

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

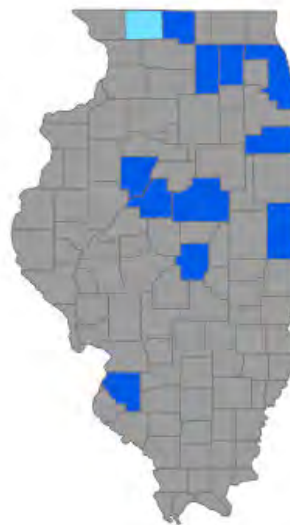
Illinois MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

Rural counties:

Stephenson

Non-rural counties:

Cook, DeKalb, Kane, Kankakee, Macon, McLean, Peoria, St. Clair, Tazewell, Vermilion, Winnebago



Participants

1,644

Households

800

Home Visits

9,827

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.

- 86.1% of households were low income
- 26.4% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home
- 20.2% of households included someone with low student achievement

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Illinois

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

[Healthy Families America \(HFA\)](#)

[Parents as Teachers \(PAT\)](#)

Illinois Performance Highlights

- **Behavioral Concern Inquiries:** Caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning in 96.4% of postpartum home visits
- **Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Screening:** 93.0% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for IPV within 6 months of enrollment
- **Safe Sleep Training and Materials:** Partnered with SIDS of Illinois to provide comprehensive training on safe sleep to home visitors across Illinois and to distribute safe sleep materials, including portable cribs, sleep sacks, pacifiers and information in Spanish and English, to eligible families in need