



# Joint Committee on Children, Youth and Families Home Visiting Accountability Act of 2012

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# What is Home Visiting?

- Home visiting programs offer a variety of family-focused services to expectant parents and families with infants and young children.
- Specific interventions that include evaluation components.
- Not to be confused with programs that offer a home-based component or staff who come to the home for monitoring/follow-up for certain issues.

# Home Visiting: An Overview

- According to the Pew Charitable Trusts:
  - “Some of our nation’s costliest social problems—like child abuse and neglect, school failure, poverty, unemployment, and crime - are rooted in early childhood.
  - Voluntary home visiting matches parents with trained professionals to provide information and support during pregnancy and throughout their child’s first three years - a critical developmental period.
  - Quality, voluntary home visiting leads to fewer children in social welfare, mental health, and juvenile corrections systems, with considerable cost savings for states.”

# Home Visiting: An Overview

- Maryland has made a strong commitment to early care and education. This commitment can be seen in many areas of the State.
- Home Visiting programs are one piece of the Maryland agenda for early care and education.

# Home Visiting: An Overview

- High quality programs improve outcomes:
  - Parent/child relationships
  - Early childhood development
    - Language and literacy skills
  - Reduce child abuse and neglect
  - Family violence

# Home Visiting: Results for Child Well-Being

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- High quality, evidence based home visiting programs have a positive impact on Maryland's Results for Child Well-Being.
- Results impacted:
  - Babies Born Healthy
  - Healthy Children
  - School Readiness
  - Safety

# Current Landscape

- Home Visiting is funded in Maryland by:
  - Maryland State Department of Education
  - Department of Human Resources\*
    - Promoting Safe and Stable Families
  - Children's Cabinet Interagency Fund\*
    - Based on local needs identified by Local Management Boards
  - Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
    - Federal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program authorized under the Affordable Care Act

\*Not dedicated funding, but locally-programmed.

# Evidence Based Home Visiting in Maryland

- Early Head Start – Home-Based Option
- Healthy Families America (HFA)
- Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)
- Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)
- Parents as Teachers (PAT)



# Joint Chairmen's Report

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- The Joint Chairmen's Report (JCR) charged the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and the Children's Cabinet with reporting on the feasibility of consolidating existing home visiting programs under one agency.
- Children's Cabinet workgroup convened and staffed by GOC.
- The group unanimously decided that consolidation would not be beneficial to the State, the home visiting community, or the recipients of home visiting services.
- Report issued June 2012.

# Joint Chairmen's Report

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- Reasons against consolidation:
  - There are varied funding streams and requirements for each program;
  - The models are diverse, funded by numerous agencies, and having one agency as lead has the potential to create a loss in program diversity;
  - Local decision making would be compromised;
  - There would be no net savings realized by consolidation; and
  - The maintenance of effort required by the MIECHV grant was being fulfilled through these varied funding mechanisms and would not be impacted by the separation.

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- While the group did not feel consolidation would produce the best outcomes for the State, increased collaboration and coordination was cited as essential to the progression of home visiting.
- As a result, Home Visiting stakeholders were invited to join the Children's Cabinet's existing Evidence Based Practices Advisory Committee and partner with the group to review current practices and determine the manner in which collaboration and coordination could be improved to support the home visiting programs and benefit the families receiving their services.

# The Home Visiting Accountability Act of 2012

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- Includes new requirements regarding the State's home visiting programs:
  - Evidence Based Programs (EBPs)
    - At least 75% of State funding for Home Visiting shall be made available to EBPs.
  - Data collection
  - Vendor Reporting

# The Home Visiting Accountability Act of 2012

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- Data Collection and Vendor Reporting
  - Workgroup currently meeting to determine what common measures are best to address monitoring and effectiveness of home visiting programs.
  - Technical assistance provided by the Pew Charitable Trusts.
  - Report due December 1, 2013.

# Home Visiting in Maryland

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## Agency-Specific Details

# **Governor's Office for Children**

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## **Children's Cabinet Interagency Fund (CCIF)**

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Although GOC, on behalf of the Children's Cabinet and with funding through the Children's Cabinet Interagency Fund (CCIF), provides funding for evidence based home visiting programs through the LMBs, there is no dedicated funding for home visiting.



