

## PROJECT ABSTRACT

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**PROJECT TITLE:** Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) – Innovation  
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**ANNOTATION:** Indiana's MIECHV Innovation is to strengthen and improve the delivery of MIECHV funded home visiting programs through the coordination of community resources and early childhood systems such as child health, behavioral health and human services. Through this proposal ISDH/MCH and Department of Child Services (DCS) will expand the services provided by the existing MCH MOMs Helpline and implement the evidence-based model of Help Me Grow (HMG), for the purpose of maximizing the continuum of services for women of child-bearing age through families with children. This will provide a centralized telephone access point for connecting families to services and care coordination; child health care providers and community outreach services to support early detection and intervention; and a data collection system that will inform gaps and barriers within these services.

**PROBLEM:** Indiana's MIECHV program illustrates room for improvement for coordination of services that support home visiting efforts through the following outcomes: 95.39% of households identified for need of additional services; 7.47% of households illustrated an increase in income and benefits; 55.10% of women reported quitting smoking during pregnancy by birth of target child; 65.15% of women had one or more well woman care visits (including 6-week postpartum visit); 80.66% of women initiated breastfeeding with their infant; 88.33% of women identified for the presence of domestic violence were given referrals to relevant domestic violence services; and 47.22 % of households increased educational attainment. Improved coordination of services outside of home visiting program provisions will assist in improving MIECHV measured outcomes as well as improving the overall state of vulnerable families, thereby reducing the public burden of state-funded services.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of Indiana's MIECHV Innovation is to strengthen and improve the delivery of MIECHV-funded home visiting programs through the coordination of community resources and early childhood systems.

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:** The objectives of Indiana's MIECHV Innovation is to

1. Develop and implement Help Me Grow to strengthen and improve the delivery of MIECHV-funded coordinated and comprehensive high-quality voluntary early childhood home visiting services to eligible families with community resources and supports, including comprehensive statewide and/or local early childhood systems, such as child health, behavioral health, and human service systems.
2. Contribute to advances in knowledge about the development and implementation of Help Me Grow that enable delivery of coordinated and comprehensive high-quality voluntary early childhood home visiting services through evaluation and dissemination of knowledge gained to all MIECHV formula recipients.

**METHODOLOGY:** Indiana will integrate Help Me Grow into the existing MOMs Helpline to build on existing collaboration efforts across sectors, including child health care, early care and education, and family support throughout the ongoing planning, implementation and evaluation of the innovation. This will be achieved through the data collection component which gathers information on outcomes of the contacts with the call center including referrals, follow-up, and feedback to service providers.