

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

MIECHV Program FY 2017

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

- Supports the [CNMI's 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

CNMI MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

■ Rural counties:

Rota, Saipan, Tinian

Participants

260

Households

102

Home Visits

1,506

CNMI Serves a High-Risk Population

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

- 98.0% of households were low income
- 34.3% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home
- 8.8% of households reported a history of substance abuse

Evidence-Based
Home Visiting
Models in CNMI

[Healthy Families
America](#)

CNMI Performance Highlights

- **Community Engagement:** Established a Community Advisory Board in January 2017 that includes representatives with various skills, community knowledge, professions, and cultural diversity, allowing it to effectively serve the interests of the community, and advocate on behalf of the various needs of participants
- **Developmental Screening:** 88.9% of children enrolled in home visiting had a timely screen for developmental delays
- **Safe Sleep:** 80.0% of infants enrolled in home visiting were always placed to sleep on their backs, without bed-sharing or soft bedding