**Illinois Home Visiting & the Maternal and Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV)**



**Understanding home visiting:**

* [Take a video tour of a visit](https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/about/news-room/press-releases-and-statements/0001/01/01/watch-a-home-visit) between 24-year-old new mom Astiare Logan, her son, Andrew, and their home visitor, Laura, to take a peek into these voluntary parent mentoring programs.
* [Watch a quick video on Illinois home visiting services (English).](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozNt_heMdbM&t=1s) [Vea un video breve sobre visitas al hogar (español).](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7BX9m5TON0)
* [Explore iGrow Illinois](https://igrowillinois.org/homevisiting/), an online hub for information on early childhood home visiting in Illinois.
* Learn [five essential facts about early childhood home visiting](https://www.childtrends.org/publications/5-things-to-know-about-early-childhood-home-visiting) and check out a [printable brochure on home visiting.](https://igrowillinois.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/igrow-BRO-Statewide.pdf)
* Read more about the [child health](https://homvee.acf.hhs.gov/outcomes/child%20health/In%20Brief), [maternal health](https://homvee.acf.hhs.gov/outcomes/maternal%20health/In%20Brief), and other critical outcomes of home visiting at the federal [Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness (HomVEE) clearinghouse.](https://homvee.acf.hhs.gov/)

**Connecting families to home visiting:**

* Health care providers, educators, and other family-facing supports can [access guidance on how to refer families to home visiting](https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/OECD/Documents/Final%20COVID%2019%20Provider%20Referral%20Messaging%206-12-20.pdf) during the COVID-19 pandemic.
* [Share this informational fact sheet with families](https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/OECD/Documents/Final%20COVID%2019%20Family%20Messaging%206-12-20.pdf) on the supports available through voluntary, free early childhood home visiting is available.
* Search for local programs in your area using the [iGrow program search tool](http://igrowillinois.org/find-a-program). Local programs will have details on how to enroll in home visiting services.
* In some communities, Coordinated Intake (CI) workers can guide families to the right programs. [Check iGrow to find contact information for CI workers in your area.](https://igrowillinois.org/find-a-program/) You can [call these numbers](https://igrowillinois.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/CI-Contact-Information.pdf) to connect to a CI worker to discuss home visiting options.

**The Illinois home visiting system:**

* The [Home Visiting Task Force](https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/OECD/EarlyLearningCouncil/Pages/HomeVisitingTaskForce.aspx) is a body under the Illinois Early Learning Council dedicated to advancing a comprehensive vision for home visiting that includes improving the quality of and access to evidence-based home visiting programs for all at-risk families. The HVTF also serves as the strategic advisory body for the MIECHV grant. For the most recent work of the Home Visiting Task Force Committee and its Subcommittees, see the [2020 Early Learning Council Annual Report.](https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/OECD/Documents/2020%20Illinois%20Early%20Learning%20Council%20Annual%20Report_Final.pdf)
* Learn more about [innovative home visiting projects](https://igrowillinois.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Home-Visiting-Innovations-January-2021.pdf) supporting families experiencing homelessness, families with child welfare involvement, families impacted by the criminal-legal system, and more.

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