

Dear [contact name],

My name is [MIHOPE staff full name] and I'm a [title] at MDRC. I'm writing regarding our current child welfare [insert state-specific document(s), e.g. "DUA"] for MIHOPE (Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation). MIHOPE is a legislatively mandated, large-scale evaluation of the effectiveness of home visiting programs funded by MIECHV (the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program). State child welfare data play a vital role in investigating the specific aspects of maternal and child well-being that may benefit from home visiting, and how those effects vary for different groups of families and home visiting approaches. We are excited to be extending our study to analyze the long-term impact of home visitation interventions and therefore hope to extend our data sharing collaboration.

As we move forward with our project extension, I wanted to check in to confirm we can continue our collaboration beyond [calendar year through which prior data sharing agreement covered]. The details of the data request will remain similar, though we are happy to be flexible regarding the timing and frequency of data pulls.

My colleague [name] (CC'd here) and I are available to discuss this further at a meeting or answer any questions regarding the extension through email, as you prefer.

Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you soon.

### **About MIHOPE-LT (Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation- Long Term)**

As background, the federal government contracted with MDRC and its partners to conduct this national evaluation of home visiting programs focused on pregnant women or mothers with infants. MIHOPE is serving two critical purposes: informing the federal government about the effectiveness of the federally-funded Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program (MIECHV) in its first few years of operation, and providing information to help states develop and strengthen home visiting programs in the future. The evaluation uses a random assignment design to estimate the effects of home visiting programs across a wide range of outcomes, such as child maltreatment and child welfare service involvement. This is occurring in your state and others around the country. In using this randomized design, MIHOPE will provide valuable information on how these programs can improve the lives of parents and children. To conduct this evaluation, women who were eligible for the home visiting services signed a consent form, provided some personal identifying information, and then were randomly assigned to receive either a) home visiting services or b) information about other services in the community. Both groups are part of the study, which means that we will collect follow up data on an extensive set of parent and child outcomes. The long term extension of MIHOPE allows us to trace children through elementary school. More information can be found at:

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<https://www.mdrc.org/project/mother-and-infant-home-visiting-program-evaluation-mihope#overview>

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