



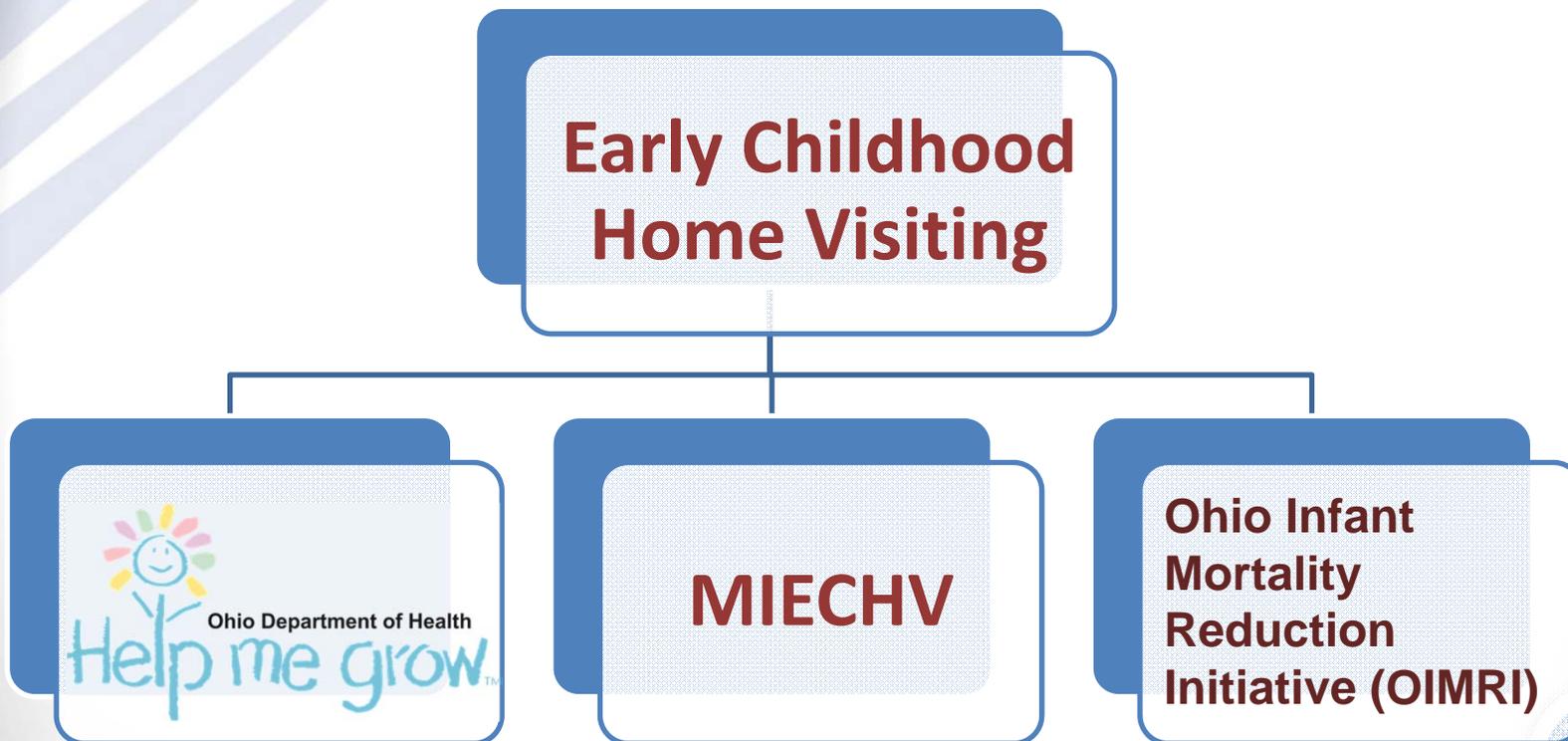
Early Childhood Home Visiting Initiatives

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ODH Early Childhood Home Visiting

A statewide system of supports and services for expectant families and parents of children 0-5



What is Help Me Grow?

- Mission: To supports pregnant women and families in raising children who are physically and emotionally healthy and ready to learn.
- Provides a statewide, voluntary system of parenting education and support programing for first-time mothers, as well parents whose children are at risk for poor birth and early childhood outcomes.



Help Me Grow Goals

1. Increase Healthy Pregnancies;
2. Improve Parenting Confidence and Competence;
3. Improve Child Health, Development, and School Readiness;
4. Increase Family Economic Self-Sufficiency and Connectedness to Community Supports.



Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Grant (MIECHV).



- Authorized by the Affordable Care Act of 2010
- Funding awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration

Federal HV Program Goals

- Strengthen and improve the programs and activities carried out under Title V;
- Improve coordination of services for at-risk communities; and
- Identify and provide comprehensive services to improve outcomes for families who reside in at-risk communities.



MIECHV Target Populations

Families in at-risk communities

- Low-income families;
- Pregnant women under age 21;
- Families with a history of child abuse;
- Families with potential substance abuse;
- Families with smokers in the home;
- Families with children demonstrating low achievement;
- Families with children who have developmental delays;
- Families who have served or serve in the armed forces.



MIECHV in Ohio



Formula Sites

Clark
Franklin*
Hamilton*
Lucas*
Marion
Montgomery*
Pike
Ross
Trumbull
Vinton

Competitive Sites

Adams
Allen
Ashtabula
Clinton
Columbiana
Coshocton
Crawford
Fayette
Gallia
Harrison
Jefferson
Mahoning*
Meigs
Scioto
Stark*
Summit*

**Ohio Birth Equity Institute Site*



Ohio Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative (OIMRI)

- Established in 1994 to respond to a significant disparity in poor prenatal and birth outcomes for African American Women and infants.
- Purpose: To reduce infant mortality by:
 - Improving Maternal Health
 - Improve Birth Outcomes
 - Improve Infant and Child Health



OIMRI Community Health Workers

- The Community Health Worker (CHW) is a trained, credentialed advocate from the targeted community.
- The CHW provides a cultural link to community resources, through family-centered services that focus on achieving success in health, education, and self-sufficiency.



OIMRI Locations

County	
Allen	Lucas
Butler	Mahoning
Clark	Montgomery
Cuyahoga	Richland
Franklin	Stark
Hamilton	Summit
Lorain	Trumbull



Ohio Home Visiting Benchmark Areas

Quantifiable, measurable improvements for the populations participating in the program.

1. Maternal and Newborn health;
2. Child injuries, abuse, neglect, or maltreatment, and reduction of emergency department visits;
3. School Readiness and Achievement;
4. Crime/Domestic Violence;
5. Family Economic Self-Sufficiency; and
6. Coordination and referrals for other community resources and supports.



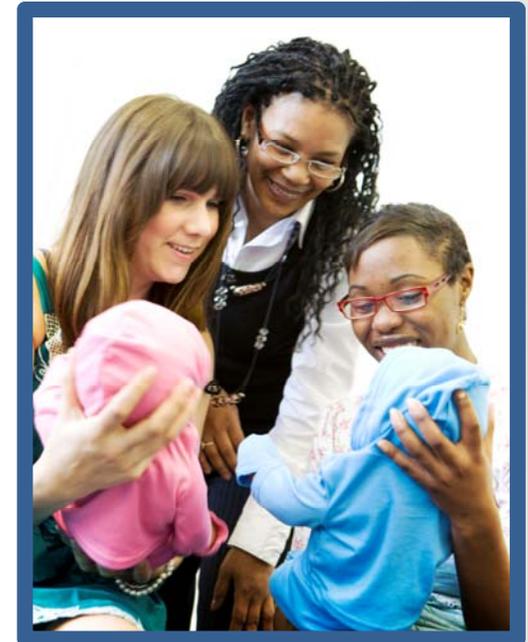
Home Visiting Outcomes

1. Increase access to prenatal care/family health
2. Reduce preterm birth
3. Reduce low birth weight
4. Increase smoking cessation
5. Prevent child abuse/neglect
6. Improve knowledge of child development
7. Improve parent-child interactions
8. Improve home environment
9. Increase access to medical home/primary health care provider
10. Increase family support
11. Increase community connectedness



Home Visiting Service Components

- Using approved evidenced-based models, each participant receives:
 - Family health screenings;
 - Child health and development screenings;
 - Research-informed parenting education curriculum;
 - Referral and linkage to needed medical and social supports;
 - Facilitated transition to an appropriate development-enhancing program/early care and/or education provider.



Impact on Ohio's Communities

For State Fiscal Year 2015

- HMG/MIECHV
 - Total families enrolled: 10,736
 - 45.6% enrolled prenatally
 - 72.4% of women enrolled reported receiving prenatal care
 - 7,618 referrals to community supports completed during home visits in SFY15

