

Breaking Ground for Success

- ACCESS TO STATE & FEDERALLY FUNDED HOME VISITING

The groundwork for a child's healthy development is laid during the brain's rapid growth throughout pregnancy. To ensure babies are healthy, we have to support mothers with timely and frequent, high-quality prenatal care. In Ohio, many babies are born prematurely and too many do not make it to their first birthday. Poverty disproportionately impacts young children and families of color, making it even more difficult to overcome adversity and maintain healthy development. Empowering parents and caregivers to support their baby's development through health and educational interventions allows Ohio to ensure that babies are positioned to thrive during their first year and beyond. Ohio must do a better job of reaching our most at-risk babies and families early.



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Ohio's voluntary, evidence-based home visiting programs include the state-funded Help Me Grow program and the federally-funded Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program.

For eligible families who elect to participate in a home visiting program, providers regularly visit the homes of vulnerable families (typically once per month) starting while the mother is still pregnant and continuing through the first few years of the child's life. A total of 106,222 home visits were completed in 2017 for families served by both Help Me Grow and MIECHV.

During this critical period of physical, emotional, and cognitive development for young children, parents receive support and guidance on how to create a safe, stimulating environment that promotes growth and learning. Voluntary, evidence-based home visiting programs allow motivated parents to learn how to succeed in their new role and provide children a healthy start with their first and most important teachers—parents.

Ohio's voluntary home visiting program utilizes three evidence-based models:

1. Healthy Families America;
2. Nurse-Family Partnership and;
3. Parents as Teachers.

Although there is slight variation within each model, the primary goals of Ohio's evidence-based home visiting programs are to:

- Cultivate parents' ability to form strong, positive attachments with their children and to keep them safe.
- Promote children's healthy physical, cognitive, and social-emotional development by monitoring their progress, guiding parents in recognizing their children's and their own needs, and accessing appropriate services.
- Improve maternal and child health.

In 2017, 9,612 FAMILIES were served in HOME VISITING PROGRAMS.

7,381 by Help Me Grow funds
2,231 by MIECHV funds

There is a \$5.70 return on investment for every public dollar invested in evidence-based home visiting programs. Returns are seen as a result of the following outcomes:

School Readiness:

- Increases scores on 1st-3rd grade math and reading tests by 25%
- Decreases language problems by 68%

Family Health:

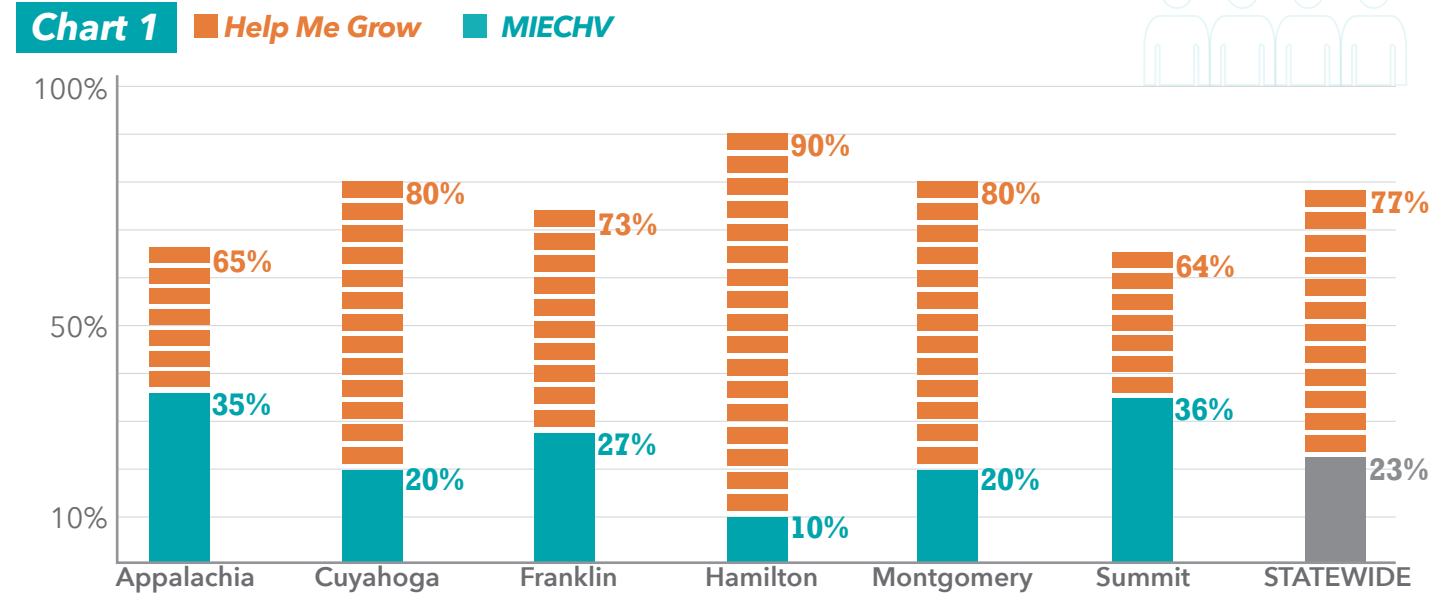
- Decreases instance of low-weight births by 48%
- Decreases number of major injuries before age 2 by 32.6%