# Children's Cabinet Interagency Fund (CCIF)

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LMBs may choose to fund different programs and strategies each year based on local needs. The LMBs must fund programs that align with Children's Cabinet priorities and the State's eight Results for Child Well Being.

# Children's Cabinet Interagency Fund (CCIF)

## FY13 LMB Programs and Expenditures

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u>	<u>Amount Expended</u>	<u>Model</u>
Baltimore City	B'More for Healthy Babies Home Visiting Programs	329,500	329,500	Healthy Families America
Baltimore County	Healthy Families	113,901	113,901	Healthy Families America
Carroll County	Parents as Teachers	183,478	183,478	Parents as Teachers
Garrett County	Nurse Family Partnership	300,000	300,000	Nurse Family Partnership
Queen Anne's County	Healthy Families	57,616	56,177	Healthy Families America
Talbot County	Healthy Families	82,424	82,424	Healthy Families America
Talbot County	Home Visiting	26,319	25,620	Parents as Teachers
Worcester County	Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters	27,790	27,790	Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,121,028</b>	<b>1,118,890</b>	

# CCIF: Individuals Served

Jurisdiction	Program	Families Served
Baltimore City	B'More for Healthy Babies Home Visiting Programs	231
Baltimore County	Healthy Families	38
Carroll County	Parents as Teachers	89
Garrett County	Nurse Family Partnership	94
Queen Anne's County	Healthy Families	51
Talbot County	Healthy Families	46
Talbot County	Home Visiting	12
Worcester County	Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters	25
<b>Total</b>		<b>586</b>

# CCIF: Outcomes Achieved

- 98% of participating children are fully-immunized. (N=4)
- 99% of participants had no “indicated” Child Protective Services finding while enrolled. (N=3)
- 87% of babies born to participants are 2,500 grams or more. (N=3)

\*Above data is aggregated across programs/models. Individual program data is also available.

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# Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

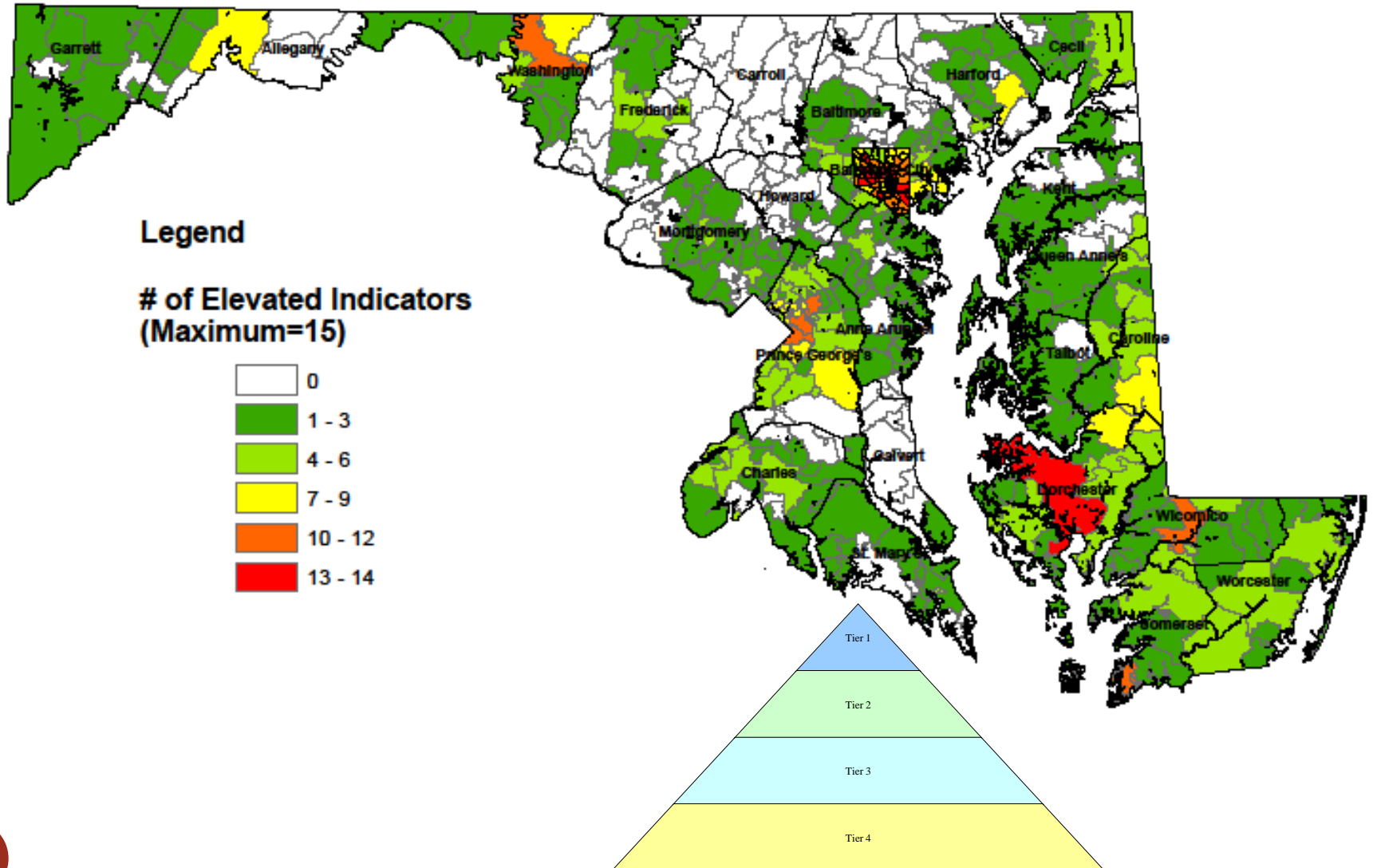
# Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH)

