

### Maternal Infant Health Outreach Worker Program

Maternal Infant Health Outreach Worker Program (MIHOW) aims to enhance maternal and child health outcomes through a strength-based home visiting approach. MIHOW trains community health workers to help pregnant individuals achieve physical, mental, and emotional well-being in preparation for their baby's arrival. After the baby is born, MIHOW focuses on fostering positive parent-child interactions and creating a safe, stable, and nurturing environment for the family.

# What is the model's approach to providing home visiting services?

Home visits occur monthly, starting prenatally and continuing until the child turns 3 years old. Though families may enroll at any point, MIHOW accreditation standards mandate that at least 80 percent of families begin services during pregnancy.

MIHOW's service population includes the following:

- Expectant caregivers
- First-time caregivers
- Caregivers under 21 years old
- Caregivers who are unmarried or single
- Caregivers with limited access to education
- Families with low incomes
- Caregivers experiencing physical/social isolation or limited support system
- Families experiencing language barriers

### Who is implementing the model?

#### **Home Visitors**

MIHOW was implemented by 25 home visitors in 2023. The model requires that home visitors share the same background, culture, and life experiences as the families they serve. MIHOW recommends a high school diploma or GED for home visitors. The maximum caseload requirement for home visitors is 40 families.

#### **Supervisors**

MIHOW was implemented by 6 supervisors in 2023. The model recommends a bachelor's degree for supervisors.

# Where is the model implemented?



MIHOW operated in 11 local agencies across 4 states in 2023.

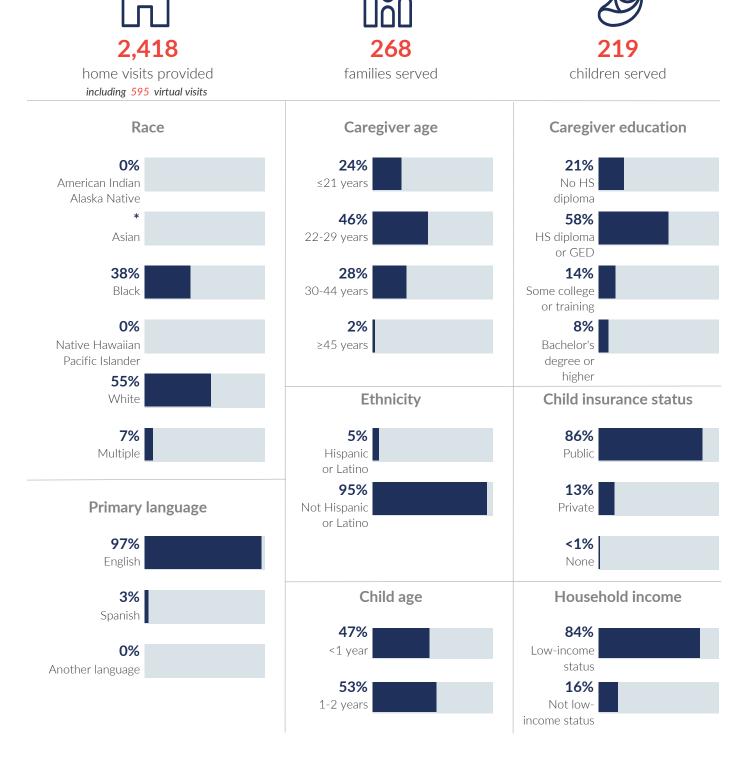
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Families Served Through Evidence-Based Home Visiting in 2023



Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. • Missing and unknown data were not included in calculations. • To protect confidentiality, race categories with 10 or fewer people were replaced with \*.