Family Self-Sufficiency

- Increases the likelihood of mothers to be enrolled in an education or training program by 5 times
- Decreases reliance on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) payments by 5.6% for 12 years post-partum

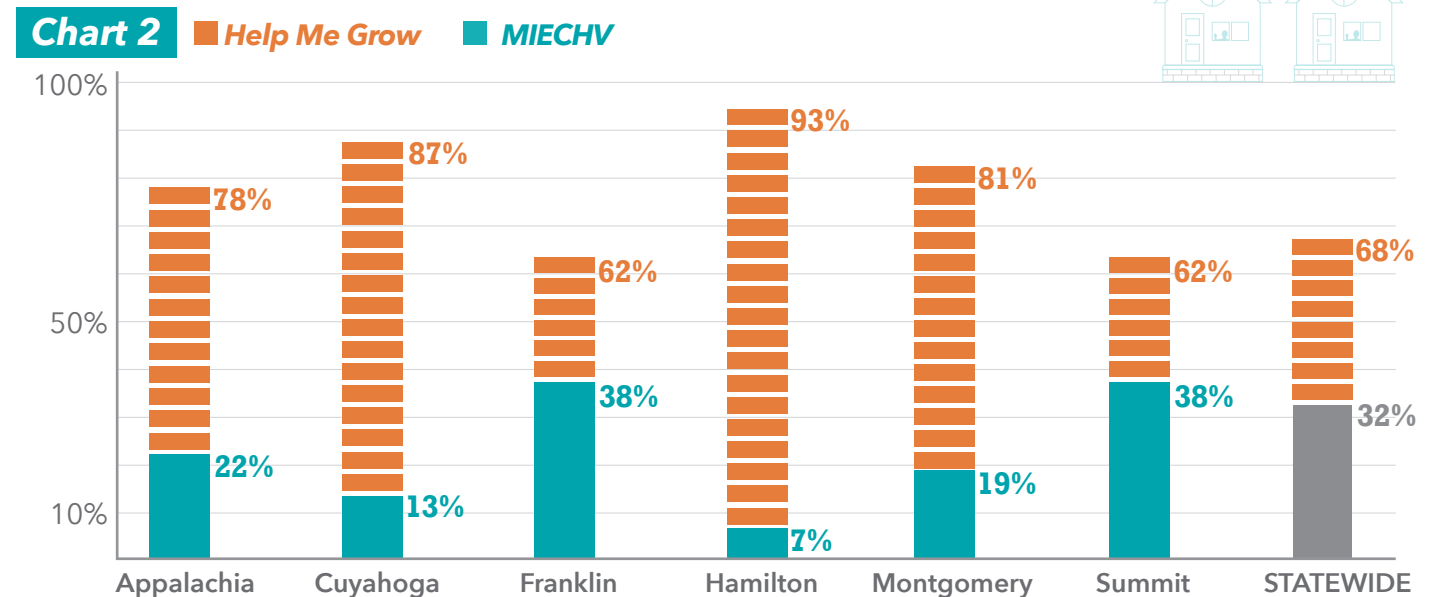
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Percentage of 2017 Ohio Home Visiting FAMILIES SERVED in Help Me Grow & MIECHV by Region



