Kentucky’s MIECHV Program FY 2019

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: | Participants | 8,422 |
| Non-rural counties: | Household | 4,594 |

Kentucky Targets Community Needs

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

- 71.4% of households were low income
- 48.5% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home
- 28.4% of households included someone with low student achievement

Kentucky Performance Highlights

- Postpartum Care: 94.2% of mothers enrolled in home visiting received a postpartum visit with a healthcare provider within 8 weeks of delivery
- Safe Sleep: 89.2% of infants enrolled in home visiting were always placed to sleep on their backs, without bed-sharing or soft bedding
- Postpartum Depression (PPD) Screening: Kentucky started a continuous quality improvement project to promote screening for PPD. To increase buy-in, each participating site designed its own intervention, and home visitors reported feeling proud of their success in implementation.