



Kansas Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) administers the Kansas MIECHV Program. The Kansas MIECHV Program targets two high-need communities: urban Wyandotte County and rural Southeast Kansas, including Cherokee, Labette, Montgomery, Neosho, and Wilson counties. Three **evidence-based home visiting program models**—Parents as Teachers (PAT), Healthy Families America (HFA), and Early Head Start (EHS) — are provided in these target communities, as well as a **promising approach**, Team for Infants Exposed to Substance Abuse (TIES), in Wyandotte County. Coordinated, centralized outreach and referral systems have developed and are utilized in both areas, Connections in Wyandotte County and My Family in Southeast Kansas, which help at-risk families identify and connect to the services they need.

MIECHV formula grant funding to the State of Kansas is presently about \$4.8 million annually. This supports **500 family caseload slots** that can be served by home visiting services at a point in time. **In FFY 2016, 661 families with pregnant women and young children** (birth to kindergarten entry) were enrolled in and received MIECHV-funded home visiting services by the following **local**

implementing agencies:

Coffeyville USD 445	PAT
Kansas Children’s Service League	HFA
Kansas City, KS USD 500	PAT
Project EAGLE/KU Medical Center	EHS
Southeast Kansas Community Action Program (SEK-CAP)	EHS
Southeast Kansas Education Service Center (Greenbush)	PAT
Turner USD 202	PAT
Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS Public Health Department	HFA
Children’s Mercy Hospital	TIES

A snapshot of Kansas MIECHV participants:

54% single	70% below federal poverty line	18% pregnant & under 21
42% married	52% on Medicaid & 24% uninsured	32% not graduated high school

The Kansas MIECHV Program has improved multiple benchmark indicators of maternal and infant health and school readiness. KDHE contracts with the Center for Public Partnerships and Research and the Juniper Gardens Children’s Project at the University of Kansas to ensure that data reporting, evaluation, and continuous quality improvement requirements are met. Kansas MIECHV prioritizes data-informed practice and program accountability.

Additional information:

Kansas Home Visiting website
HRSA Federal MIECHV State Fact Sheet

KShomevisiting.org
[HRSA Home Visiting Program State Fact Sheet](#)

