

PARTNERING WITH HOME VISITING: BEST PRACTICES FOR CRITICAL FAMILY SERVICES



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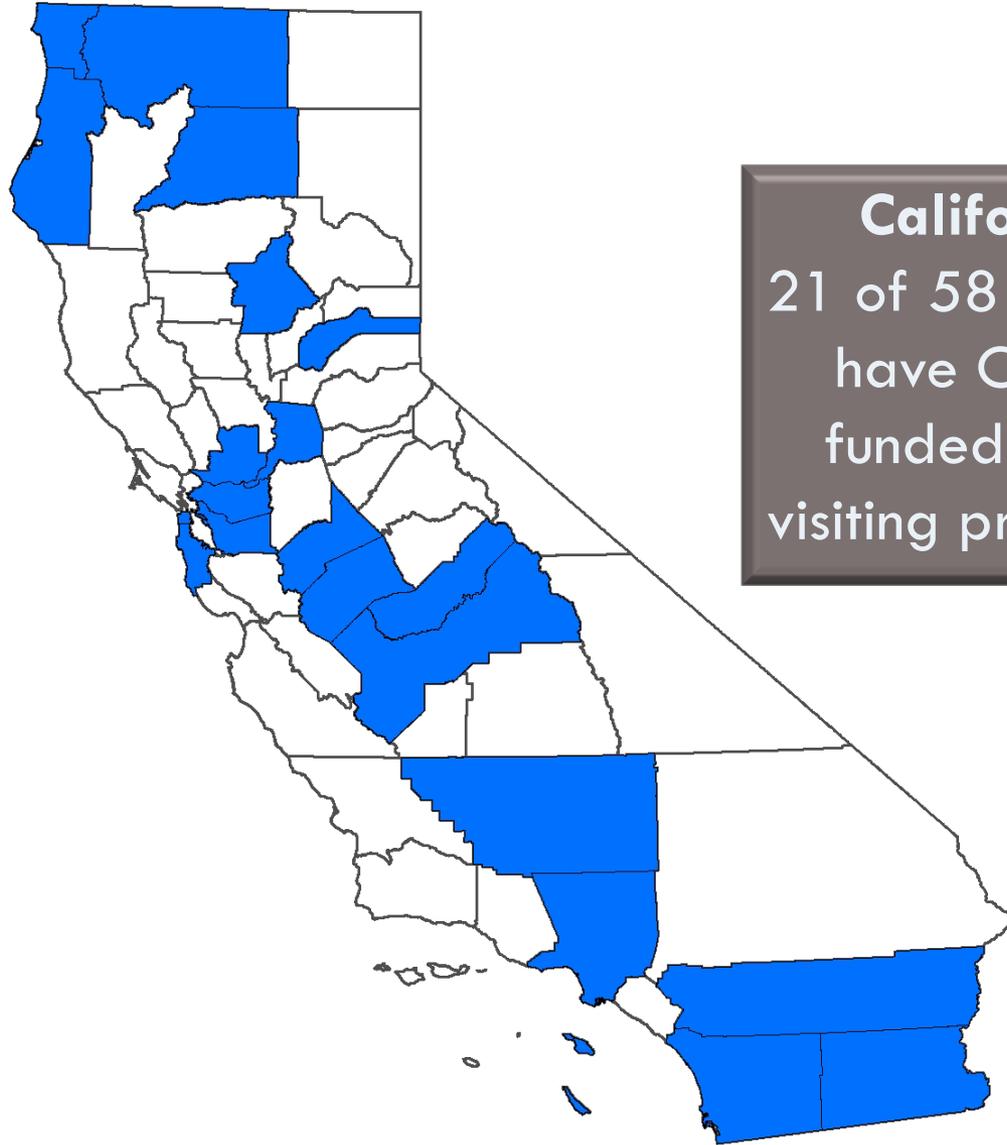
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What is Home Visiting

- o Home visiting pairs at-risk new and expectant parents with trained professionals who provide:
 - o Parental skill building
 - o Resources
 - o Support
- o Depending on the home visiting model, home visits are typically:
 - o Once/week during pregnancy and for the first 6 months of the infants life;
 - o Then every other week until the child is 2-3 years of age
- o The goals:
 - o Assist parents in having a healthy pregnancy and delivery;
 - o And in becoming knowledgeable and responsible parents.

CHVP-Funded Counties



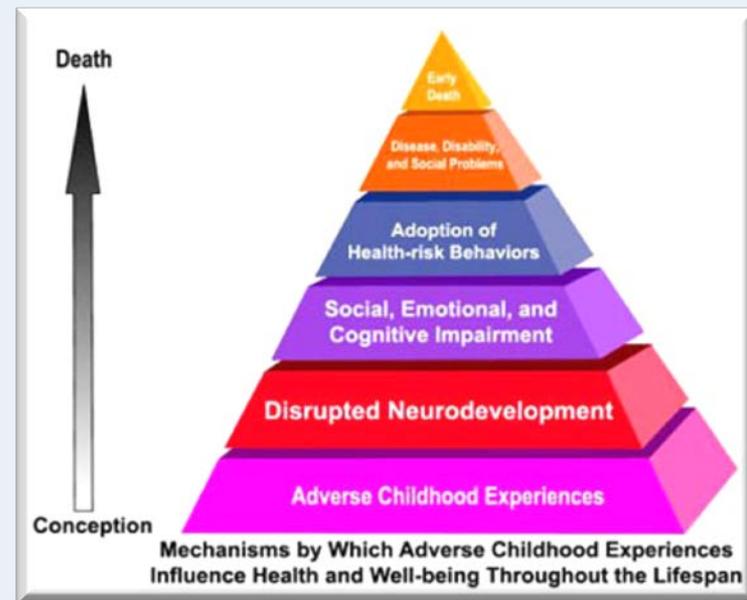
California
21 of 58 counties
have CHVP-
funded home
visiting programs.

Home Visiting and ACEs

- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are significant events that have been shown to impact adult health risk behavior and disease. Examples of ACEs are the following:

Abuse, neglect and/or household dysfunction (e.g., domestic violence, substance abuse, mental illness)

- Home Visiting is a prevention/intervention modality that interferes with and/or eliminates adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)





Congressional Mandate

Goals of Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) funding:

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



Coordination of Services

- o Home Visiting **provides intervention services** that:
 - o Decrease family **Poverty**
 - o Decrease a child's odds of experiencing **Trauma** (ACEs)
 - o Improve a child's health and well-being through trauma-informed care and developmental screening based on **Brain Science**
- o Home Visitors also **connect families to other community services** in sectors such as:
 - o Education, employment, benefits, basic needs
 - o Addresses self-sufficiency and **Poverty**
 - o Domestic violence, mental health, parenting classes
 - o Prevents and intervenes in experiences of **Trauma**
 - o Early childhood developmental intervention
 - o Screens and refers for services to address delays (**Brain Science**)

Coordination of Services

MIECHV Benchmark Area 6:

Coordination and Referrals for Other Community Resources and Supports

Collaboration and warm referral relationships among early childhood stakeholders is critical to providing needed services to our shared populations.

