

South Carolina Home Visiting

Home visiting started in local communities that wanted a better way to help families. Along the way, home visiting efforts have attracted support from private donors and local, state and federal governments. That's because the research shows home visiting helps parents and improves outcomes for children, especially for the most vulnerable families.



Partnership

Home visiting in South Carolina is supported by a variety of public and private sources that collectively believe in its value. Importantly, one large philanthropy has served as a catalyst for other funding sources.

South Carolina received a total of \$8.4 million in Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) formula grants from 2010-2016. The state applied for, and won, competitive funds of \$13.8 million in 2013, to expand services and to bring programs and practices to scale.

Additional funding has been awarded by:

- Duke Endowment Foundation: \$14 million (2009–2015)
- Blue Cross/Blue Shield Foundation: \$7 million (2009–2015)
- Boeing Foundation \$1 million (2014–2016)
- Other private funders: ~\$2.1 million (since 2010)

In addition to quality and accountability system development, during MIECHV Year One (October 2011–September 2012), 2,511 home visits were made; during Year Two (October 2012–September 2013), 3,616 home visits were made. Year Three of the program produced 9,154 home visits, for a total of 15,281 visits since program inception. This has involved a total of 1,630 families that have been served through MIECHV.

Supporting Effective Practice

South Carolina has held three home visiting summits for more than 550 home visitors, early intervention staff, legislators, and administrators. These summits have provided model training and support; development of a home visitor train-the-trainer network; Latino outreach and cultural competence; collaboration with IDEA Part C and other special needs providers for on-going technical assistance and training; and development of specialized training for home visitors on child development.

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Investment

In South Carolina, 37 out of 46 counties are served by the MIECHV program, through 17 contracted local implementing agencies. Participating families are 47% African American; 46% White; and 7% other minority populations.

The models currently funded through MIECHV are:

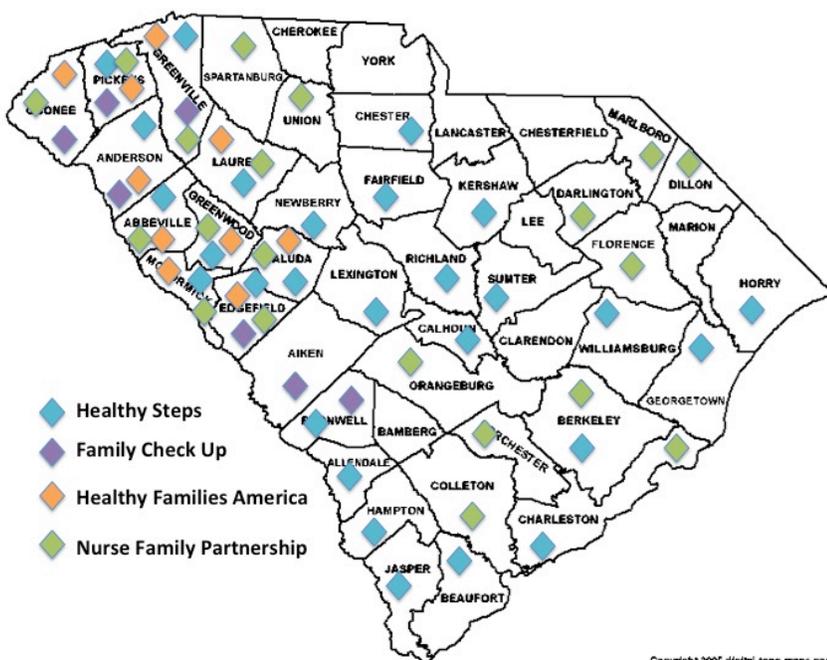
- Family Check Up
- Healthy Families America
- Healthy Steps
- Nurse Family Partnership

Other models operating in state (non-MIECHV funded) are:

- Early Head Start
- Early Steps to School Success
- Parent-Child Home
- Parents as Teachers

The goal is to expand to all counties, integrate home visiting programs into pediatrician offices, perinatal centers, hospitals, federally qualified health centers and other private providers; and develop strategic, early childhood system-building.

MIECHV-Supported Programs



Evidence of Success

The state contracts with the University of South Carolina for data collection, impact evaluation, and qualitative studies of state and local programs. The following impacts of home visiting have been observed since 2011:

- 20% of women caregivers stopped smoking
- only 5% of mothers experienced a subsequent pregnancy within one year
- 76% of caregivers reported improved child knowledge
- 65% reported increased income and/or support services
- 90% were screened for post-partum depression
- 71% of mothers initiated breastfeeding
- 95% of one-year-old children received developmental screenings
- 71% of children with potential developmental delays were referred for additional assessment
- 82% of the 34 performance measures (constructs) showed substantial improvement

