

Home Visiting in the State of Alaska



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Maternal, Infant & Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program



- Federal Grant to implement evidence-based home visiting services to at-risk families and communities
- Section of Women's, Children's, and Family Health
 - Statewide needs assessment
 - Determine best model for selected population



Purpose of the MIECHV program

- Strengthen and improve maternal child health programs
- Improved coordination of services to at-risk communities
- Provide comprehensive services to at-risk families (HRSA, 2012)



Goals of the MIECHV program



- Improved health outcomes for mother and child
- Improved socioeconomic status of family
- Better coordination of referrals for family
- Increased readiness for school
- Reduced incidence of child maltreatment and intimate partner violence
- Improved parenting skills



Background of the MIECHV program



- Statewide needs assessment

- Birth Outcomes
- Poverty
- Crime
- School Drop-out Rates
- Substance Abuse
- Unemployment
- Child Maltreatment
- Domestic Violence



Background of the MIECHV program



- Seven at-risk communities identified
- Existing home visiting programs



- NUTAQSAVIK
- PARENTS AS TEACHERS
- EARLY HEAD START
- NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM-JBER
- PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Background of the MIECHV program



- Inventory of Home Visiting Models
 - Types of services, model elements, recipients, goals, outcomes, number served
 - Identified Gaps
- Alaska Home Visiting Steering Committee



Providence In-Home Services

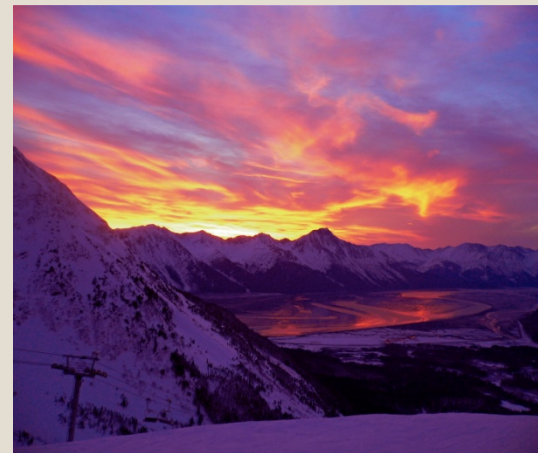


Tribal Home Visiting Programs

MIECHV



- **Kodiak Area Native Association**
- Alaska Native beneficiaries
- Caseload goal is ≤ 20
- Focus is prenatal up to age 5
- Home visitors also travel to the remote villages only accessible by plane or boat
- Parents as Teachers home visiting model
- Desired Outcomes: decrease child maltreatment and increase school readiness



Tribal Home Visiting Programs MIECHV



- **Fairbanks Area Native Association**
- Alaska Native beneficiaries
- Provides services at home and in the school
- Parents as Teachers home visiting model
- Targets most at-risk families
 - OCS involvement
 - Homeless
 - Substance abuse



Military Home Visiting Services




- **New Parent Support Program – Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson**



- Serves military families
- Priority is pregnant women and children under 3
- Utilizes RNs and Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Focus is on health, safety, and resource referral
- Caseload of 20-30 families per HV

Infant Learning Programs



- Services provided in the home and child care setting
 - For families with infants and toddlers (birth to 3) with disabilities or at least 50% developmental delays
 - Provided throughout Alaska by 17 grantees
 - Trans-disciplinary in nature
 - Requires medical referral
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- A healthcare professional, wearing a white coat and glasses, is examining a baby's head. The baby is lying down, and the professional is using a stethoscope to listen to the baby's chest. The baby is holding a colorful toy. The professional is also holding a small, black, rectangular device near the baby's head.
- Goals: Increase family capacity and support the healthy development of infants and toddlers

Kids' Corp, Inc. - Anchorage



- **Early Head Start**

- Uses the Parents as Teachers curriculum for weekly visits during pregnancy until age 3
- Priority given to pregnant and parenting teens
- Many participants attend Crossroads School for pregnant and parenting teens



- **Parents as Teachers**

- Providing home visits during pregnancy until age 5
- Families are also invited to family activities and parent education activities for the Head Start program

Healthy Start - Nome



- Case management program - includes home visits
- Serves pregnant and interconceptional women who have children younger than two years of age
- Strong focus on behavioral health and community involvement
- Outcomes include: decreased infant mortality and improved perinatal outcomes



Thank You - Questions?



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