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Administering Agency: Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Federal Program: Maryland Maternal, Infant, and Early  
Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program

# Maryland Map of Elevated Indicators as Identified through the 2010 Needs Assessment



# DHMH: State Funds Spent

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# DHMH: Federal Funds Received

## **MIECHV Formula Funds**

Federal FY 2010 - \$ 1 million

Federal FY 2011 - \$ 1.3 million

Federal FY 2012 - \$ 1.3 million

## **MIECHV Expansion Funds**

Federal FY 2013 - \$ 6.4 million

# DHMH: Individuals Served

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Local Site</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Current Non-MIECHV Funding</b>	<b>Current Formula MIECHV Funding</b>	<b>Number of Visits as of 6/10/13</b>
Baltimore City	BC-NFP	NFP	0	51	775
	Healthy Start	HFA	0	85	420
	Sinai	HFA	0	22	217
	Family Tree	HFA	0	33	121
	Bon Secours	HFA	0	28	145
	DRU/Mondawmin	HFA	129	60	339
Dorchester	HF Dorchester	HFA	55	30	299
Washington	HS of Washington County	EHS	54	12	477
	Wash. County Hlth Dept	HFA	55	23	554
Lower Shore	HF Lower Shore-Somerset	HFA	108	13	181
	Wicomico Hlth Dept	HFA	34	30	99
Prince George's	Mary's Center	HFA	0	15	Total for all
	Bright Beginnings	HFA	0	15	
	HF PG County	HFA	90	30	

# DHMH: Outcomes Achieved

- Transitioned seven non-evidence based programs to HFA
- Added an NFP program in Baltimore City
- Provided funding to six jurisdictions most at risk
- Built a data collection system

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# Department of Human Resources

# Department of Human Resources (DHR)

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Promoting Safe and Stable Families  
(PSSF) Program

# DHR: PSSF Funds\*

Jurisdiction	PSSF FY13 Allocation
Charles County	\$98,578
Queen Anne's County	\$60,000
Somerset County	\$142,310
St. Mary's County	\$76,796
TOTAL	\$377,684

\*PSSF funds are comprised of Federal Funds with a 25% state match. The state match is included in the allocation

# DHR: Individuals Served

Jurisdiction	Home Visiting Program	# of Families Served
Charles County	The Healthy Families program provides home visiting to teen parents from the prenatal stage through age 5. Parents learn appropriate parent-infant child interaction, infant and child development, and parenting and life skills.	91
Queen Anne's County	The Healthy Families Queen Anne's/Talbot program provides home visiting services to first time parents to prevent child abuse and neglect, encourage child development, and improve parent-child interactions.	29
Somerset County	The Healthy Families Lower Shore program provides services to prevent child abuse and neglect, encourage child development, and improve parent-child interactions. The program provides home visiting, monthly parent gatherings, developmental, vision, and hearing screenings, and extensive referrals to other resources.	40
St. Mary's County	A home visiting program that strives to provide parenting services to at-risk families and increase a parent's knowledge of child development and early learning. This program targets families with children up to three years old.	40

# DHR: Outcomes Achieved

- Measure of Success
  - Goal: 80% of the families would not receive an indicated Child Protective Services (CPS) finding or experience an Out-of-Home Placement 6 and 12 months post-closing.

