



HOME VISITING

Supporting Montana Parents and Caregivers

What is Home Visiting?

Home visiting is a **voluntary, proven support and coaching service that strengthens families** through pregnancy and early childhood. Trained home visitors, such as nurses and early childhood specialists, work with expecting parents and caregivers of children under six years old, to build parenting skills and connect families with needed services to support optimal physical, social, and emotional child development.

Through the trusting relationships formed with home visitors, Montana parents are empowered to build self-sufficiency and achieve stable, healthy futures for their families.

Home Visiting Outcomes

Research has proven the benefits of home visiting, including**:



In 2021, **92.1% of Montana** mothers enrolled in home visiting prenatally or within 30 days after delivery **received a postpartum visit** with a healthcare provider within eight weeks of delivery (as compared to 72% nationally).



In 2022, **67.2% of Montana** infants, among mothers who enrolled in home visiting prenatally, **were breastfed any amount at six months of age** (compared to 43.5% nationally).



In 2022, **97% of Montana primary caregivers** enrolled in home visiting were **screened for depression using a validated tool** within three months of enrollment or within three months of delivery for those enrolled prenatally (compared to 80.9% nationally).



In 2022, **78.7% of Montana children** enrolled in home visiting **received a timely screening for developmental delays** using a validated parent-completed tool (compared to 76% nationally).

In 2022, home visiting programs in Montana served

1,232 families through
13,644 home visits*

It is estimated that **54,500** pregnant women and families with children under six years old could benefit from home visiting*

Data presented only includes MIECHV funded home visiting programs

*<https://nhvrc.org/yearbook/2023-yearbook/state-indigenous-landscape/>

**Information provided by the Montana Department of Health and Human Services at <https://dphhs.mt.gov/InteractiveDashboards/HMFPPerformanceMeasures>

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Home Visiting in Montana

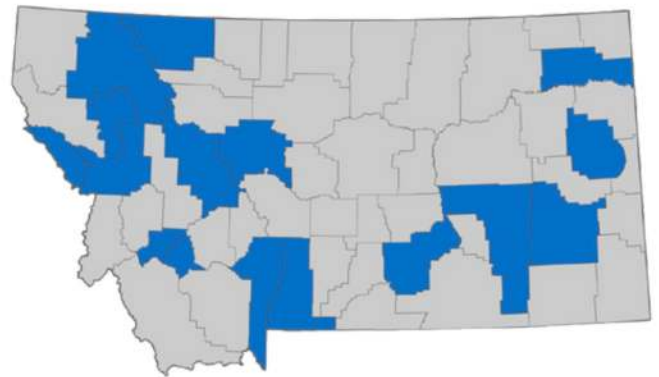
Healthy Montana Families (HMF), Montana's Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program, provides many of the home visiting services in Montana. HMF implements four home visiting models through 18 local public health departments and non-profit organizations in 16 counties, including three tribal communities. Additional home visiting programs are also available across the state that are not funded by the HMF program and MIECHV federal funds.



“I worked with a month-old baby who was several ounces below birthweight when I met with the family for the first time. Fortunately, the family was receptive to receiving immediate help. Over the next three days, we were able to coordinate pediatrician visits, feeding evaluations, and additional in-home feeding supports for the baby. The child was really close to needing to be readmitted to the hospital and having a feeding tube placed, but with the way the timing worked out, we were able to keep the baby living at home and they starting to gain weight.”

— Home Visiting Nurse in Montana

Areas served:



Models used in Montana:



*Exchange Parent Aide serves children through age 17.

Montana Home Visiting Coalition members that offer home visiting services:

- Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne Nation
- Butte 4-Cs
- Cascade City-County Health Department
- Community Health Partners
- Dawson County Public Health Department
- Flathead City-County Health Department
- Florence Crittenton
- Gallatin City-County Health Department
- Lewis and Clark Public Health
- Mineral County Health Department
- Missoula Public Health
- RiverStone Health
- The Parenting Place
- Watson Children's Shelter

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