Note: While the majority of home visits are supported by Help Me Grow, MIECHV funding supports Ohio's home visiting infrastructure while also serving a certain percentage of families among 27 communities in Ohio. Data Source: Ohio Department of Health

Percentage of 2017 Ohio HOME VISITS Provided by Help Me Grow & MIECHV by Region

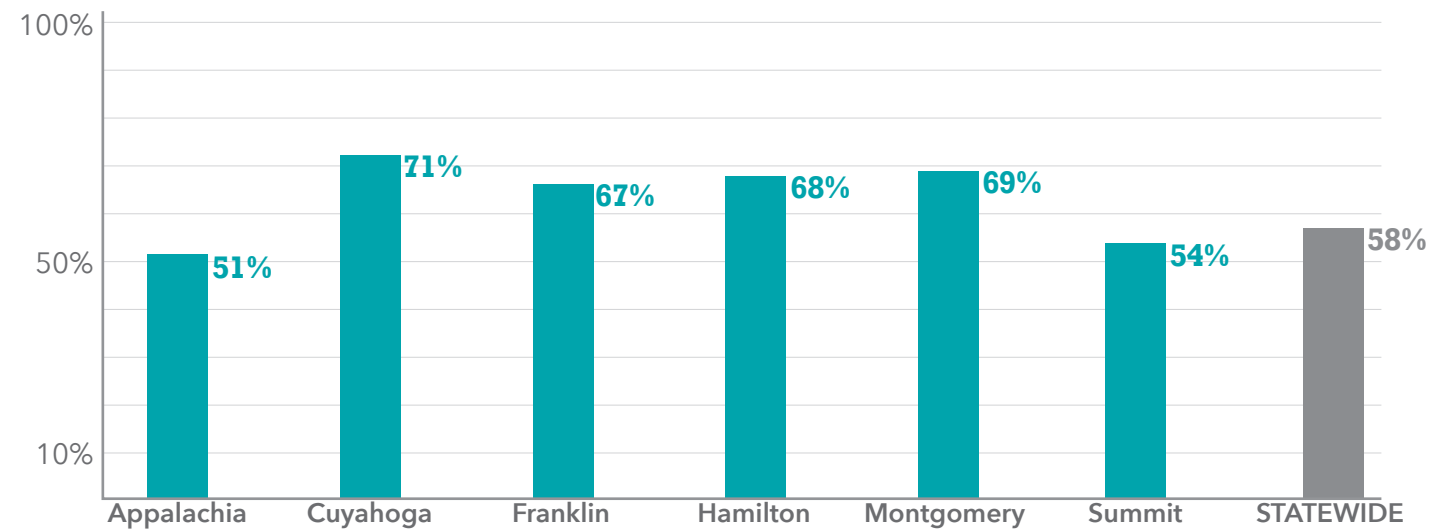


Data Source: Ohio Department of Health

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FY17 Percentage of Ohio Families Receiving Home Visits that are Below 50% of the Federal Poverty Level by Region

Chart 3



Data Source: Ohio Department of Health

96% of families served by home visiting programs are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

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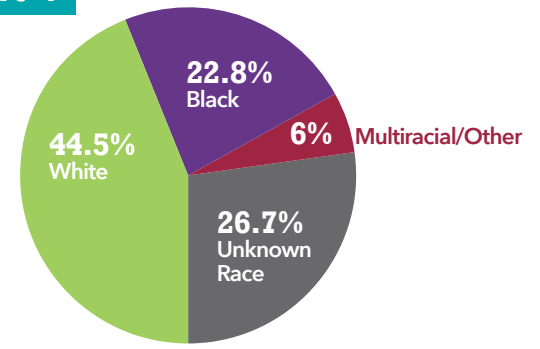
FY17 Home Visits by Race/Ethnicity of Parents

* Note that ethnicity was not reported by race so the 492 persons shown as Hispanic/Latino are included in the total of 9,612 persons shown in the breakdown by race.

