

**Performance Based Contract Measures
Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS)
ME Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting
Services (MIECHV)
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Purpose:

To establish a set of performance measures that can be used for contracts that provide Home Visiting Services in the Office of Child and Family Services.

Goal:

Measures proposed assess outcomes related to the goals of PAT to demonstrate positive outcomes of physical and emotional health and school readiness for families receiving home visiting services.

Standards/Strategies:

- Employ qualified staff.
- Require professional development from approved trainers/curriculum.
- Focus and prioritize the service delivery and intensity using statewide enrollment guidelines.
- Monitor fidelity to PAT using common web-based data system and assessment tools.
- Assure/improve quality through use of data, site visits, case review.
- Provide clinical and reflective supervision.
- Coordinate with other community resources supporting the needs of the children and families.
- Conduct state and federally-required health, safety, and development screenings and assessments.
- Participate in the state and federal evaluations.
- Promote health, safety, and self-sufficiency through information and education.

Why are the measures proposed important in assessing contractor performance?

The MIECHV is aligned with the Parents as Teachers (PAT) evidence based practice model. Goals of PAT are:

- Provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues.
- Increase parent knowledge of early childhood development and improve parenting practices.
- Increase children's school readiness and school success.
- Prevent child abuse and neglect.

PAT has been utilized in Maine due to being strength-based, strong evidence based and demonstrated positive outcomes for families in Maine.

Proposed PBC Measures:

- 25% or less of enrolled pregnant women using tobacco at intake will report no tobacco use by three months post-enrollment.
- 66% of children scoring below cutoff for the Communication section of Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) at the 4-month screening (indicating possible delay in communication skills) will increase or maintain the percentage of children scoring at or above cutoff at their follow-up 8-month screening.

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