Pennsylvania’s MIECHV Program FY 2019

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

- Supports the Pennsylvania 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

Pennsylvania MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

Rural counties:
Bedford, Bradford, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Crawford, Elk, Forest, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mckean, Mifflin, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Venango

Non-rural counties:

Participants 6,071
Households 3,006
Home Visits 31,528

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

- 65.7% of households were low income
- 31.7% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home
- 20.6% of households included a child with developmental delays or disabilities

Pennsylvania Performance Highlights

- **Behavioral Concern Inquiries:** Caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child’s development, behavior, or learning in 94.5% of postpartum home visits
- **Parent-Child Interaction:** 80.5% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting received an observation of caregiver-child interaction by the home visitor using a validated tool

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Pennsylvania

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