

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

- Supports the Puerto Rico Home Visiting Program and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting programs for at-risk pregnant women and parents with young children up to 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

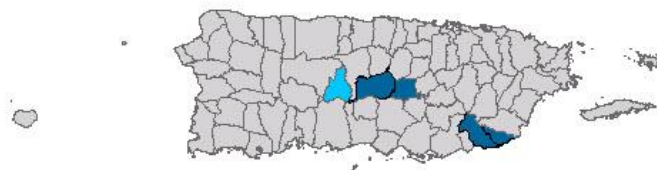
Puerto Rico MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

Rural counties:

Jayuya

Non-rural counties:

Barranquitas, Maunabo
Orocovis, Patillas



Participants

270

Households

145

Home Visits

2,416

Puerto Rico Serves a High-Risk Population

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

- 40.7% of households were low income
- 13.8% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home
- 100% of households included pregnant teens

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in PR

[Healthy Families America](#)

Puerto Rico Performance Highlights

- **Parent-Child Interaction:** 96.4% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting received an observation of caregiver-child interaction by the home visitor using a validated tool
- **Safe Sleep:** 83.3% of infants enrolled in home visiting were always placed to sleep on their backs, without bed-sharing or soft bedding