Jurisdiction	Outcomes based on FY 12 data
Charles County	No indicated abuse and no Out-of-Home Placement between 6 and 12 months post-closing.
Queen Anne's County	No indicated abuse and no Out-of-Home Placement between 6 and 12 months post-closing.
Somerset County	1 indicated abuse/neglect and no Out-of-Home Placement between 6 months post-closing.
St. Mary's County	No indicated abuse and no Out-of-Home Placement between 6 and 12 months post-closing.



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# Maryland State Department of Education

# Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)

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- The MSDE, Division of Special Education/ Early Intervention Services has had responsibility for administering a home visiting grant program since 2006.
- The focus of the grant program is on services for families identified as at-risk, with children under the age of 5, as well as pregnant and parenting teens.

# Maryland State Department of Education of Education (MSDE)

Maryland State Department of Education  
Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services

*State General Funds*

*Discretionary  
IDEA  
Funds*

## Home Visiting Grant Program

- Services to Families
- \$4.6 Million
- 17 jurisdictions

## Technical Assistance

- Home Visiting Consortium
- Statewide Conference
- \$35,000

# MSDE: State Funds Spent

- Through the MSDE home visiting grant program, over 4.6 million in State General Funds have been awarded annually to 17 Local Management Boards.
- Funding has remained level since the program was transferred to MSDE in 2006 (TANF from 2006 to State General Funds in 2012).
- MSDE provides \$35,000 in additional IDEA discretionary funding to support the Home Visiting Consortium and an annual statewide conference.

# MSDE: Individuals Served\*\*

Jurisdiction	Funding	Number of Families Assessed	Families Receiving Home Visiting Services
Allegany	\$55,567	-NA-	45 pregnant and/or parenting teens
Baltimore City*	\$596,143	90	190
Baltimore County	\$281,505	60	77
Calvert	\$253,780	15	28
Caroline	\$76,043	-NA-	30
Charles	\$348,722	75	75
Dorchester*	\$363,132	120	65
Frederick	\$310,740	36	60
Garrett	\$387,562	25	80
Howard	\$321,686	150	75
Kent	\$64,025	-NA-	23
Montgomery	\$179,248	-NA-	20
Prince George's*	\$180,900	25	35
Queen Anne's	\$296,372	58	47
Somerset*	\$299,562	40	75
Washington*	\$277,993	62	98
Wicomico*	\$298,363	80	55

\*Jurisdictions marked with an asterisk provide home visiting services to communities identified as most at-risk in Maryland's State Plan for a comprehensive and coordinated statewide system under the Affordable Care Act federal grant

\*\*Services provided vary in intensity and frequency depending on the unique circumstances of each family. Additionally, local home visiting programs engage in outreach and parenting education activities that impact families who may not be formally enrolled in home visiting services due to a lesser risk status, but who nevertheless experience benefits as a result of participation.

# MSDE: Outcomes Achieved

- State Indicators provide basis for measuring results
  - Babies Born Healthy
    - Infant Mortality - *rate of deaths occurring to infants under 1 year of age: 0% to less than 5%*
    - Low Birth Weight - *percentage of babies born at low birth weight, weighting less than 2500 grams (5.5 pounds): less than 10% of enrolled families*
  - Healthy Children
    - Immunization - *percentage of children fully immunized by age two: 90% + of children*
  - Children Enter School Ready to Learn
    - Kindergarten Assessment - *percentage of kindergarten students who have reached one of three levels of readiness on the Work Sampling System*  
*Kindergarten Assessment: 100% of children screened and referred to the Local Infants & Toddlers Program or Local School System Child Find Office for further evaluation (with family approval)*
  - Children Safe in their families and home
    - Abuse and Neglect - *rate of investigations of child abuse or neglect ruled as indicated or unsubstantiated: <10% of child injuries due to lack of health & safety practices*

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