

Montana Maternal and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MT MECHV) Benchmark and Construct Measures

Benchmark 1: Improved Maternal and Newborn Health	
1.1 Prenatal care	Percent of pregnant women who receive the recommended number of prenatal care visits after program enrollment.
1.2 Parental use of alcohol, tobacco, or illicit drugs	Percent of primary caregivers and pregnant MIECHV participants who are current tobacco users.
1.3 Preconception care	Percent of female primary caregivers and adult female MIECHV participants who take a daily multivitamin or supplement containing at least 400 micrograms of folic acid.
1.4 Inter-birth intervals	Percent of primary caregivers who are not currently pregnant or not trying to get pregnant who are using a highly effective birth control method (sterilization, hormonal (shot, implant, pills, ring, patch, or IUD).
1.5 Screening for maternal depressive symptoms	Percent of adult female MIECHV participants who have recently delivered an infant and are screened for depression at 6-8 weeks postpartum.
1.6 Breastfeeding	Percent of adult female MIECHV participants who breastfeed their infants for at least 6 months.
1.7 Well-child visits	Percent of child MIECHV participants with at least 50% of recommended well-child visits completed.
1.8 Maternal and child health insurance status	Percent of primary caregivers and child MIECHV participants with health insurance at one year post enrollment.
Benchmark 2: Child Injuries, Child Abuse, Neglect, or Maltreatment and Reduction of Emergency Department Visits	
2.1 Visits to the emergency department from all causes	Percent of child MIECHV participants with visits to the ED for all causes.

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2.2 Visits of mothers to the emergency department from all causes	Percent of adult female MIECHV participants with visits to the ED for all causes.
2.3 Information provided or training of participants on prevention of child injuries	Percent of adult MIECHV participants (primary caregivers and women enrolled prenatally) who receive information or training on injury prevention.
2.4 Incidence of child injuries requiring medical treatment	Percent of child MIECHV participants with injuries requiring medical treatment.
2.5 Reported suspected maltreatment	Percent of child MIECHV participants with suspected maltreatment.
2.6 Reported substantiated maltreatment	Percent of child MIECHV participants with substantiated maltreatment.
2.7 First-time victims of maltreatment	Percent of child MIECHV participants who are first time victims of maltreatment.
Benchmark 3: Improvements in School Readiness and Achievement	
3.1 Parent support for children's learning and development	Percent of primary caregivers with an increase in the HOME score for Learning Materials subscale.
3.2 Parent knowledge of child development and of their child's developmental process	Percent of enrolled children whose primary caregivers received information on their child's development; developmental information to be based on the results of a standardized screening tool (the ASQ3).
3.3 Parenting behaviors and parent-child relationship	Percent of primary caregivers with an increase in scores on the HOME Responsivity subscale.
3.4 Parent emotional well-being or parenting stress	Percent of adult female MIECHV participants who have recently delivered an infant and are screened for depression at 6-8 weeks postpartum.
3.5 Child's communication, language and emergent literacy	Percent of child MIECHV participants who are screened with the ASQ3 (Communication area) for child's communication, language, and emergent literacy every 6 months.

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3.6 Child's general cognitive skills	Percent of child MIECHV participants who are screened with the ASQ3 (Problem Solving area) for cognitive skills every 6 months.
3.7 Child's positive approaches to learning including attention	Percent of child MIECHV participants who are screened with the ASQ3 (Personal-Social area) for learning every 6 months.
3.8 Child's social behavior, emotion regulation, and emotional well-being	Percent of child MIECHV participants who are screened with the ASQ:SE every 6 months.
3.9 Child's physical health and development	Percent of child MIECHV participants who are screened with the ASQ3 (Gross Motor and Fine Motor areas) for child's health and development every 6 months.
Benchmark 4: Domestic Violence	
4.1 Screening for domestic violence	Percent of adult MIECHV participants (primary caregivers and women enrolled prenatally) screened for domestic violence.
4.2 Of families identified for presence of domestic violence, number of referrals made to relevant domestic violence services	Percent of MIECHV participant families identified for the presence of domestic violence who are referred to a domestic violence program or victim services.
4.3 Of families identified for the presence of domestic violence, number of families for which a safety plan was completed.	Percent of MIECHV participant families identified for the presence of domestic violence who have a safety plan completed.
Benchmark 5: Family Economic Self-Sufficiency	
5.1 Household income and benefits	Percent of MIECHV participant families above 100% of the federal poverty level.
5.2 Employment or education of adult members of the household	Percent of primary caregivers who increase or maintain the hours spent in education or employment.

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5.3 Health insurance status	Percent of primary caregivers and child MIECHV participants with health insurance at one year post enrollment.
Benchmark 6: Coordination and Referrals for Other Community Resources and Supports	
6.1 Number of families identified for necessary services	Percent of primary caregivers screened for need of family planning services.
6.2 Number of families that required services and received a referral to available community resources	Percent of primary caregivers identified with a need for family planning services who were referred to a family planning provider, when there are services available in the communities.
6.3 Number of completed referrals	Percent of MIECHV participant families with identified needs who completed their referral for family planning services.
6.4 MOUs: Number of Memoranda of Understanding or other formal agreements with other social service agencies in the community	Number of partnering social services agencies in the community with which the MIECHV program has MOUs.
6.5 Information sharing: Number of agencies with which the home visiting provider has a clear point of contact in the collaborating community agency that includes regular sharing of information between agencies	Number of agencies with which the home visiting provider has a clear point of contact in the collaborating community agency and has communication with regularly.