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Masoma and Rahila during a virtual home visit.

Masoma is a Family Support Specialist Team Lead and has been working with participants in HFGP for 4+ years. Masoma encourages daily reading, singing and story-telling during virtual home visits. Home Visitors celebrate positive interactions between parent and child to sprinkle a measure of joy on the relationship.



In the Words of a Home Visitor

Masoma, what gives you joy in your role as a home visitor? When I observe a strong bond and attachment between parents and their babies and when I see the parents engage in activities that support infant and toddler brain development.

What do your participants say about Healthy Families? My participants frequently express gratitude and they often say they'd like to receive the Dari-Farsi translation of our educational materials in the future.

Can you think of a particular success you'd like to share? When families understand the Importance of father's attachment and engagement with their babies and their family. I feel very successful. Almost all my participants enroll in ESOL classes which strengthens their ability to advocate for their older children in school and makes their families stronger. Some mothers on my caseload have set and achieved their goal of getting a driving permit which leads to greater opportunities for children when both parents can drive. I also feel very proud when I help families enroll for different resources like WIC, library cards, their community center, church and their home tutor program from PGCPs and their resettlement agencies and are now able to use those community resources independently.

Maternal, Infant & Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Reauthorization Campaign

Home Visiting programs around the country--including PGCRC--have been deeply impacted by the MIECHV program established in 2010. The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program strengthens families and communities by improving outcomes for children and their families. A cornerstone of evidence-based public policy, programs must meet at least four of six evidence-based benchmarks to satisfy the law's rigorous requirements for demonstrated effectiveness. These benchmarks are: improve maternal and newborn health, reduce child injuries, abuse, and neglect, improve school readiness and achievement, reduce crime or domestic violence. improve family economic self-sufficiency, and improve coordination and referral for other community resources.

At the local level, MIECHV successfully builds the skills of home visitors by facilitating high quality and effective training and by building a database system that is easy for home visitors to use and meets the needs of programs by creating user friendly reporting capabilities into the system.

To learn more about MIECHV, click on the links provided.

[What is MIECHV?](#)

[MIECHV Reauthorization 1 pager](#)

[*2022 Testimony on Capitol Hill](#)



*The Chicago based home visitor begins testimony at 28 minutes into the recording and the Healthy Families Participant begins at 33 minutes.

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

In recent years, Healthy Families has facilitated a pinwheel garden as seen in the photo above. The pinwheel is a national symbol representing child abuse and neglect prevention and the hope that every child enjoys health, happiness and the joy of play in their early years. Once again due to COVID, we are planting a "virtual pinwheel garden" by creating a collage of families and community members who are willing to take a stand against child abuse and neglect. If you would like to be a part of our collage, [please sign up here](#) and we will hand deliver your pinwheel.

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