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

- Supports the New Jersey 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.

New Jersey MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

- **Rural counties:** None
- **Non-rural counties:** Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren

Participants: 12,697
Households: 6,997
Home Visits: 73,165

New Jersey Serves a High-Risk Population

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

- 71.0% of households were low income
- 16.1% of households included pregnant teens
- 8.0% of households reported a history of substance abuse

New Jersey Performance Highlights

- **Behavioral Concern Inquiries:** Caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child’s development, behavior, or learning in 93.2% of postpartum home visits.
- **Child Maltreatment:** Only 1.6% of children enrolled in home visiting had an investigated case of child maltreatment.

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in New Jersey

- Healthy Families America (HFA)
- Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)
- Parents as Teachers (PAT)