

# **West Virginia Home Visitation Program**



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# Role of Home Visitation Program

- Provide responsibility for planning, development, implementation and administration of the statewide Home Visitation Program with a long term objective of increasing West Virginia's infrastructure to expand home visitation services

# Implications for Home Visiting

- Home visiting has an important role in helping children and families thrive
- By integrating with broader place-based efforts, HV can help communities better serve all children
- Work to develop community-wide systems, and firmly root HV programs in broader early childhood efforts

# MIECHV Goals

Provide voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to improve:

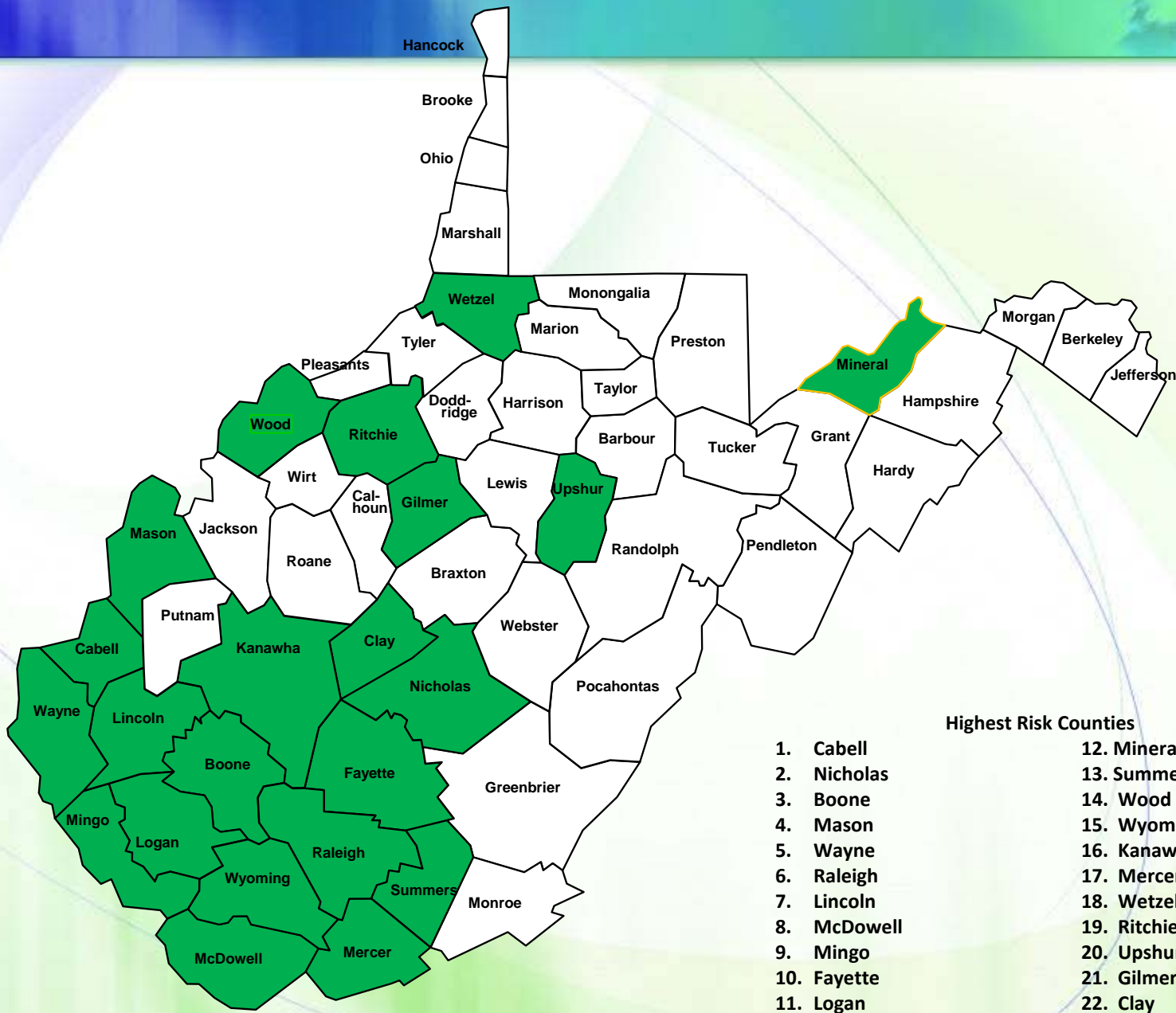
- Prenatal, maternal and newborn health
- Child health and development, including prevention of child injuries and maltreatment
- Parenting skills
- School readiness and academic achievement
- Family economic self-sufficiency; and
- Referrals for and provision of other community resources and supports

# Needs Assessment Data Indicators

- Premature birth
- Low birth weight infants
- Infant mortality
- Poverty & Unemployment
- Domestic violence
- Substance abuse
- Child maltreatment
- Other indicators of at-risk prenatal, maternal, newborn or child health







# MIECHV West Virginia Funding

West Virginia's funding is:

- Year 1 \$883,550
- Year 2 - 5 Formula funding \$1,060,259
- One of 12 states to receive a Development Grant for \$2.2M
- Submitted expansion grant application for approximately \$4.6M.

