



Colorado Home Visiting Coalition

Annual Report 2022-23

A landmark year

Dear Friends of Colorado Home Visiting:

We are excited to share the 2022-23 Colorado Home Visiting Coalition Annual Report with you. Across several fronts this was a landmark year for the Colorado Home Visiting Coalition (CHVC).

Expanding the Coalition

This year we added another model – Family Connects – to the Coalition. With the addition of Family Connects, CHVC now includes 8 models serving children and families across the state. Family Connects offers a different approach to home visiting from some of our other models. The model seeks to provide a universal (for a given hospital or county) home visit to families within 3 weeks of the delivery of a child. The home visit is delivered by nurses and focus among other things on the health of the child and mother and connecting families with necessary resources.

Advocacy

More than two years of advocacy work culminated in December of 2022, with the passage of MIECHV Reauthorization. Not only was MIECHV reauthorized, it was dramatically expanded – nearly doubling the amount of funding available over the next few years. This expansion of funding has the potential to greatly increase the number of Colorado children and families with access to home visiting services.

Engaging those with first-hand expertise

This year saw the launch of the Home Visiting Ambassador Program. The program brings together home visitors and parents from different models and different parts of the state to help inform the ongoing work of the Coalition. Looking forward we are excited about the incredible potential of the Home Visiting Ambassador Program to more intentionally bring the voice for home visitors and families into our work so that our efforts are shaped by those with first hand experience.

Charting our course

Lastly, the Coalition revisited our strategic plan. Finalizing the strategic plan and developing a clear roadmap to guide the next 2 years of our work – gives us renewed clarity about our work moving forward.

We are proud of our work this year, and excited for the work to come. We believe that Colorado’s home visiting models and the home visiting system are as robust, networked, and innovative as they have ever been.

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What is home visiting?

Home visiting is a voluntary service-delivery model that meets families where they are - often in the home. These programs focus on the whole family's health, and future and support parents as they manage the challenges of raising babies and young children. Home visiting connects families with the resources necessary to be successful in life. Early childhood home visiting services improve prenatal, maternal, and infant health outcomes, promote positive parenting practices, prevent child abuse and neglect, and increase child and family school readiness.

Home visitors can be:

- trained nurses
- social workers
- trained peers
- child development specialists

An investment that pays

Numerous studies have found that the benefits to families, children and the wider community considerably outweigh the cost. No one model achieves all outcomes, but together the continuum of Colorado's home visiting models do remarkable things. Collectively Colorado's home visiting models have been shown to make significant impacts in areas ranging from reduced child welfare involvement and improved school readiness to better health outcomes and improved economic self-sufficiency.

Colorado's home visiting models return \$1.50 to \$6 in benefits for each dollar spent⁽¹⁾

What we share

Home visiting models support parents and children in many ways, but all Colorado models share the following traits



Meeting families "where they are"

Home visiting programs meet families "where they are," providing services in a location they choose; removing barriers to participation and building trust. Despite the name, "home visits" happen anywhere comfortable for the family: houses, apartments, libraries, doctors' offices or motels.



Building knowledge and capacity

Home visiting builds families' knowledge and capacity to support their children's development and learning. All parents have the potential to become their child's first and best teacher. Home visiting helps unlock that potential.



Two generation approach

Through a two-generation approach, home visiting programs lead to better economic outcomes for parents and children, helping to break the cycle of poverty. Home visiting simultaneously invests in the caregiver and child.

1. Colorado Results First https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5_3yhvPtgh-YnI2X3Brc0pMcWs/view

Data and demographics (2022-23)

