Louisiana’s MIECHV Program FY 2017

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

- Supports the Louisiana 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

Louisiana MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

- **Rural counties:**
  - Avoyelles, Bienville, Caldwell, Claiborne, East Carroll, Evangeline, Franklin, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Red River, Richland, St. Landry, St. Mary, Tensas, Vernon, Washington, West Carroll, Winn
  - Participants: 3,752
  - Households: 2,123
  - Home Visits: 22,934

- **Non-rural counties:**
  - Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Ouachita, Plaquemines, Rapides, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Union, Webster

Louisiana Serves a High-Risk Population

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

- 90.7% of households were low income
- 37.2% of households included pregnant teens
- 16.1% of households included someone with low student achievement

Louisiana Performance Highlights

- **Increased Program Capacity:** Expanding Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) into Evangeline Parish, and expanding Parents as Teachers (PAT) into Richland and Franklin parishes via two new home visitor positions. PAT also expanded into Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, and Plaquemines parishes via a new team.
- **Postpartum Care:** 93.6% of mothers enrolled in home visiting received a postpartum visit with a healthcare provider within 8 weeks of delivery
- **Behavioral Concerns:** Caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child’s development, behavior, or learning in 86.6% of postpartum home visits