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

- Supports the Georgia Home Visiting Program and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting programs for pregnant women and families with children through kindergarten entry living in communities at risk for poor maternal and child health outcomes.
- 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.

Georgia MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

| Rural counties: | Participants | 2,863 |
| Non-rural counties: | Households | 1,461 |
| | Home Visits | 19,206 |

Georgia Targets Community Needs

MIECHV Program awardees serve populations in at-risk communities. Awardees tailor their programs to serve populations of need within their state. In Georgia:

- 63.3% of households were low income
- 11.0% of households included at least one household member with low student achievement
- 9.6% of households included a child with developmental delays or disabilities

Georgia Performance Highlights

- **Early Language and Literacy Activities**: 96.6% of children enrolled in home visiting had a family member who read, told stories, and/or sang with them on a daily basis.
- **Depression Screening**: 91.7% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for depression within 3 months of enrollment or within 3 months of delivery.
- **Fatherhood Project**: Developed and implemented fatherhood engagement action plans with the focus of effectively include fathers in programs and services.

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Georgia

- Early Head Start-Home-Based Option
- Healthy Families America (HFA)
- Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)
- Parents as Teachers (PAT)