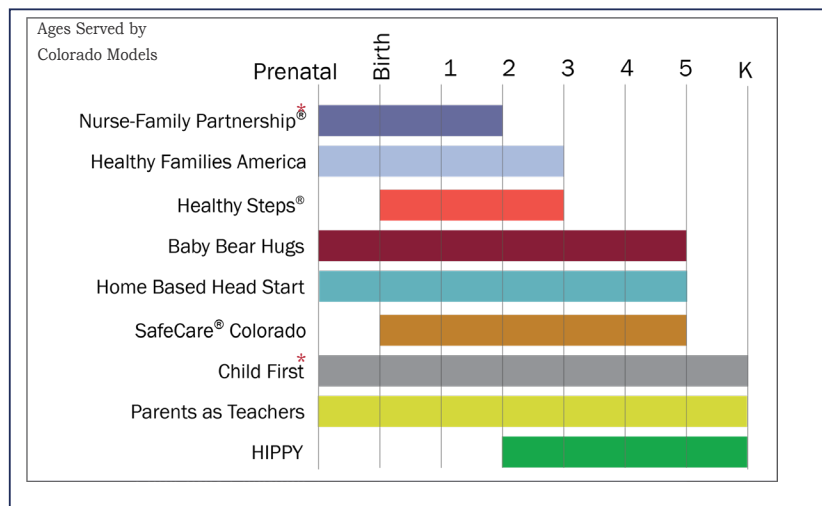
11,865 children
 Data for 2022-2023 (includes NFP and Child First) *

93,807 visits
 Data for 2022-2023 (does not include visits from Head Start)

96% live in poverty
 families with income below 200% of federal poverty line (among models providing data, excludes Family Connects and HealthySteps, Head Start)

41% non-English speakers
 59% of parents speak English, 37% Spanish, 4% speak other languages (among models providing data: BBH, Child First, Family Connects, HFA, HIPPY, and PAT)

Home visiting serves a range of ages



Note: Family Connects serves families within the first few weeks after birth



* Note: Neither Nurse-Family Partnership nor Child First are members of CHVC. But they have graciously shared data with us to better reflect the totality of home visiting in the state.



2022-2023 Year in Review



Strengthening the Home Visiting System

Home Visitor and Parent Engagement

Colorado Home Visiting Coalition (CHVC) launched the Home Visiting Ambassador Program (HVAP) bringing together home visitors and parents from 5 models across the state to help shape and inform CHVC advocacy and communications efforts. CHVC partnered with Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) as part of Start Early's Parent Leadership Cohort to refine our approach to recruitment and engagement of parent leaders.

Supporting and Representing Home Visiting Workforce

CHVC served on the Early Childhood Workforce Plan Advisory Group to help ensure the EC Workforce Plan supports the needs of home visitors. CHVC partnered with CDEC to engage home visitors around findings from the 2022 Home Visiting Investment Taskforce (HVITF) Workforce Survey to deepen our understanding of key challenges.

Expanding the continuum of home visiting

Family Connects joined the coalition. Family Connects connects parents of newborns to the community resources they need through postpartum nurse home visits.



Communications and Advocacy

Explaining home visiting in a way anyone can understand

CHVC developed a short animated video answering the question: What is Home Visiting? The video is available in English and Spanish and with subtitles in Dari and Pashto.



MIECHV Advocacy

CHVC continued to lead Colorado's advocacy efforts for reauthorization of the Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program and met with all member offices of Colorado's Congressional delegation. CHVC coordinated an in-district meeting with staff from Congressman Joe Neguse's office to advocate for home visiting. Signed in December 2022, MIECHV reauthorization will nearly double the amount of federal funding available for home visiting by 2027.

Resource for new funding source

CHVC partnered with HVITF to design a one-pager to encourage counties to utilize Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) funding to support home visiting.

