



In 1997, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Maternal and Child Health Section (MCH) supported three home visiting pilot programs in the state. The programs followed a successful nursing based curriculum and developed a sustainability plan to expand services. By 2000, the pilot expanded as a statewide initiative named Home Visiting New Hampshire (HVNH). In addition to retaining the unique public health goals and nurse home visits of the original pilot, the program was enhanced to include the evidence-based curriculum "Parents as Teachers". By 2008 MCH was contracting with 15 community-based agencies in 17 sites across the state of New Hampshire to provide home visiting services for Medicaid eligible pregnant and parenting women. In 2010 under the Affordable Care Act, Health Resources and Services Administration initiated the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program and congress approved the release of over 6 million dollars for the program. In 2011 the NH Statewide Home Visiting Task Force, comprised of representatives from every county and many state agencies, met to decide upon a required evidence-based model that best served the needs of the families throughout NH. The Task Force chose the Healthy Families America (HFA) model. The MIECHV funds are now appropriated through the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (P.L. 114-10).