

Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program

The Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program, funded by the Affordable Care Act (ACA), was enacted in 2010 as part of the national effort to build comprehensive statewide early childhood systems and to improve health and developmental outcomes for at-risk children through evidence-based home visiting programs. Statutory goals are to strengthen and improve the programs and activities carried out under Title V of the Social Security Act; to improve coordination of services for at-risk communities; and to identify and provide comprehensive services to improve outcomes for families who reside in at-risk communities. It is administered under Health and Human Services by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau in the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

MIECHV in Colorado

Colorado received \$22 million (a combination of formula-based funding and a competitive award) to support expansions of evidence-based home visiting programs in seven communities (ten counties) identified in a statewide needs assessment; and to support state and local systems building activities to strengthen the early childhood system and improve collaboration and coordination of services and resources. The five-year project was implemented in 2011 and will be considered for reauthorization by Congress in 2015. Colorado's MIECHV communities include Pueblo, Adams, Alamosa, Costilla, Saguache, Crowley, Otero, Denver, Morgan and Mesa.

Evidence-Based models currently funded for expansion in Colorado

Healthy Steps for Young Children (HS) is implemented in pediatric primary care settings and emphasizes a close relationship between health care professionals and parents in addressing the physical, emotional and intellectual growth and development of children from birth to age three. The state representative for Healthy Steps is [Assuring Better Child Health and Development \(ABCD\)](#).

HIPPY - Home Instructions of Parents of Preschool Youngsters, focuses on parent-involved learning to empower parents as their children's first teacher by giving them the tools, skills and confidence they need to prepare their children for success in school and beyond. The state representative for HIPPY is [Colorado Parent & Child Foundation](#).

Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) is designed for first-time, low-income mothers and their children. Using human attachment, human ecology and self-efficacy theories, nurse home visitors promote health during pregnancy, care of the child, and personal growth and development of the mother to improve prenatal and health outcomes, improve child health and develop and to improve families' economic self-sufficiency and/or maternal life course development. The state representative for Nurse Family Partnership is [Invest in Kids](#).

Parents as Teachers (PAT) is designed to ensure that young children are healthy, safe and ready to learn. Parent Educators aim to increase parent knowledge of early childhood development, provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, prevent child abuse and neglect, and increase children's school readiness and school success. The state representative for PAT is [Colorado Parent & Child Foundation](#).

SafeCare Augmented is designed to support parents who are at-risk or have been reported for child maltreatment. Parents are guided in how to plan and implement activities with their children, respond appropriately to child behaviors, improve home safety, and address health and safety issues. The state implementation organization is [Kempe Center](#).

What this means for Colorado...

- Improvements in maternal, prenatal and infant health
- Improved child health and development, and school readiness outcomes
- Reductions in child maltreatment
- Reductions in family violence or crime
- Improved family economic self-sufficiency
- Improved coordination of services and referrals

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