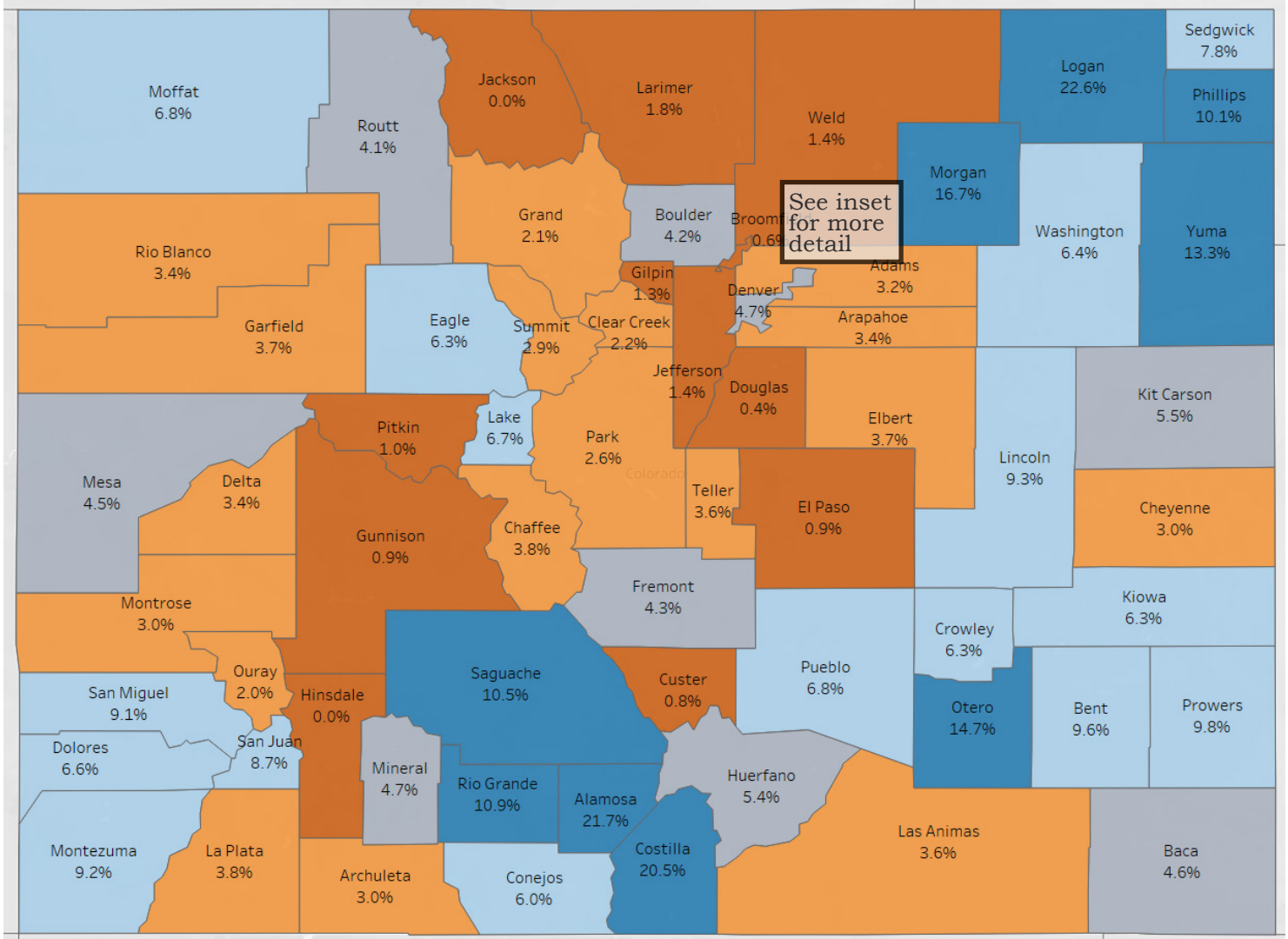
Sharing about the work of the coalition

CHVC delivered 2 presentations as part of the National Home Visiting Summit, one to the Whole Child Consultative Role Conference, and 5 presentations to Regional Accountability Entities. CHVC also delivered two advocacy trainings for home visitors and parents in partnership with Save the Children Action Network (SCAN).

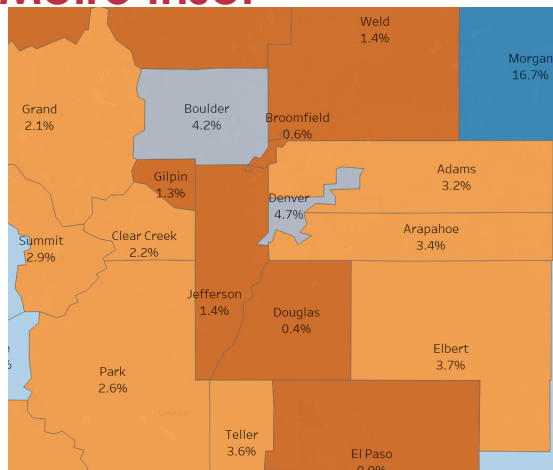
Children Served

Percentage of all kids receiving services (2022-2023)

