



## COMMUNITY PLANNING

### Locally-Driven

When N-MIECHV invites communities to participate in the Community Planning Process, they engage in a strategic, locally-driven, collaborative process to determine the priorities for families in their area, identify systems gaps and decide whether or not an evidence-based home visiting program is the appropriate strategy to fulfill their needs.

Community groups look at the greatest risk factors for families in their own neighborhoods, then look at what resources and supports they ***already*** have that are serving families well. In doing so, the analysis may show systems gaps—or identified risks that are not currently being addressed by local programs. The community stakeholders and partners match up those gaps with the evidence-based, federal MIECHV program-approved, models available and make decisions regarding whether home visiting is the right approach to address priorities. If so, they choose which model has the proven outcomes that best match up with the identified priorities.

As part of the early childhood community system, the stakeholders continue to serve the evidence-based home visiting program in an invaluable manner; as referral sources both TO home visiting, and as a resource FOR families engaged in the home visiting program. They also serve as an advisory group for the home visiting program. Community support means successful home visiting programming and sustainability within the community.

N-MIECHV has created a guide for community stakeholders to engage in this conversation: [N-MIECHV Home Visiting Asset Analysis and Readiness Guide](#).

### Support for the Community

If a local community decides to move forward with an evidence-based home visiting program, N-MIECHV provides programmatic and data systems technical support, community-state liaisons and professional development opportunities to support the work, in addition to funding implementation projects as resources permit.

*"We all cherish our children's future." – John F. Kennedy Jr.*

