



It is more important than ever that Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)-supported home visiting programs are there to meet the needs of the families that they serve. Home visitors are already a critical link of support between families who are facing a variety of challenges. With public health at risk and the social safety net even more in need, these professionals are working overtime to deliver services to families in an unprecedented environment.

In order to meet the needs of the most vulnerable, home visitors need flexibility and additional resources. MIECHV-funded programs are already pivoting to accommodate new ways of reaching families, including expanding telehealth and virtual home visits. They must have the certainty that these visits are covered by the MIECHV program. As Congress considers emergency legislation to meet the needs of families and communities, we ask that Congress:

- Prioritize a **one-time \$100 million appropriation for MIECHV** home visitors to reach families in need. These funds can be used for training for home visitors as well as tangible needs for families that may be out of reach (technology, formula, diapers, etc.)
- **Allow virtual visits to count as home visits** through the end of the calendar year.

The national Home Visiting Coalition appreciates attention to these critical needs and is available as a resource as Congress continues to develop legislation to address it.