

The Positive Impact of

# Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) in Wisconsin

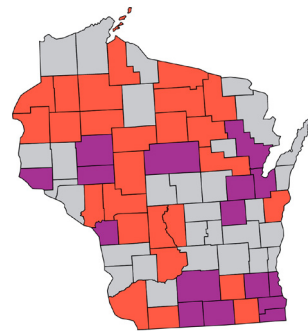


MIECHV provides federal funds to states, territories, and tribal entities for voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services. Home visitors meet with parents one on one from pregnancy through their child's kindergarten entry to help lay the foundation for the health, education, development, and economic self-sufficiency of the entire family. Visits by caring, experienced professionals who provide families support and connections to needed resources and services can help families leverage their strengths so they can thrive.

Since 2013, MIECHV has been level-funded at \$400 million annually and pre-pandemic estimates showed MIECHV reached only 3-5% of eligible families nationwide. As MIECHV is set to expire on September 30, 2022, reauthorization offers Congress the opportunity to provide additional investments

that will enable home visiting programs to reach more families. The National Home Visiting Coalition, of which FFYF is a member, recommends a five-year reauthorization that would increase funding by \$200 million annually (reaching \$1.4 billion in FY2027); doubling the MIECHV tribal set-aside from 3% to 6% to reach more families in American Indian and Alaska Native communities; and continuing to allow virtual home visiting implemented with model fidelity as a service delivery option for families who choose it.

## Wisconsin MIECHV Program At-a-Glance



- Rural:** Adams, Ashland, Barron, Burnett, Clark, Forest, Grant, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, Lafayette, Langlade, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Monroe, Oneida, Polk, Rusk, Sauk, Sawyer, Shawano, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vilas, Walworth, Washburn
- Urban:** Brown, Chippewa, Dane, Eau Claire, Green, Kenosha, La Crosse, Marathon, Milwaukee, Oconto, Outagamie, Pierce, Racine, Rock, Saint Croix, Waukesha, Winnebago

In FY21:

# \$8,594,377

was awarded to the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families<sup>1</sup>

Within Wisconsin, MIECHV provided/served:\*

**2,047** families  
**26,084** home visits  
**1,960** children

Evidence-based models providing MIECHV-supported home visiting services in Wisconsin include:<sup>^</sup>



Parents as Teachers.



# Wisconsin Performance Highlights:<sup>^</sup>



- ◆ **99.0%** of caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning in postpartum home visits
- ◆ **89.6%** of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for intimate partner violence within 6 months of enrollment
- ◆ **89.3%** of caregivers enrolled in home visiting had continuous health insurance coverage for at least 6 consecutive months

## Family Needs<sup>^</sup>

States tailor their programs to meet community needs, with priority given to certain populations listed in the law.

### In Wisconsin:

- ◆ **93.7%** of households were low income
- ◆ **43.0%** of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home

## Wisconsin Families Receiving Home Visiting

### Race\*

- White (68%)
- Black (17%)
- Asian (5%)
- Multiple (4%)
- American Indian/Alaska Native (6%)



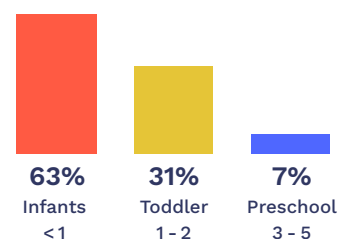
To protect confidentiality, race categories with less than 10 respondents have been omitted. Percentages may not add to 100%

### Ethnicity\*

**22%**

Hispanic or Latino

### Child's Age\*

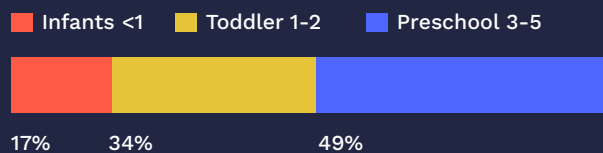


## Potential Beneficiaries:

In Wisconsin, an estimated 300,100 families could benefit from home visiting with sufficient funding.\*

- ◆ **47%** of families met one or more priority criteria.
- ◆ **17%** of families met two or more priority criteria.

386,300 children could benefit from home visiting with sufficient funding.\*



The estimated percentage of families who could benefit in Wisconsin met the following priority criteria:\*

