Kentucky’s MIECHV Program FY 2018

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

- Supports the Kentucky 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

**Kentucky MIECHV Program At-a-Glance**

- **Rural counties:**
  - Bath, Bell, Breathitt, Carter, Clay,
  - Elliot, Floyd, Fulton, Harlan, Jackson,
  - Johnson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Lee,
  - Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin,
  - Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Owsley,
  - Perry, Pike, Powell, Rowan, Wolfe
- **Participants**
  - 3,940
- **Households**
  - 2,170
- **Home Visits**
  - 50,892

**Kentucky Serves a High-Risk Population**

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

- 79.9% of households were low income
- 56.6% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home
- 31.7% of households included someone with low student achievement

**Kentucky Performance Highlights**

- **Behavioral Concern Inquiries:** Caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning in 97.7% of postpartum home visits
- **Safe Sleep:** 90.9% of infants enrolled in home visiting were always placed to sleep on their backs, without bed-sharing or soft bedding

**Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Kentucky**

- Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS) Program