

Home Visiting

Opening doors to self sufficiency, health and well-being
for South Carolina's children and families



*Fiscal year 2025 annual progress report for the Maternal Infant
and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program*



Children's Trust Supports Three Home Visiting Models

Healthy Families America

Professionals work one-on-one with parents in their homes to provide guidance on health issues, developmental milestones, school readiness and economic self-sufficiency. They work with families for at least three years, and visits are initially weekly.

Nurse-Family Partnership

Specially trained nurses regularly visit first-time moms, starting early in pregnancy and continuing until the child's second birthday. The nurse focuses on developing parenting skills, competent caregiving, and supportive relationships to improve pregnancy outcomes, including full-term births and healthy birth weights, as well as the children's health, development, and safety. Nurses also help mothers set and achieve educational and career goals.

Parents as Teachers

Parent educators assist families in understanding early childhood development and promote positive parenting practices. They also conduct screenings and assessments to identify developmental concerns, connect families with outside resources, and help strengthen community ties.

HOME VISITING

Helping Parents Be Their Child's First Teacher

Voluntary programs for parents of young children offering support, mentoring and coaching in the home

- Building positive parenting skills
- Connecting families to resources and community support
- Increasing family self-sufficiency
- Identifying gaps of children in achieving developmental milestones

Ensuring Health Outcomes Across Two Generations

Home visiting focuses on early brain development, helping children achieve important developmental milestones. It also supports families across a wide range of outcomes and fosters strong parent-child relationships.

CHILDREN



86% born at term



89% received last recommended well-child visit



93% screened for developmental delays

CAREGIVERS



98% read, sang or told stories daily to their children



87% had timely post-partum care visits



87% screened for depression



95% used safe sleep practices with their infant

Home Visiting Meets Families Where They Are

FISCAL YEAR 2025

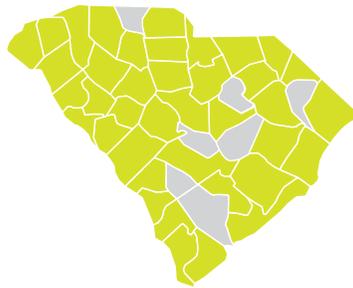
2,855 caregivers
and children

18,717 visits

SINCE 2011

14,807 caregivers
and children

187,448 visits



36 counties **15** local partners

Need Outpaces Available Resources and Services

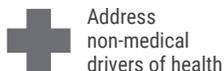
KEY FINDINGS FROM THE S.C. HOME VISITING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

96% of S.C. counties

were identified as at risk due to poor prenatal, maternal, newborn or child health outcomes

90% of families in need

are not being served by home visiting services in at-risk counties



Address non-medical drivers of health



Strengthen the continuum of early childhood services through coordination, promotion and advocacy



Increase awareness and access to home visiting in rural areas

Collaboration

Strong collaboration among service providers leads to better outcomes for children and families.

Children's Trust convenes the **South Carolina Home Visiting Consortium** to collaborate and strengthen the infrastructure serving all of the state's home visiting programs. In addition to work funded through MIECHV, a wide array of home programs is at work in South Carolina, supported by public and private initiatives.

Beginnings SC

BirthMatters

Early Head Start

Early Steps to School Success, Save the Children

Family Connects International

Family Solutions, S.C. Office of Rural Health

Healthy Families America

Nurse-Family Partnership

Nŭti Yapę (Morning Sun) Tribal Home Visiting

Parents as Teachers

PASOs

SafeCare

S.C. Department of Education

S.C. Department of Health and Human Services, BabyNet

S.C. Department of Public Health

S.C. Department of Social Services – South Carolina Head Start Collaborative Office

S.C. First Steps

S.C. Help Me Grow

S.C. Infant Mental Health Association

University of South Carolina Core for Applied Research and Evaluation

University of South Carolina Rural Health Research Center



Advancing Home Visiting in South Carolina

Recognizing that home visiting is a proven service delivery strategy that improves the health and well-being of children and their families, Children's Trust works to foster cross-sector collaboration, support workforce development, and integrate home visiting into broader early childhood and public health systems.

We are strengthening data infrastructure to support outcomes measurement and inform policy decisions, while also working to expand access to evidence-based home visiting programs. Through strategic partnerships and coordinated advocacy, we are building a sustainable framework to support healthy families and give children a strong start in life so they have the best chance to grow into contributing, productive members of our communities.

- Career Compass
- Home Visiting Summit
- S.C. Home Visiting Consortium
- scHomeVisiting.org
- Specialized technical assistance
- Advocacy at the S.C. State House

scChildren.org

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