



National Home Visiting  
Resource Center

Helping Children &  
Families Thrive

2017

# Home Visiting Yearbook

## *An Overview*

The *2017 Home Visiting Yearbook* compiles key data to answer critical questions about early childhood home visiting, a proven service delivery strategy that helps children and families thrive.

- ✔ Where do home visiting programs operate?
- ✔ How many families and children are being served by home visiting, and how many more could benefit?
- ✔ Who develops and administers home visiting?
- ✔ Who funds home visiting?

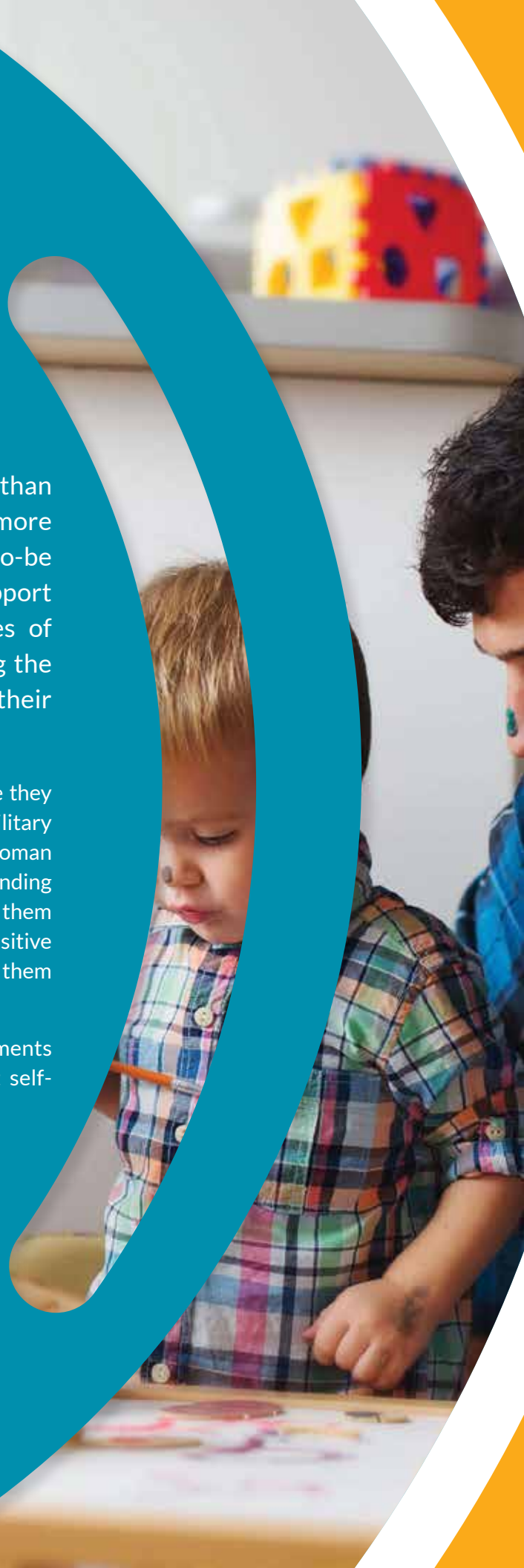


## About Home Visiting

Home visiting has existed in some form for more than 100 years, paving the way to a healthier, safer, and more successful future for families. It connects parents-to-be and parents of young children with a designated support person who guides them through the early stages of raising a family. For many, it is a bridge to becoming the kind of parents they want to be so they can unlock their child's potential.

Home visiting is voluntary and tailored to meet families where they are—from a teenage single mother in Phoenix to an expectant military couple near the Smoky Mountains to a Native American woman raising a grandchild with special needs in North Dakota. Depending on the family's circumstances, the home visitor might talk with them about their child's developmental milestones, coach them in positive parenting, connect them with needed services, and even help them create a resume so they can find a job.

Home visiting is cost effective, with demonstrated improvements in child health, well-being, and school readiness and parent self-sufficiency.





## Yearbook Highlights

- ✔ More than 18 million pregnant women and families (including more than 23 million children) could benefit from home visiting.
- ✔ More than a quarter of a million families received evidence-based home visiting services in 2015 over the course of more than 2 million home visits.
- ✔ States have long supported home visiting services by pooling limited resources. They allocate federal dollars and state funds from tobacco settlements and taxes, lotteries, and budget line items. Some foundations provide additional funding. Home visiting is provided at no cost to recipients.
- ✔ Through the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV), the federal government has bolstered evidence-based home visiting since 2010, investing \$1.85 billion for services, research, and local infrastructure to develop early childhood systems.
- ✔ Evidence-based home visiting is now implemented in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, 5 territories, and 25 tribal communities. About 40 percent of all counties have at least one local agency offering evidence-based home visiting.
- ✔ The field is moving toward professionalization of the home visiting workforce to standardize and support the knowledge and skills needed to serve families successfully.
- ✔ The evidence base for home visiting is strong and growing.

