

NC Department of Health and Human Services

# Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)

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# What is MIECHV?

The Federally funded, Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program helps states, territories, and tribal entities to develop and implement evidence-based, voluntary home visiting programs to improve the development, health, and well-being of at-risk families with young children.

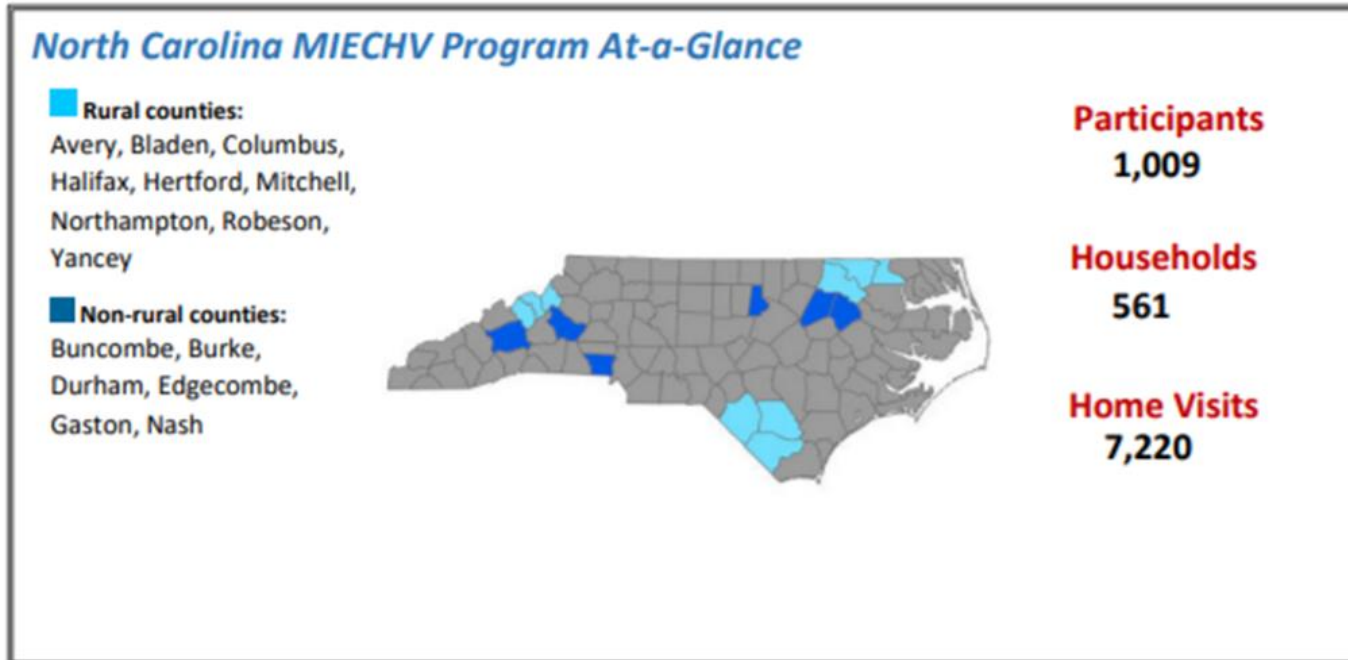
The MIECHV Program gives at-risk pregnant women and families the necessary resources and skills to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to succeed.

There are 6 Benchmarks:

1. Improved maternal and newborn health
2. Reduce child injuries, abuse, and neglect
3. Improve school readiness and achievement
4. Reduce crime or domestic violence
5. Improve family economic self-sufficiency
6. Improve coordination and referrals for community resources

## North Carolina Targets Community Needs

MIECHV Program awardees serve populations in at-risk communities. Awardees tailor their programs to serve populations of need within their state.



