

Invest in America's Families

Home Visiting gets results and transforms lives.



Investments in MIECHV lead to significant long-term benefits — for parents, their children, their communities, and taxpayers.

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program connects young families with evidence-based support that provides parents with information and reinforces skills to help them raise healthy children. During home visits, professionals including nurses, social workers, early childhood educators, and specially trained parents visit families of infants and young children in their home, coaching parents on a wide range of topics such as nutrition, safety, positive parenting techniques, and tracking developmental milestones. Giving children a better, healthier start through home visiting has a measurable return on investment. Among other results, home visits lead to reduced spending on government programs and increased earnings for both parents and children later in life.

Home visiting is a smart investment with reliable returns for families and taxpayers.

Studies have found dramatic savings for families and government when modest financial investments are made in home visiting programs. A Pew Center study showed that government savings were in excess of \$32,000 **per child served**, while a study commissioned by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services showed that over an individual's lifetime, benefits appear to exceed costs by amounts ranging from 20 percent to **more than 200 percent**.

An investment in MIECHV has proven results for our families and our future.

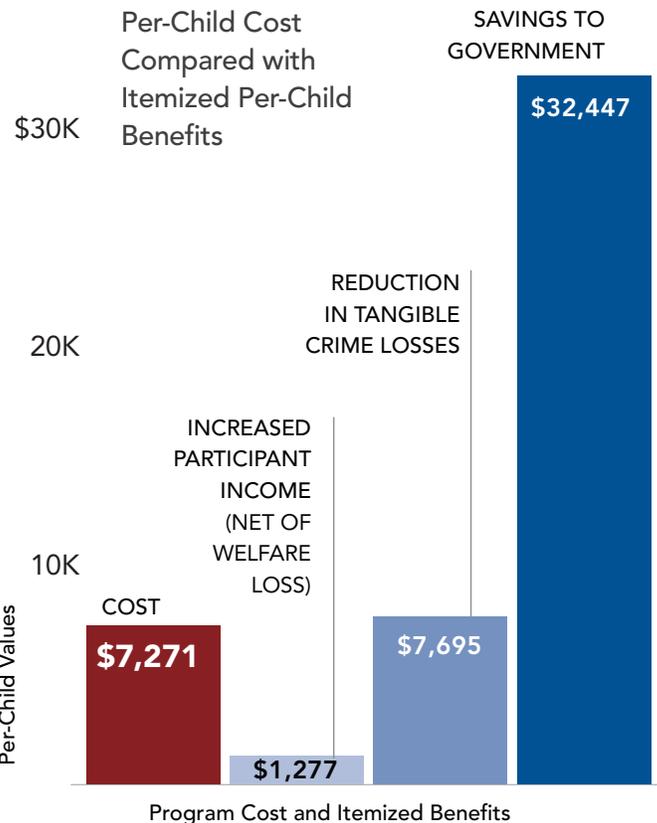
The MIECHV program invests federal funding in home visiting programs that have demonstrated results through rigorous testing. Decades of research show that home visits lead to meaningful outcomes for American families that save government money, including:

- Fewer preterm births
- Reductions in child maltreatment
- Fewer injury-related emergency room visits
- More economically independent mothers
- Increased kindergarten readiness

These programs yield significant savings over time through reduced mental health and criminal justice costs, decreased dependence on welfare, and increased employment. Depending on the home visiting model, returns can be as high as \$5 for every \$1 invested.

The MIECHV program improves the well-being of both parents and children across their lives, but it expires on **September 30, 2022**, leaving many American families without reliable access to services and preventing expansion of the program.

Per-Child Cost Compared with Total Per-Child Benefit



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About Us

The Home Visiting Coalition (HVC) is a diverse group of organizations committed to the well-being of children, working to continue and expand federal support of home visiting to strengthen families in communities across the country.



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