For a look at the families served by evidence-based home visiting, regardless of funding source, see the following page. Read the full *Yearbook*, including details about methodology, on our web site ([nhvrc.org/yearbook/2017-home-visiting-yearbook](http://nhvrc.org/yearbook/2017-home-visiting-yearbook)). Use the *Yearbook* to make informed decisions about home visiting in your program, agency, community, or state. Share it widely. Keep the conversation going. Let us know what you think.

# NATIONAL PROFILE

## Families Served Through Evidence-Based Home Visiting in 2015



**2,368,136**  
home visits provided

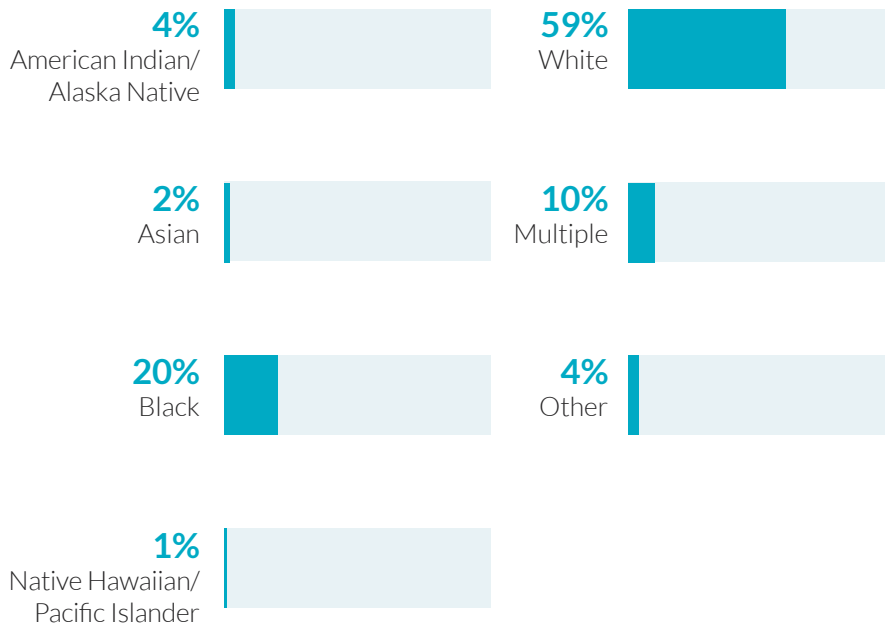


**269,206**  
families served

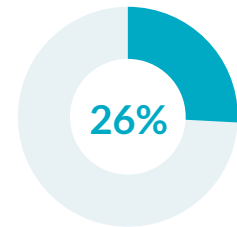


**311,976**  
children served

### Race

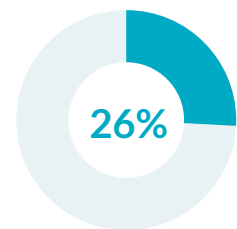


### Ethnicity



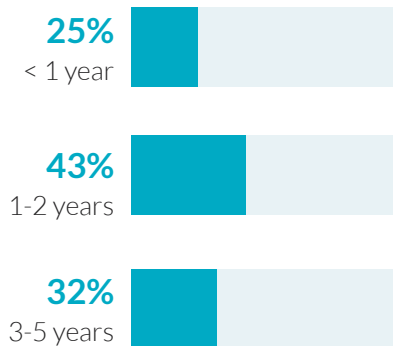
Hispanic or Latino

### Caregiver education

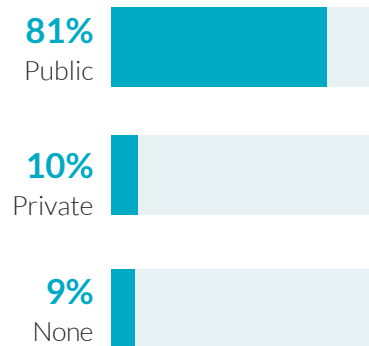


No high school diploma

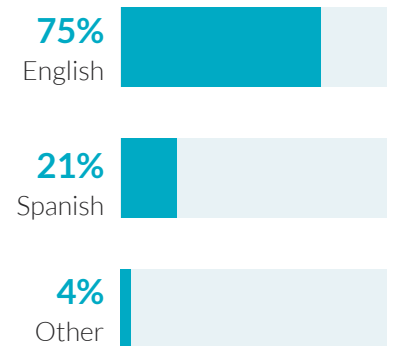
### Child age



### Child insurance status



### Primary language



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