiting improves maternal and child health, supports children’s development, strengthens parenting skills, and helps keep children safe.

While decades of gold-standard research demonstrate effectiveness, evidence-based home visiting does not yet reach all eligible families. Launched in 2010, the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program, administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), provides grants to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five territories. Additionally, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) provides grants to 50 tribal entities through the Tribal MIECHV Program.

MIECHV is the only federal program solely dedicated to funding home visiting services nationwide. Through MIECHV, grantees offer voluntary services to expectant parents and families with young children to achieve family health and well-being. In fiscal year 2025, MIECHV reached more than 150,000 caregivers and children. Some grantees use other federal sources, like the Title IV-E Prevention Services Program, to help pay for proven home visiting services to reach more eligible families.

While both the MIECHV Program and the Title IV-E Prevention Services Program fund home visiting, they operate under different structures and statutory requirements. MIECHV serves as the foundation for home visiting, providing infrastructure, oversight, and quality standards. Title IV-E Prevention Services is newer, and allows states to fund time-limited, evidence-based services, including home visiting, to prevent foster care entry.

HRSA and ACF both appreciate the continued collaboration between our agencies and the shared focus on improving outcomes for children and families. We are pleased to share the attached brief, which highlights key findings on home visiting models across MIECHV and Title IV-E Prevention Services and underscores opportunities for alignment across programs. HRSA and ACF remain committed to working in close partnership to strengthen coordination and better support children and families through a strong early childhood system.

We look forward to continuing this important work together. Thank you for your interest in supporting children and families.

Sincerely,



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