Mississippi’s MIECHV Program FY 2018

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

- Supports the Mississippi 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

Mississippi MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

- Non-rural counties: Copiah, Tunica

Participants 1,386
Households 671
Home Visits 8,799

Mississippi Serves a High-Risk Population

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

- 91.7% of households were low income
- 11.8% of households reported a history of child abuse or maltreatment
- 10.6% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home

Mississippi Performance Highlights

- Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Screening: 100% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for IPV within 6 months of enrollment
- Behavioral Concern Inquiries: Caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning in 99.5% of postpartum home visits
- Breastfeeding Initiative: Launched an initiative to increase breastfeeding among mothers in the program. Mothers that breastfed any amount at 6 months of age increased from 3% in the previous year to 13.5%

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Mississippi
Healthy Families America (HFA)