(all kids under 6 in 2022 according to Colorado Dept. of Local Affairs forecast)



Metro Inset



Percentage of all children receiving services

- Less than 2%
- Between 2 and 4%
- Between 4 and 6%
- Between 6 and 10%
- Greater than 10%

MIECHV's Major Impact

1.5 times as Many Children Get Home Visits in MIECHV Counties

The Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) is the largest source of federal funding for home visiting in Colorado. The program has operated in the state since 2011.

In this analysis we look MIECHV eligible counties. In 2020, a new needs assessment expanded dramatically the number of counties eligible for MIECHV, it will be important to see how this expansion changes the access to home visiting.

Across all Colorado counties, 3.1% of all children under 6 received home visiting services. Those in MIECHV eligible counties are considerably more likely to receive home visiting than their peers. In the 22 counties eligible for MIECHV, 3.8% of children received home visiting, while only 2.6% of children were enrolled in non-MIECHV counties.

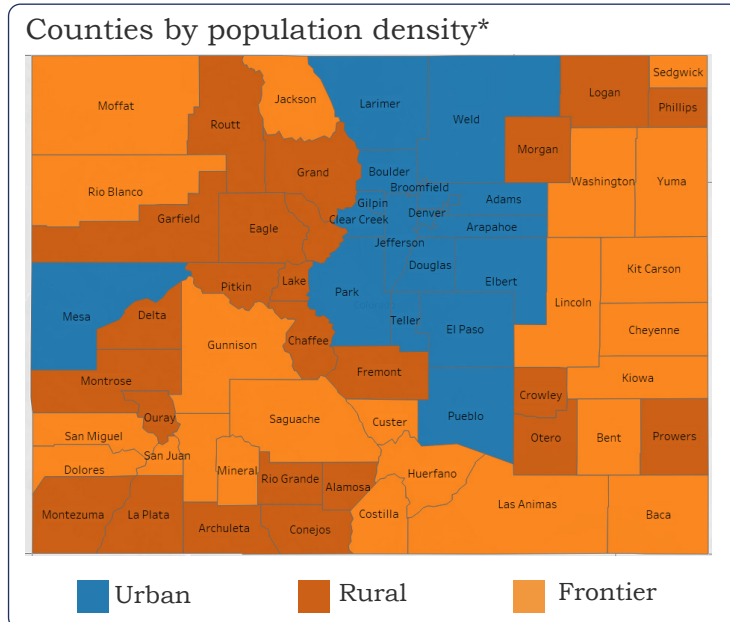
MIECHV Counties

Adams, Alamosa, Bent, Conejos, Costilla, Crowley, Denver, Dolores, El Paso, Fremont, Gilpin, Huerfano, Las Animas, Mesa, Montezuma, Montrose Morgan, Otero, Prowers, Pueblo, Saguache, Teller



Urban, Rural, Frontier Impact

Looking at counties by population density we see the same gap between counties eligible for MIECHV and those that are not. Children living in urban, rural and frontier counties are considerably more likely to receive home visiting services if their county receives MIECHV funding than if it does not. In rural MIECHV counties, more than 10% (10.1%) of children receive home visiting services. Children living in rural counties eligible for MIECHV (10.1%) are almost 1.9 times as likely to receive home visits than children in rural counties without MIECHV funding (5.4%).



Home visiting by type of county and MIECHV status



% of children receiving home visiting services

All urban counties	MIECHV Counties	Non- MIECHV counties
2.6%	3.2%	2.1%



% of children receiving home visiting services

All rural counties	MIECHV Counties	Non- MIECHV counties
7.2%	10.1%	5.4%



% of children receiving home visiting services

All frontier counties	MIECHV Counties	Non- MIECHV counties
6.7%	7.9%	6.2%

*Colorado Rural Health Center, State Office of Rural Health. 2018. Colorado: County designations, 2018. Retrieved at: <http://coruralhealth.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/2018-map.pdf>.

