

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

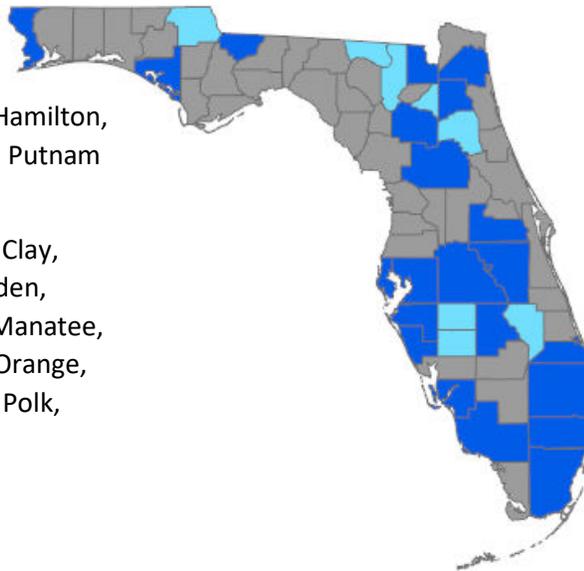
Florida MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

Rural counties:

Bradford, Columbia, De Soto, Hamilton, Hardee, Jackson, Okeechobee, Putnam

Non-rural counties:

Alachua, Baker, Bay, Broward, Clay, Collier, Duval, Escambia, Gadsden, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Miami Dade, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota



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 \(PAT\)](#)