



Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation

# Overview and Accomplishments

# HHS Goals for the National Evaluation

- Legislative requirements:
  - Analysis of state needs assessments
  - Rigorous design for assessing effectiveness
  - Learn about effectiveness across a range of domains
  - Reflect the national diversity of communities and populations
- Additional goals:
  - Gain information to strengthen future programs



# Four Components of the Evaluation

- Analysis of state needs assessments
  - Completed as part of 2015 MIHOPE Report to Congress
- Implementation study
  - How programs operate
  - How inputs relate to each other, and how are inputs relate to outputs (services received)?
- Effectiveness study
  - Effects across domains specified in the authorizing legislation
  - Analyzes links between features of programs and implementation with program impacts
- Economic evaluation
  - Costs to deliver home visiting services
  - Costs to achieve key impacts



# Overview of Sampling Plan

- Up to 4500 families across 88 local programs
  - Most programs contribute 60 families
  - Families split equally between program and control groups
- Sites in 12 states
- Studying national models chosen by at least 10 states
  - PAT, NFP, HFA, and EHS
  - Including only families enrolled prenatally or with baby under six months old



Parents as Teachers™

21 MIHOPE sites  
across 7 states



22 MIHOPE sites  
across 8 states



26 MIHOPE sites  
across 9 states



19 MIHOPE sites  
across 8 states



# Accomplishments to Date

Recruited 88 local programs in 12 states

To date, enrolled 4,178 families

- 48 sites have reached sample target

Have begun families' follow-up data collection

Administrative data acquisition

- Data use agreements with 30 state agencies (child welfare, vital records, Medicaid)
- Finalized MOU with the Office of Child Support Enforcement for employment and earnings data
- Have begun receiving and processing data

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# Accomplishments to Date

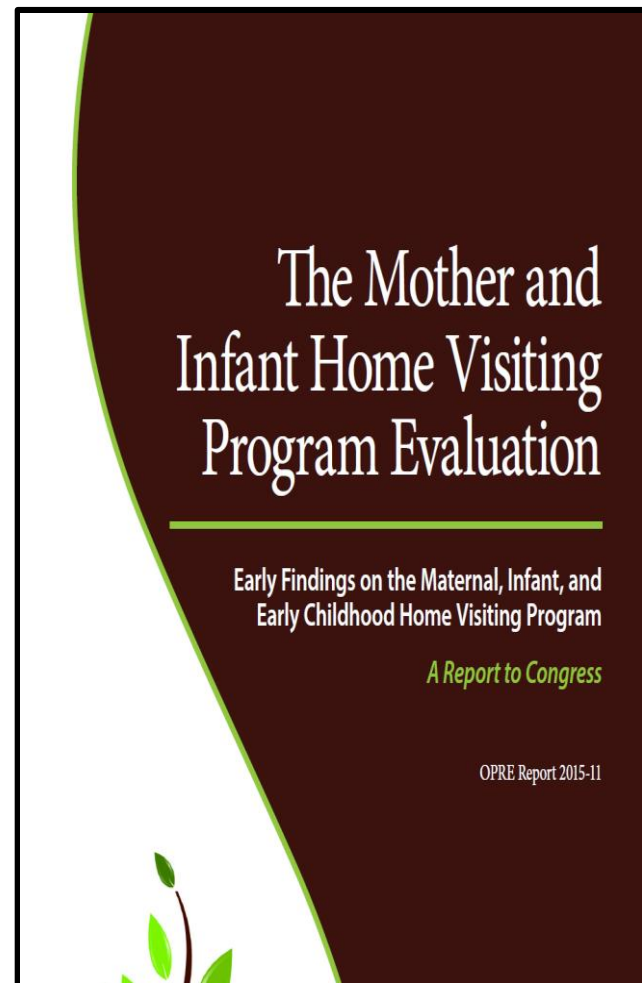
Extensive collection of quantitative data on program implementation

- Baseline and 12-month staff surveys
- Weekly home visit, training, and supervisory logs

Qualitative interviews with home visiting staff

Videos of home visits

Published Report to Congress earlier this year



# Key Findings from Report to Congress

- MIECHV funds used primarily to expand four evidence-based home visiting models
- Families enrolled in MIHOPE face many needs
- MIECHV-funded programs are designed to support healthy child development and help families overcome problems they face
- Report can be found on OPRE website:  
[www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre)



# Today's agenda: Review four components of the analysis plan

- Impact analysis
  - What effects do programs have on family outcomes?
- Implementation research
  - What services do families receive?
  - How are program features linked to services?
- Impact variation
  - How much do impacts vary and why?
- Cost analysis
  - How much does home visiting cost to deliver?
  - Is home visiting more cost-effective for some types of families or in some contexts?

