

Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program Project Outline

Overview of the MIECHV Grant and Report on Progress

This past August, the Arizona Department of Health Services hosted a Yavapai County NE Community Forum in Cottonwood. Community forums were held in the targeted areas of the state for the purposes of identifying existing services, determining community interest in participating and preferred program model(s), and identifying any barriers that exist. Additionally, resources are available for capacity building in local communities, if needed to enhance readiness for program implementation/expansion in the area.

Mary Ellen Cunningham (Arizona Department of Health Services/Bureau of Women and Children's Health) described the home visiting funding that Arizona has received from the Federal government, under the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). Arizona has both a competitive grant and formula funding for its Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, which is referred to as MIECHV.

Ms. Cunningham explained that the MIECHV Program is a joint venture of several State agencies, including the Arizona Departments of Economic Security, Education, and Health and First Things First. Initial funding is being targeted to areas of the state that have the highest risk, based on the indicators which states were required by the funder to use. The grant requires the state to show improvement in several outcome areas within the first three years and has stringent evaluation criteria. Home visiting programs funded under the grant must be evidence-based; Arizona has selected Healthy Families and Nurse Family Partnership from the approved list of programs because of their demonstrated effectiveness in addressing risk factors that are prevalent in Arizona's communities.

Yavapai Northeast Region Qualifying for MIECHV Funding Opportunity

Within the Yavapai Region, the following Community Health Analysis Area qualifies for services under the MIECHV Program:

- Yavapai Co. NE which includes the following zip codes-
 - 86324
 - 86336
 - 86326
 - 86323
 - 86315
 - 86325
 - 86335
 - 86322