

# Mississippi's MIECHV Program FY 2019



## 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

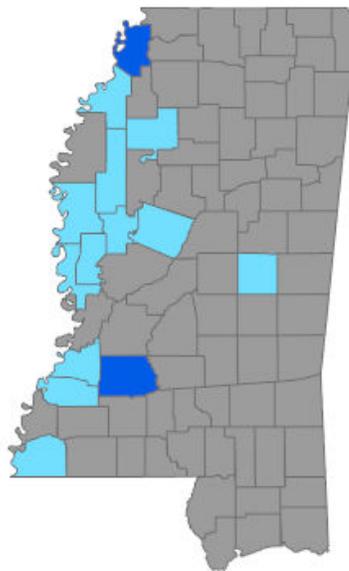
### Mississippi MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

**Rural counties:**

Claiborne, Coahoma, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Jefferson, Neshoba, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Washington, Wilkinson

**Non-rural counties:**

Copiah, Tunica



**Participants**

**1,415**

**Households**

**721**

**Home Visits**

**8,712**

### Mississippi Targets Community Needs

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

- 93.3% of households were low income
- 13.5% of households reported a history of child abuse or maltreatment
- 9.3% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Mississippi

[Healthy Families America \(HFA\)](#)

### Mississippi Performance Highlights

- **Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Screening:** 100% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for IPV within 6 months of enrollment
- **Early Language and Literacy Activities:** 93.5% of children enrolled in home visiting had a family member who read, told stories, and/or sang with them on a daily basis
- **Breastfeeding Initiative:** Launched an initiative to increase breastfeeding among mothers enrolled in home visiting. Infants that were breastfed any amount at 6 months of age increased from 13.5% in the previous year to 25.8%