Florida’s MIECHV Program FY 2019

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

- Supports the Florida 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

Florida MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

![Map of Florida showing program locations]

- **Participants**: 5,306
- **Households**: 2,883
- **Home Visits**: 35,562

Florida Targets Community Needs

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

- 72.1% of households were low income
- 35.1% of households included someone with low student achievement
- 19.5% of households reported a history of child abuse or maltreatment

Florida Performance Highlights

- **Developmental Screening**: 90.4% of children enrolled in home visiting had a timely screen for developmental delays
- **Parent-Child Interaction**: 88.1% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting received an observation of caregiver-child interaction by the home visitor using a validated tool
- **Improved Safe Sleep Practices**: Implemented a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) project focused on safe sleep practices that resulted in the percent of caregivers reporting they always place infants to sleep on their backs, without bed-sharing, and without soft bedding to increase from 65% in FY 2018 to 70% in FY 2019.

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Florida

- Healthy Families America (HFA)
- Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)
- Parents as Teachers (PAT)