# Formula Funding Grant Activities

- Expansion or implementation of home visiting services in Boone, McDowell, Cabell, Wayne, Mason, Nicholas, Fayette and Mingo counties
- Expected expansion/implementation in Lincoln and Raleigh counties this year
- Hired Home Visitation Program staff
- Worked with 16 other Parents as Teachers sites within the State to strengthen existing structure



# Activities

- Expanding or implementing home visiting services
- Developing State/local CQI teams
- Establishing formal MOUs and referral processes
- Providing cross model trainings
- Ensuring operating with fidelity to the model
- Providing reflective supervision opportunities



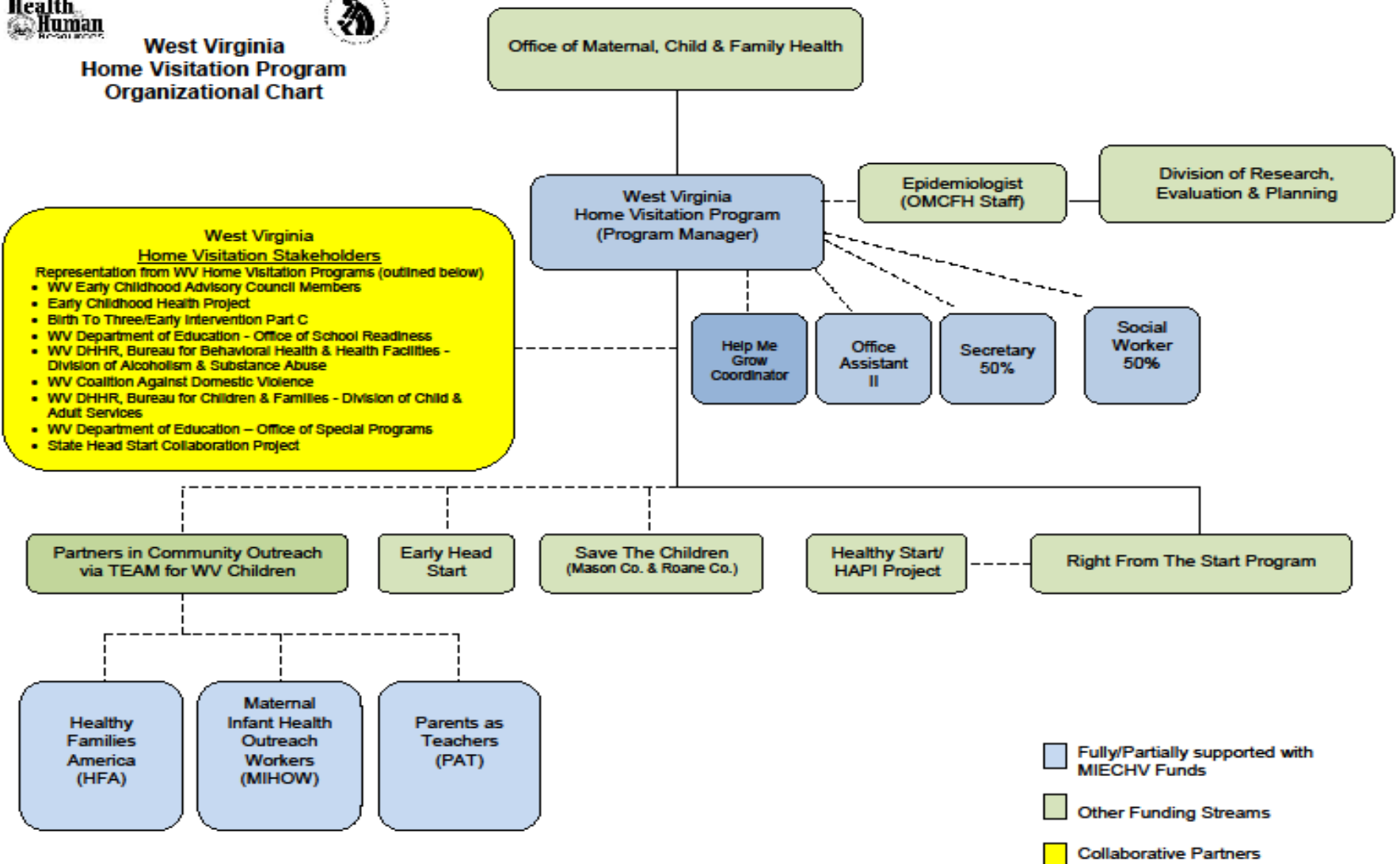
# Development Grant Activities

- Validated measurement tools used by all models
- Centralized intake using *Help Me Grow* model
- Media campaign implemented
- Additional TACSEI/CELL trainings and sites implemented
- Revisions to core competencies
- Strengthening Families framework





## West Virginia Home Visitation Program Organizational Chart



# Help Me Grow History

1998

- *Help Me Grow* concept, ChildServ launched in Hartford, Connecticut

2002

- Connecticut state budget supported statewide replication

2005

- Orange County, California, first outside site to replicate

2008

- National expansion efforts continued with a grant fund from The Commonwealth Fund

