Arkansas’s MIECHV Program FY 2019

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

- Supports the Arkansas 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

Arkansas MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

- **Rural counties:** Arkansas, Ashley, Baxter, Boone, Bradley, Calhoun, Carroll, Clark, Cleburne, Columbia, Conway, Dallas, Drew, Fulton, Greene, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Howard, Independence, Izard, Lafayette, Lee, Marion, Mississippi, Monroe, Nevada, Newton, Ouachita, Phillips, Pike, Polk, Prairie, Saint Francis, Searcy, Sharp, Stone, Union, Van Buren, White, Woodruff
- **Non-rural counties:** Benton, Cleveland, Crawford, Crittenden, Faulkner, Garland, Grant, Jefferson, Lincoln, Lonoke, Madison, Miller, Poinsett, Pulaski, Saline, Sebastian, Washington

Participants: 4,865
Households: 2,375
Home Visits: 30,871

Arkansas Targets Community Needs

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

- 80.7% of households were low income
- 31.8% of households included a child with developmental delays or disabilities
- 29.2% of households included someone with low student achievement

Arkansas Performance Highlights

- **Depression Screening:** 92.2% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for depression within 3 months of enrollment or within 3 months of delivery
- **Behavioral Concern Inquiries:** Caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child’s development, behavior, or learning in 98.6% of postpartum home visits

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Arkansas

- Healthy Families America (HFA)
- Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)
- Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)
- Parents as Teachers (PAT)
- Following Baby Back Home (Promising Approach)