

Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to at-risk pregnant women and parents with young children until kindergarten entry. The MIECHV Program builds upon decades of scientific research. It shows 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 improves the lives of children and families.

States and territories receive funding through the MIECHV Program. They have the flexibility to tailor their programs to serve the specific needs of their communities. By law, grantees must demonstrate improvement for eligible families participating in the program in six benchmark areas: improved maternal and newborn health; prevention of child injuries, child abuse, neglect, or maltreatment, and reduction of emergency department visits; improvement in school readiness and achievement; reduction in crime or domestic violence; improvements in family economic self-sufficiency; and improvements in the coordination and referrals for other community resources and supports.

In October 2016, HRSA revised the performance reporting requirements for MIECHV Program state and territory awardees after a year-long process that included input from state awardees, federal partners, home visiting model developers, and other stakeholders. The update aimed to ensure accountability in demonstrating outcomes.

The measures are categorized into two types: performance indicators and systems outcomes. Performance indicators are relatively proximal to the home visiting intervention or shown to be sensitive to home visiting alone. Systems outcome measures are more distal to the home visiting intervention and/or are less sensitive to change due to home visiting alone due to many factors, including confounding influences or differences in available system infrastructure at the state- or community-level.

Benchmark Area	Construct	Measure Type	Indicator	Numerator	Denominator
I – Maternal and Newborn Health	1. Preterm Birth	Systems Outcome	Percent of infants (among mothers who enrolled in home visiting prenatally before 37 weeks) who are born preterm following program enrollment	Number of live births (index children or subsequent children among mothers who enrolled in home visiting prenatally before 37 weeks) born before 37 completed weeks of gestation and after enrollment	Number of live births after enrollment who were born to mothers enrolled in home visiting prenatally before 37 weeks
I – Maternal and Newborn Health	2. Breastfeeding	Systems Outcome	Percent of infants (among mothers who enrolled in home visiting prenatally) who were breastfed any amount at 6 months of age	Number of infants aged 6-12 months (index child among mothers who enrolled in home visiting prenatally) who were breastfed any amount at 6 months of age	Number of infants aged 6-12 months (index child among mothers who enrolled in home visiting prenatally) enrolled in home visiting for at least 6 months
I – Maternal and Newborn Health	3. Depression Screening	Performance Indicator	Percent of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting who are screened for depression using a validated tool within 3 months of enrollment (for those not enrolled prenatally) or within 3 months of delivery (for those enrolled prenatally)	For those enrolled prenatally, number of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting who are screened for depression within the first 3 months since enrollment; for those enrolled prenatally, the number of primary caregivers screened for depression within 3 months of delivery	For those not enrolled prenatally, the number of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting for at least 3 months; for those enrolled prenatally, the number of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting for at least 3 months post delivery
I – Maternal and Newborn Health	4. Well Child Visit	Performance Indicator	Percent of children enrolled in home visiting who received the last recommended visit based on the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) schedule	Number of children (index child) enrolled in home visiting who received the last recommended well child visit based on the AAP schedule	Number of children (index child) enrolled in home visiting
I – Maternal and Newborn Health	5. Postpartum Care	Performance Indicator	Percent of mothers enrolled in home visiting prenatally or within 30 days after delivery who received a postpartum visit with a healthcare provider within 8 weeks (56 days) of delivery	Number of mothers enrolled in home visiting prenatally or within 30 days after delivery who received a postpartum visit with a healthcare provider within 8 weeks (56 days) of delivery	Number of mothers who enrolled in home visiting prenatally or within 30 days after delivery and remained enrolled for at least 8 weeks (56 days) after delivery

