Alabama’s MIECHV Program FY 2019

HRSA’s Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program

- Supports the Alabama Home Visiting Program and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting programs for at-risk pregnant women and families with children through kindergarten entry
- Builds upon decades of scientific research showing that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of a child’s life helps prevent child abuse and neglect, supports positive parenting, improves maternal and child health, and promotes child development and school readiness

Alabama MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

Rural counties:
- Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Chambers, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Conecuh, Coosa, Cullman, Dallas, De Kalb, Franklin, Greene, Lamar, Macon, Marengo, Marion, Marshall, Monroe, Perry, Randolph, Sumter, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Wilcox, Winston

Non-rural counties:
- Autauga, Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Chilton, Colbert, Hale, Jefferson, Lauderdale, Lee, Lowndes, Mobile, Montgomery, Morgan, Pickens, Russell, Shelby, Tuscaloosa, Walker

Participants
- 4,098

Households
- 1,917

Home Visits
- 24,085

Alabama Targets Community Needs

MIECHV Program awardees serve high-risk populations. Awardees tailor their programs to serve populations of need within their state.

- 72.0% of households were low income
- 14.4% of households included a child with developmental delays or disabilities
- 11.8% of households reported a history of child abuse or maltreatment

Alabama Performance Highlights

- Developmental Screening: 93.7% of children enrolled in home visiting had a timely screen for developmental delays
- Postpartum Care: 90.2% of mothers enrolled in home visiting received a postpartum visit with a healthcare provider within 8 weeks of delivery
- Reduced Depression Symptoms: Participating in the home visiting collaborative improvement and innovation network (HV-CoIIN) effort focused on maternal depression. To date, 83% of women who screen positive for depression and receive a referral to services report at least a 25% reduction in symptoms.

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Alabama

- Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)
- Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)
- Parents as Teachers (PAT)