

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, Elliott, Floyd, Fulton, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Rowan, Wolfe



■ Non-rural counties:

McLean

Participants

4,040

Households

2,323

Home Visits

55,588

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.

- 81.7% of households were low income
- 56.7% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home
- 32.4% of households included someone with low student achievement

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in KY

[Health Access Nurturing Development Services \(HANDS\) Program](#)

Kentucky Performance Highlights

- **Safe Sleep Campaign:** Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS) home visitors utilized Kentucky's Department of Public Health Safe Sleep ABCD Campaign (A= Alone, B= on their back, C= Clean, clear crib, D= be aware, not impaired) to educate primary caregivers on the importance of Safe Sleep.
- **Safe Sleep:** 88.3% of infants enrolled in home visiting were always placed to sleep on their backs, without bed-sharing or soft bedding
- **Postpartum Care:** 90.5% of mothers enrolled in home visiting received a postpartum visit with a healthcare provider within 8 weeks of delivery