Massachusetts’s MIECHV Program FY 2019

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

- Supports the Massachusetts 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

Massachusetts MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

- **Participants**: 3,820
- **Households**: 2,006
- **Home Visits**: 23,898

Rural counties: None
Non-rural counties:
- Berkshire, Bristol, Essex, Hampden,
- Middlesex, Plymouth, Suffolk,
- Worcester

Massachusetts Targets Community Needs

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

- 21.3% of households included pregnant teens
- 17.5% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home
- 10.7% of households reported a history of substance abuse

Massachusetts Performance Highlights

- **Depression Screening**: 92.2% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for depression within 3 months of enrollment or within 3 months of delivery
- **Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Screening**: 86.4% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for IPV within 6 months of enrollment
- **Regional Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Training**: Developed and piloted a standard CQI training structure for all MIECHV local implementing agencies. The goal of the regional CQI training is to provide a foundation of CQI for new staff and support existing staff to integrate additional CQI tools and skills into their work.

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Massachusetts

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