

CALL YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Here's a good script to follow when you make a call or leave a message:

Hello,

I am a constituent calling to express my support for the reauthorization of the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. As a [PARENT, GRANDPARENT, TEACHER, ETC.], I know how important a child's early years are. Those crucial years are the most important in ensuring children are set up for success in school and in life. But not all children and families have the necessary supports to provide their children with the tools they need to thrive during those early years. That's why MIECHV is so vital for hundreds of thousands of children across the country.

I am calling to urge [lawmaker's name] to support the bipartisan reauthorization of MIECHV that will support best practices in the field of home visiting and expand access to more families, including American Indian and Alaskan Native communities.

Tips for a Successful Call

1. If someone picks up your call, it won't be your Member of Congress – it'll be a staff member who will take down your message and relay it to your Senator or Representative.
2. You don't have to be an expert! The staff will listen to your "ask," thank you for calling and ask for your address.
3. Express that you are a constituent who is passionate about helping kids!
4. Be brief and polite. The staff member speaking with you receives many phone calls each day.
5. Let your State Manager know that you made the call and raise any questions the staffer might have had on the phone.

