Georgia’s MIECHV Program FY 2017

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 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

Georgia MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

- Rural counties:
  - Crisp, Dooly
- Non-rural counties:
  - Bartow, Chatham, Clarke, DeKalb, Glynn, Houston, Liberty, Muscogee, Richmond, Rockdale, Whitfield

Participants 2,665
Households 1,362
Home Visits 17,279

Georgia Serves a High-Risk Population

MIECHV Program awardees serve high-risk populations. Awardees tailor their programs to serve populations of need within their state.
- 75.7% of households were low income
- 15.1% of households included someone with low student achievement
- 11.7% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home

Georgia Performance Highlights

- PAT Blue Ribbon Affiliates: Four of Georgia’s Parents as Teachers (PAT) affiliates completed the comprehensive quality endorsement process and were recognized by the National PAT Office with the distinction of Blue Ribbon status. There are currently eight Blue Ribbon sites in the state
- Behavioral Concerns: Caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning in 99.9% of postpartum home visits
- Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Screening: 93.2% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for IPV within 6 months of enrollment

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in GA
- Early Head Start - Home Based Option
- Healthy Families America
- Nurse-Family Partnership
- Parents as Teachers