Table 1

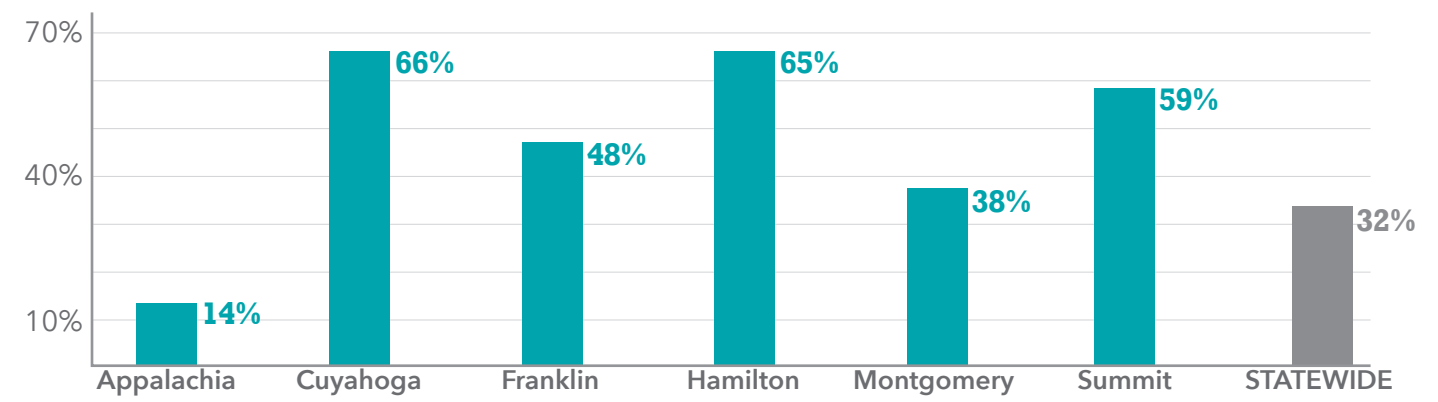
Race & Ethnicity	# of Households Visited	% of Households Visited
White	4275	44.5%
Black	2200	22.8%
Multiracial/Other	574	6.0%
Unknown Race	2563	26.7%
TOTAL	9612	100%
Hispanic	492*	5.1%

Chart 4



FY17 Percentage of Ohio Families Receiving Home Visits THAT ARE RACIAL MINORITIES by Region

Chart 5



Data Source: Ohio Department of Health

Reflections

IN ORDER TO GAUGE WHETHER THE STATE IS REACHING THE MOST AT-RISK FAMILIES, WE CAN EVALUATE THE PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES SERVED IN DIRE POVERTY, 50% FPL OR LESS.

WHAT OTHER DATA WOULD BE HELPFUL IN EVALUATING WHETHER THE PROGRAM IS REACHING THE MOST AT-RISK CHILDREN AND FAMILIES?

Reflections

RECALL WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT EARLY CHILDHOOD POVERTY IN OHIO: 43.9% OF BLACK CHILDREN 0-5 YEARS OLD AND 18.2% OF WHITE CHILDREN 0-5 YEARS OLD ARE LIVING AT OR BELOW 100% FPL.

CONSIDERING THAT POVERTY DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTS YOUNG BLACK CHILDREN, DO OUR FAMILIES SERVED BY HOME VISITING ACCURATELY REFLECT THOSE MORE LIKELY TO BE AT-RISK?

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