I – Maternal and Newborn Health	6. Tobacco Cessation Referrals	Performance Indicator	Percent of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting who reported using tobacco or cigarettes at enrollment and were referred to tobacco cessation counseling or services within 3 months of enrollment	Number of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting who reported using tobacco or cigarettes at enrollment and were referred to tobacco cessation counseling or services within 3 months of enrollment	Number of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting who reported using tobacco or cigarettes at enrollment and were enrolled for at least 3 months
II – Child Injuries, Maltreatment, and ED Visits	7. Safe Sleep	Performance Indicator	Percent of infants enrolled in home visiting that are always placed to sleep on their backs, without bed-sharing or soft bedding	Number of infants (index child aged less than 1 year) enrolled in home visiting whose primary caregiver reports that they are always placed to sleep on their backs, without bed-sharing or soft bedding	Number of infants (index child) enrolled in home visiting who were aged less than 1 year during the reporting period
II – Child Injuries, Maltreatment, and ED Visits	8. Child Injury	Systems Outcome	Rate of injury-related visits to the Emergency Department (ED) since enrollment among children enrolled in home visiting	Number of parent-reported nonfatal injury-related visits to the ED since enrollment among children (index child) enrolled in home visiting	Number of children (index child) enrolled in home visiting
II – Child Injuries, Maltreatment, and ED Visits	9. Child Maltreatment	Systems Outcome	Percent of children enrolled in home visiting with at least 1 investigated case of maltreatment following enrollment within the reporting period	Number of children (index child) enrolled in home visiting with at least 1 investigated case of maltreatment since enrollment	Number of children (index child) enrolled in home visiting
III – School Readiness and Achievement	10. Parent-Child Interaction	Performance Indicator	Percent of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting who receive an observation of caregiver-child interaction by the home visitor using a validated tool	Number of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting who receive an observation of caregiver-child interaction by the home visitor using a validated tool	Number of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting with children reaching the target age range
III – School Readiness and Achievement	11. Early Language and Literacy Activities	Performance Indicator	Percent of children enrolled in home visiting with a family member who reported that during a typical week s/he	Number of children (index child) enrolled in home visiting with a family member who reported that during a typical week s/he read, told	Number of children (index child) enrolled in home visiting

			read, told stories, and/or sang songs with their child daily, every day	stories, and/or sang songs with their child daily, every day	
III – School Readiness and Achievement	12. Developmental Screening	Performance Indicator	Percent of children enrolled in home visiting with a timely screen for developmental delays using a validated parent-completed tool	Number of children (index child) enrolled in home visiting with at least one screening within the AAP-defined age groups during the reporting period	Number of children (index child) enrolled in home visiting reaching the specified time frame during the reporting period
III – School Readiness and Achievement	13. Behavioral Concerns	Performance Indicator	Percent of home visits where primary caregivers were asked if they have any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning	Number of home visits where primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting were asked if they have any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning	Total number of home visits during the reporting period
IV – Crime or Domestic Violence	14. Intimate Partner Violence Screening	Performance Indicator	Percent of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting who are screened for intimate partner violence (IPV) within 6 months of enrollment using a validated tool	Number of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting who are screened for IPV using a validated tool within 6 months of enrollment	Number of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting for at least 6 months
V – Family Economic Self-Sufficiency	15. Primary Caregiver Education	Systems Outcome	Percent of primary caregivers who enrolled in home visiting without a high school degree or equivalent who subsequently enrolled in, maintained continuous enrollment in, or completed high school or equivalent during their participation in home visiting	Number of primary caregivers who enrolled in, maintained continuous enrollment in, or completed a high school degree or equivalent after enrollment in home visiting (and met the conditions specific in the denominator)	Number of primary caregivers without a high school degree or equivalent at enrollment

V – Family Economic Self-Sufficiency	16. Continuity of Insurance Coverage	Systems Outcome	Percent of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting who had continuous health insurance coverage for at least 6 consecutive months	Number of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting who reported having health insurance coverage for at least 6 consecutive months since enrollment in home visiting	Number of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting for at least 6 months
VI – Coordination and Referrals	17. Completed Depression Referrals	Systems Outcome	Percent of primary caregivers referred to services for a positive screen for depression who receive one or more service contacts	Number of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting who received recommended services for depression (and met the conditions specified in the denominator)	Number of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting who had a positive screen for depression within 3 months of enrollment (for those not enrolled prenatally) or within 3 months of delivery (for those enrolled prenatally) and were referred for services
VI – Coordination and Referrals	18. Completed Developmental Referrals	Systems Outcome	Percent of children enrolled in home visiting with positive screens for developmental delays (measured using a validated tool) who receive services in a timely manner	Number of children enrolled in home visiting who a) received individualized developmental support from a home visitor; b) were referred to early intervention services and received an evaluation within 45 days; OR c) were referred to other community services who received services within 30 days (and met the conditions specified in the denominator)	Number of children enrolled in home visiting with positive screens for developmental delays (measured using a validated tool)
VI – Coordination and Referrals	19. Intimate Partner Violence Referrals	Performance Indicator	Percent of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting with positive screens for IPV (measured using a validated tool) who receive referral information for IPV	Number of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting who received referral information to IPV resources (and met the conditions specified in the denominator)	Number of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting with positive screens for IPV (measured using a validated tool) within 6 months of enrollment