Illinois’s MIECHV Program FY 2019

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

• Supports the Illinois 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

Illinois MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

- Rural counties:
  Stephenson
- Non-rural counties:
  Cook, Dekalb, Kane, Kankakee, Macon, Mclean, Peoria, Saint Clair, Vermilion, Winnebago

Participants
2,191

Households
1,048

Home Visits
14,184

Illinois Targets Community Needs

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

- 87.8% of households were low income
- 23.8% of households included someone with low student achievement
- 22.3% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home

Illinois Performance Highlights

- Behavioral Concern Inquiries: Caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning in 96.1% of postpartum home visits
- Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Screening: 95.6% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for IPV within 6 months of enrollment
- Maternal Health Collaboration: Partnering with the University of Illinois at Chicago and Title V on the Innovations to ImPROve Maternal OuTcomEs in Illinois project (I PROMOTE IL) to identify the needs of home visitors in relation to supporting prenatal and postpartum health.

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Illinois

- Early Head Start-Home-Based Options
- Healthy Families America (HFA)
- Parents as Teachers (PAT)