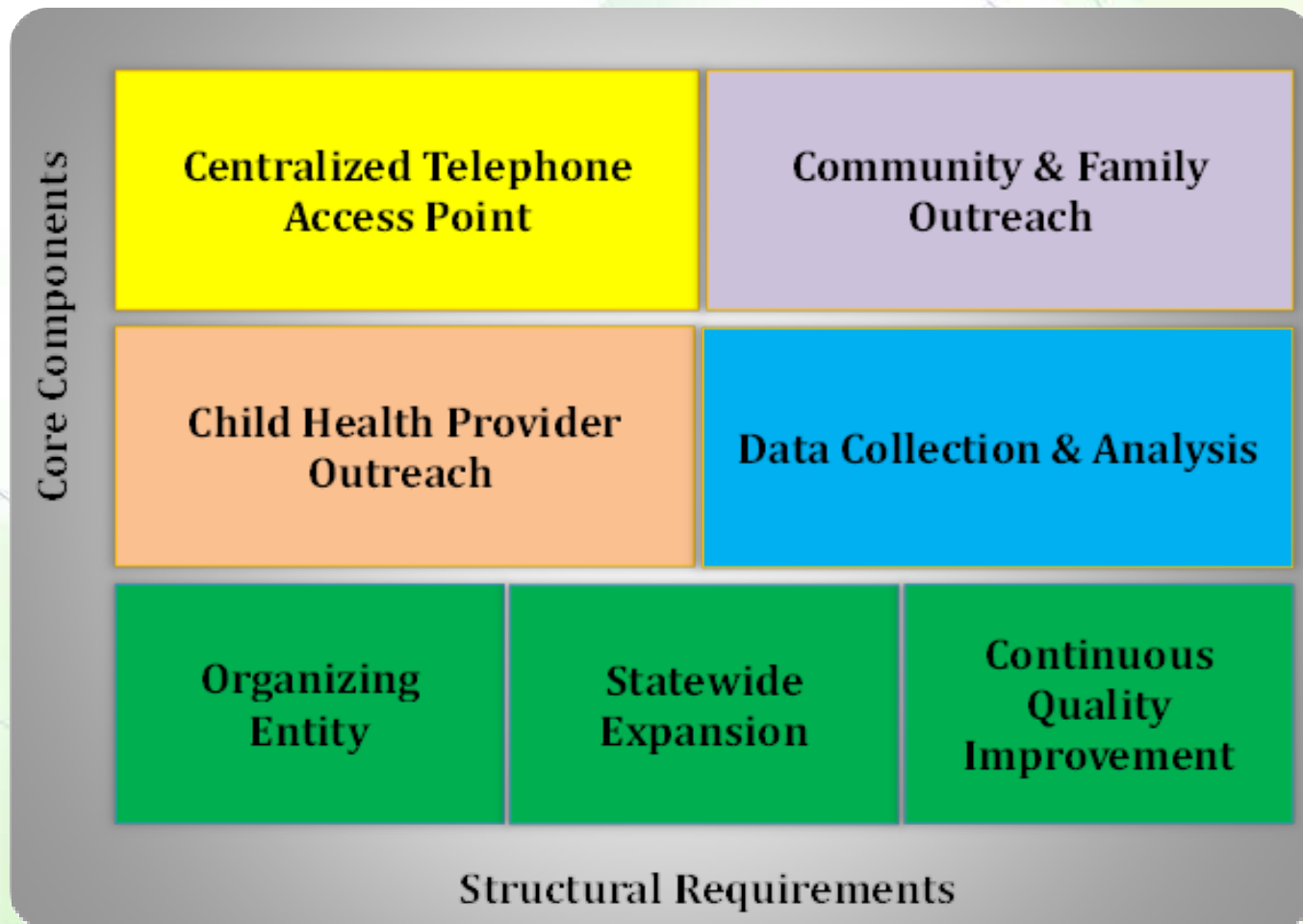
2010

- Creation of *Help Me Grow* National Center

2012

- West Virginia became the 17<sup>th</sup> state affiliate

# Help Me Grow Requirements





# HMG Implementation Activities

- Hired a coordinator, office assistant and social worker to assist with phone lines;
- Implemented data system;
- Established media campaign with brochures, website and signage informing community; and
- Partnered with Family Resource Networks to ensure current local resources in the HMG data system for appropriate referrals

# Help Me Grow Referral Process

- Families referred to *HMG* from multiple sources, medical provider, WIC, etc.
- *ASQ-3/ASQ:SE* Questionnaires sent to families
- Families consent to share screening results
- *HMG* staff assess *ASQ* screens and make appropriate referrals
- Screening results sent to medical providers

# Vision for Home Visitation

- Every county in West Virginia has opportunity to provide evidence-based home visiting services to families if requested
- Home visiting expands as a gatekeeper for families into early childhood programs
- Continuum of care for families starting prenatally through entry into school
- Improved outcomes for families enrolled in home visiting programs

# Website Information

For copies of the Needs Assessment, grant applications and additional details on the West Virginia Home Visitation Program visit

[www.wvdhhr.org/wvhomevisitation](http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvhomevisitation)