CHVC Member models

Baby Bear Hugs (BBH)

Baby Bear Hugs' programs benefit families by increasing school readiness, increasing health and well-being of families, and enabling children to grow up healthy, happy, ready to learn and able to reach their potential. BBH provides parenting education, support, and connection to community resources for families from pregnancy through 5 years old in 8 Northeastern Colorado counties. Services are delivered by Certified Parenting Educators using evidence-based curriculum including Partners for a Healthy Baby and Nurturing Parenting, supplemented by a continuum of services based on individual family needs.



Family Connects

Family Connects is an evidence-based model and successfully demonstrated program that supports all newborns and their families through postpartum nurse home visits. A registered nurse visits the families at their home during the 3 weeks after birth to check on the parent, baby and the whole family to provide support and connect them with community resources tailored to their needs. Anyone with a newborn in the areas where the program is implemented in Colorado can participate, including foster, adoptive, kinship, immigrant, and refugee families.



Healthy Families America

For nearly 30 years, Healthy Families America (HFA)) an evidence-based parent support and education program has worked toward a singular vision: all children receive nurturing care from their family that leads to a healthy, long, and successful life. HFA promotes child well-being and prevents the abuse and neglect of children in communities around the world through family-focused and empathic support provided in the home.



HealthySteps®

HealthySteps®, a program of ZERO TO THREE® is an evidence-based, interdisciplinary pediatric primary care program that promotes the health, well-being and school readiness of babies and toddlers, with an emphasis on families living in low-income communities



CHVC Member models

Home-Based Head Start

Home-Based Head Start promotes the school readiness of low-income children by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development. This takes place in a learning environment that supports children's growth in language, literacy, mathematics, science, social and emotional functioning, creative arts, physical skills, and approaches to learning. Home-Based Head Start is delivered in the home by a trained home visitor, family advocate, or an infant/toddler educator.



Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) is an evidence-based home visiting program that helps parents prepare their 2, 3, 4 and 5-year old children for success in school and throughout life. HIPPY strengthens communities and families by empowering parents to play an active role in preparing their children for school. HIPPY uses a peer-delivered, home visitation model, with trained home visitors providing weekly visits to work one-on-one with parents of preschool aged children.



Parents as Teachers (PAT)

Parents as Teachers (PAT) is an evidence-based parent education and support program designed to empower parents as their child's first teacher. PAT utilizes a home visitation model, working with families from pregnancy until their child completes kindergarten. PAT aims to improve parenting practices by increasing a parent's knowledge of early childhood development. Through home visits and ongoing assessment, parent educators are able to provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, help in the prevention of child abuse and neglect, and increase children's school readiness and success.



SafeCare® Colorado

SafeCare® Colorado is a free, voluntary parent support program for parents and caregivers with children ages five and under who need extra support to keep their families safe and healthy. Parent support providers help parents build on their existing skills in the areas of parent-child interactions, home safety and child health. SafeCare® typically takes 18-20 weekly sessions to complete (about 4-6 months) and each session lasts 1 to 1.5 hours. SafeCare® Colorado is delivered in the home or another convenient location by trained parent support providers.



Family Connects joins CHVC



Family Connects Colorado joined CHVC in 2022 becoming the latest model to join the Coalition. Illuminate Colorado is partnering with Family Connects International® to work to bring Family Connects to Colorado. Family Connects is an evidence-based model that launched during fall 2022 in Colorado and is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of families during the pivotal early stages of parenting with an in-home nurse visiting service available to postpartum families with newborns. A highly trained registered nurse visits families at their homes up to 3 times beginning around 3 weeks after birth to check on the parent(s), and newborn(s), and the whole family and connect families to resources in their communities.

The Family Connects model has shown many benefits for improving the health of families, including improved child and parent health, better parent-child relationships, and decreased risks of child abuse and neglect. Family Connects is not designed to replace more intensive services, including other home visiting models; instead it complements any targeted programs and helps to assure that families connect with them.

At present, Family Connects is offered to all residents of Boulder, Eagle, and Jefferson counties who deliver at one of the participating hospitals. Family Connects is planning to expand to Denver in early 2024.

