



in Home Visiting Programs

The Family Map Inventories are currently being used by the Arkansas Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program (MIECHV) statewide evaluation.



The current models participating in the Arkansas Home Visiting Network using the Family Map Inventories include:

- Arkansas HIPPY
- Following Baby Back Home
- Healthy Families America
- Parents as Teachers

MIECHV Evaluation tools: <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/homevisiting/ta/resources/benchmarkmeasures.pdf>

The Family Map Inventories are approved by PAT as family centered assessments.

See the PAT website for details: http://www.parentsasteachers.org/images/stories/Family_Centered_Assessment.pdf

The Family Map Inventories are being used by Early Head Start home visiting programs in multiple states.

This paper describes a pilot use of the Family Map in a HIPPY program in Arkansas.

Kyzer, A., Whiteside-Mansell, L., McKelvey, L., & Swindle, T. (in press). Supporting family engagement in home visiting with the Family Map Inventories. *Infants and Young Children*. IYC-D-14-00047R1

The purpose of this study was to examine the feasibility and usefulness of a universal screening tool, the Family Map Inventory (FMI), to assess family strengths and needs in a home visiting program. The FMI has been used successfully by center-based early childcare programs to tailor services to family need and build on existing strengths. Home visiting coordinators (N=39) indicated the FMI would provide useful information, and they had the capacity to implement. Seventy (70) families enrolled in a Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) program were screened by the coordinator. The results of the FMI provided meaningful information about the home and parenting environment. Overall, most parents provided high levels of school readiness and parental warmth and low levels of family conflict and parenting stress. On the other hand, many families did not provide adequate food quality, exhibited chaotic home environments, and practiced negative discipline. The study demonstrated that the FMI is a feasible and useful option to assess comprehensive family needs into home visiting programs. The study found the FMI provided home visiting coordinator a system to measure family strengths and needs. This could provide an assessment of program effectiveness and changes in the family's environment.