

Tribal Home Visiting

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Mission

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Tribal Home Visiting...

*“is a supportive service to Native families who are expecting and have children between the ages of 0-5 years. Home Visiting is for **anyone** who wants to learn what makes their baby do the things they do, learn about their child’s growth and development, grow their own skills when parenting gets hard, and learn how to be a better parent for their child. Services are delivered to families by a Home Visitor in a family’s home or other comfortable space. Tribal Home Visiting gives Native families a chance to succeed and thrive so children can grow healthy and happy.”*



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Culture, Collaboration, and Innovation:

How Tribal Home Visiting Programs
Are Working to Improve Outcomes for
Children, Families, and Communities

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Tribal Maternal Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting (Tribal MIECHV) Grant Program

The Tribal MIECHV program provides grants to tribal organizations to develop, implement, and evaluate home visiting programs in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

The Tribal Home Visiting program is funded by a 3 percent set-aside from the larger MIECHV program. Tribal Home Visiting grants are awarded to Indian tribes, consortia of tribes, tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations for 5 year grant cycles.

Currently, there are 25 Tribal MIECHV grantees, 4 in New Mexico; NAPPR, San Felipe, Taos, Navajo Nation.

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Model and Curriculum

Components

- Personal Home Visits
- Family Group Connections
- Screenings
- Resource and Referral Networking

Approach

- Parent-Child Interaction
- Development-Centered Parenting
- Family Well-Being

Other Aspects

- Culturally-Enhanced Activities and Materials
- Circle of Security Parenting Facilitators
- Infant Massage
- Shaken Baby Education
- Sudden, Infant Death Syndrome Education
- Breastfeeding Support and Supplies



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But WHY is
Home Visiting
Important to
Maternal and
Child Health?



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Here's the why:

- Home Visiting is tradition.
- Parenting is hard, and no one really masters it.
- Home Visiting has the potential to begin those hard discussions with caregivers.
- Home Visiting has been proven in many environments to help prevent and alleviate a variety of health and mental health disparities (i.e. parenting stress, economic stress, child abuse, post-partum depression, etc.)



Attachment

- Attachment is a deep and enduring emotional bond that connects one person to another across time and space (Ainsworth, 1973; Bowlby, 1969).
- Attachment is a set of learned behaviors (e.g., Dollard & Miller, 1950).
- Attachment to at least one primary caregiver is critical to personal development and influences subsequent development.
- Children come into the world biologically pre-programmed to form attachments with other, because this will help them to survive (e.g., Bowlby, Harlow, Lorenz).

www.acf.hhs.gov/ecd/home-visiting/tribal-home-visiting

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Thank you!

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