Family Connects relies heavily on the alignment and engagement of the community, and has already earned recognition for its work in this area. In October of 2023, Family Connect's Family Voice Ambassadors were recognized by Boulder County Public Health for their leadership, receiving Certificates of Recognition from BCPH.



The Colorado Home Visiting Coalition



The Colorado Home Visiting Coalition (CHVC) collaborates to strengthen and advance effective home visiting services across Colorado.

Working to ensure that all families in Colorado are supported to thrive, the CHVC is a coalition of leadership organizations representing the statewide and local level needs of early childhood home visiting programs. Its membership is comprised of organizations that represent complementary, evidence-based home visitation services for pregnant families and families with young children through kindergarten. Member organizations incorporate a preventative, holistic, two-generation approach intended to break the cycle of poverty by providing health and education supports. CHVC works to advocate in general for home visiting and the home visiting system in Colorado, though not all home visiting programs are members of the CHVC. Learn more at: www.cohomevisiting.org

Colorado Home Visiting Coalition Voting Members



Intermediary Organizations

Unlike many other states, Colorado has several intermediary organizations designated by the model developer to provide local support, coordination, evaluation, and training resources to the local sites implementing that model. These organizations are critical to building the capacity of sites to faithfully and fully implement the evidence-based models with fidelity and ensure that Colorado's children and families are receiving the full benefits available from their home visiting program.

Colorado's intermediary organizations

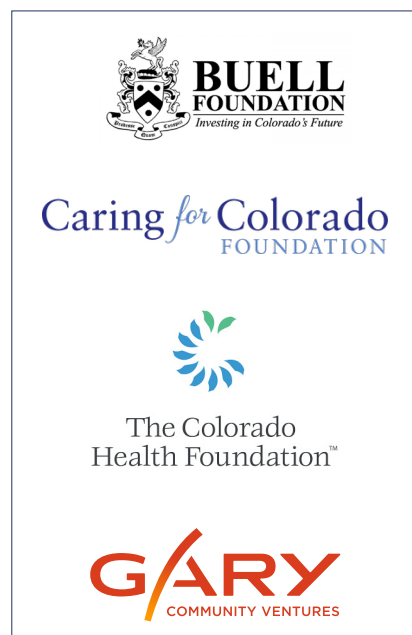
- Assuring Better Child Health and Development – HealthySteps®
- Illuminate Colorado – Healthy Families America®
- Invest in Kids – Nurse-Family Partnership®
- The Kempe Center – SafeCare® Colorado
- Parent Possible – HIPPY and Parents as Teachers



CHVC appreciates the support of:

- Assuring Better Child Health & Development
- Baby Bear Hugs
- Clayton Early Learning
- Colorado Children’s Campaign
- Council for a Strong America
- Early Milestones
- Illuminate Colorado
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- Mile High United Way
- Colorado Department of Early Childhood
- Parent Possible
- Raise Colorado
- Save the Children Action Network
- Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning

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Appendix: Models in Each County (as of 9/23)

	Nurse-Family Partnership®	SafeCare®	Parents as Teachers	HIPPY	Child Ist	Home-Based Head Start	Baby Bear Hugs	Healthy Steps®	Healthy Families America	Family Connects	Models Available
Adams	●	●	●	●	●			●			6
Alamosa	●	●	●	●	●			●			6
Arapahoe	●	●	●	●	●			●			6
Archuleta	●	●									2
Baca	●	●									2
Bent	●	●	●	●							4
Boulder	●		●		●	●			●	●	6
Broomfield	●				●						2
Chaffee	●	●				●					3
Cheyenne	●	●									2
Clear Creek	●										1
Conejos	●	●	●	●	●						5
Costilla	●	●	●	●	●						5
Crowley	●	●	●	●							4
Custer	●	●									2
Delta	●		●								2
Denver	●	●	●	●		●		●			6
Dolores	●	●	●								3
Douglas	●		●		●						3
Eagle	●					●				●	3
El Paso	●	●	●		●						4
Elbert	●						●				2
Fremont	●		●			●		●			4
Garfield	●								●		2
Gilpin	●										1
Grand	●										1
Gunnison	●		●								2
Hinsdale	●		●								2
Huerfano	●	●	●	●							4
Jackson	●										1
Jefferson	●	●	●	●	●	●		●			7
Kiowa	●	●									2
Kit Carson	●						●				2

