

# Home Visiting Programs in Missouri

## Beginning July 1, 2025

Home visiting services focus on positive parenting, child development, maternal and child health, access to community resources, and family economic self-sufficiency. Home visiting services take place in a setting that is natural and comfortable for the family — the home, an early childhood setting, a library, or a doctor's office.

In the 2025 legislative session, the Missouri General Assembly amended the language in budget bills to restructure the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE's) Office of Childhood (OOC) Home Visiting section. Pending Governor Kehoe's signature of House Bills 2 and 5, **effective July 1, 2025, the following changes to the home visiting landscape in Missouri will occur:**

- **Children's Trust Fund:** The Missouri Parenting Partnership Program (MOPPP) and Maternal, Infant, & Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) will transition from DESE to the Children's Trust Fund (CTF).
  - **The MOPPP** offers more intensive home visiting services for families that may need more support based on multiple risk factors.
  - **MIECHV** programs offer home visiting services in select counties to ensure that children can grow up healthy, safe, and ready to learn.

**The following programs will continue in their current form:**

- **DESE Office of Childhood:** The school-based **Missouri Parents as Teachers Parent Education Program (MO-PAT)** will remain in DESE. The **Safe Cribs** and **Maternal Child Health Home Visiting (MCH)** will remain with DESE through the expiration of their current contracts on **September 30, 2025**.
  - **MO-PAT** offers universal services to all families prenatally through when the child reaches kindergarten. These services are available in every local school district.
  - **MCH** programs target the improvement of the health of women and infants, children and adolescents, and children with special health care needs.