## North Carolina Performance Highlights

- Depression Screening: 96.4% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for depression within 3 months of enrollment or within 3 months of delivery
- Postpartum Care: 94.4% of mothers enrolled in home visiting received a postpartum visit with a healthcare provider within 8 weeks of delivery
- Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Screening: 89.4% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for IPV within 6 months of enrollment

SOURCE: HRSA MIECHV NC Fact Sheet <https://mchb.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/mchb/programs-impact/home-visiting/nc.pdf>

# MIECHV Reauthorization

- Current MIECHV funding will expire September 2022
- Five-year reauthorization to increase MIECHV funding by \$200 million
- Double the tribal set- aside within MIECHV from three to six percent
- Continue to allow virtual home visiting as an approved option for service delivery
- Provide \$150 million in emergency pandemic- related funding

SOURCE: National Home Visiting Coalition MIECHV Reauthorization <https://nationalhomevisitingcoalition.org/what-can-congress-do/>

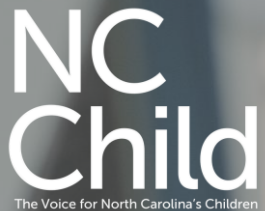
# Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention

- Federal funding for primary and secondary child maltreatment prevention,
- Offer home visiting and parent education services that build protective factors.
- Raise public awareness about how to prevent child maltreatment.
- Build capacity of professionals who support and strengthen families.



# Family First Prevention Services Act

- Tertiary Prevention that serves families at imminent risk of having children placed out of their homes
- Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder, and In-Home Parenting Evidence Based Programs
- Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse
- NC is using a phased approach, starting with Homebuilders and Parents as Teachers
- Services will be available statewide within 7 Social Services Regions.
- Requires evaluation and/or continuous quality improvement plan



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# Medicaid Opportunities for Home Visiting




# NC Child

The Voice for North Carolina's Children

Our Mission :

**NC Child builds a strong North Carolina by advancing public policies to ensure all children – regardless of race, ethnicity, or place of birth – have the opportunity to achieve their full potential.**





# Medicaid Reimbursement

- **Requires specific eligibility for service reimbursement**
  - Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) may apply
  - Services must be evidence based or other qualified services
- **Billable services must be provided by Medicaid enrolled and eligible providers**
  - Degree requirements apply



Billing codes procedures and eligibility can be different based on program, county, and PHP!

# Join our Child Advocacy Network!



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# Smart Start Family Connects Pilots

2022 Home Visiting & Parenting Education Summit



# Partnership Overview

- Expanding the evidence-based, universal Family Connects model to eight North Carolina counties.
- Leveraging Smart Start's deep community connections and the strength of the Family Connects model.
- Connecting families of newborns with support to ensure children receive the care and nurturing they need to thrive.
- Focusing on rural communities, where services are often less available.

# Smart Start Family Connects Pilot Sites

*Funded through a federal Preschool Development Grant*

## Children's Council of Watauga County

Covering:

- Watauga, Ashe, Avery

## Smart Start Partnership for Children

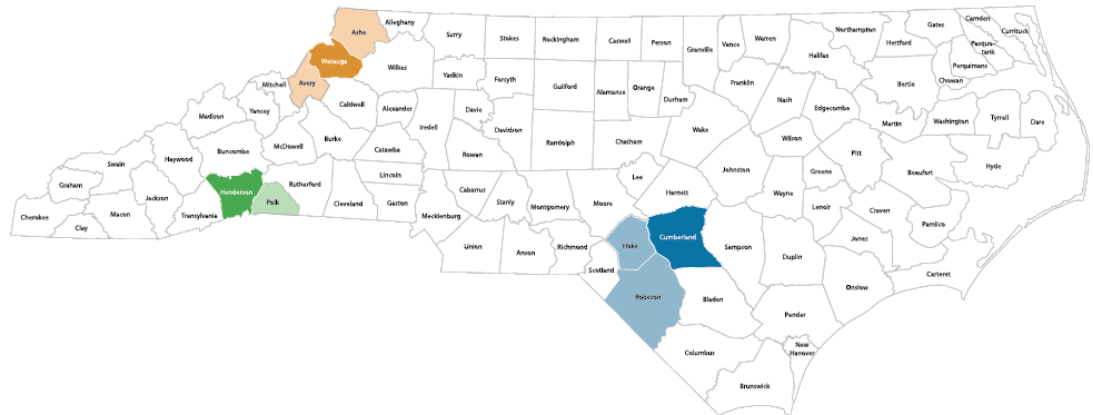
Covering:

- Henderson, Polk

## Partnership for Children of Cumberland County

Covering:

- Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson



# Opportunity & Vision

- **Serve 9,900 families over three years.**
- **Connect families to comprehensive services in their communities.**
- **Demonstrate the power of universal home visiting to improve outcomes for children and families.**
- **Pave the way for further expansion across the state.**