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La Plata	●	●	●								3
Lake	●										1
Larimer	●	●	●			●					4
Las Animas	●	●	●	●							4
Lincoln	●						●				2
Logan	●	●					●				3
Mesa	●	●	●					●			4
Mineral	●	●	●	●	●						5
Moffat	●	●		●							2
Montezuma	●	●	●								3
Montrose	●		●								2
Morgan	●	●	●				●	●			4
Otero	●	●	●	●		●					5
Ouray	●		●								2
Park	●		●								2
Phillips	●	●					●				3
Pitkin	●								●		2
Prowers	●	●									2
Pueblo	●	●	●	●				●			4
Rio Blanco	●	●									2
Rio Grande	●	●	●	●	●						4
Routt	●	●	●								3
Saguache	●	●	●	●	●						5
San Juan	●	●									2
San Miguel	●		●								2
Sedgwick	●	●					●				3
Summit	●					●					2
Teller	●		●			●					3
Washington	●	●					●				3
Weld	●	●		●							4
Yuma	●	●					●				3
Counties Served	64	40	35	19	13	10	9	9	3		

Appendix: Home Visits by County

Ranked by penetration

■ 4th quartile ■ 3rd quartile ■ 2nd quartile ■ 1st quartile

County	Children Served 2022-2023	Children under 6 2022	Penetration	County	Children Served 2022-2023	Children under 6 2022	Penetration
Logan	282	1,246	22.6%	Boulder	646	15,277	4.2%
Alamosa*	257	1,187	21.7%	Routt	55	1,340	4.1%
Costilla*	44	215	20.5%	Chaffee	36	946	3.8%
Morgan*	414	2,480	16.7%	La Plata	96	2,559	3.8%
Otero*	191	1,296	14.7%	Elbert	61	1,637	3.7%
Yuma	110	828	13.3%	Garfield	168	4,539	3.7%
Rio Grande	78	715	10.9%	Las Animas*	27	742	3.6%
Saguache*	39	373	10.5%	Teller*	41	1,127	3.6%
Phillips	31	306	10.1%	Rio Blanco	13	377	3.4%
Prowers*	94	955	9.8%	Arapahoe	1571	46,188	3.4%
Bent*	23	240	9.6%	Delta	57	1,698	3.4%
Lincoln	32	343	9.3%	Adams*	1312	40,776	3.2%
Montezuma*	145	1,580	9.2%	Montrose*	74	2,435	3.0%
San Miguel	34	373	9.1%	Cheyenne	3	101	3.0%
San Juan	2	23	8.7%	Archuleta	21	711	3.0%
Sedgwick	9	116	7.8%	Summit	44	1,519	2.9%
Pueblo*	722	10,603	6.8%	Park	23	887	2.6%
Moffat	61	903	6.8%	Clear Creek	10	453	2.2%
Lake	33	495	6.7%	Grand	17	817	2.1%
Dolores*	6	91	6.6%	Ouray	4	200	2.0%
Washington	20	313	6.4%	Larimer	364	19,809	1.8%
Kiowa	6	95	6.3%	Jefferson	490	34,308	1.4%
Crowley*	11	175	6.3%	Weld	396	28,141	1.4%
Eagle	216	3,438	6.3%	Gilpin*	3	238	1.3%
Conejos*	34	562	6.0%	Pitkin	8	795	1.0%
Kit Carson	28	511	5.5%	El Paso*	503	54,340	0.9%
Huerfano*	16	294	5.4%	Gunnison	8	875	0.9%
Denver*	2205	46,555	4.7%	Custer	2	249	0.8%
Mineral	2	43	4.7%	Broomfield	27	4,198	0.6%
Baca	11	239	4.6%	Douglas	105	24,625	0.4%
Mesa*	421	9,399	4.5%	Hinsdale	0	25	0.0%
Fremont*	103	2,390	4.3%	Jackson	0	61	0.0%

* MIECHV eligible



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