

Puerto Rico's MIECHV Program FY 2019



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 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

Puerto Rico MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

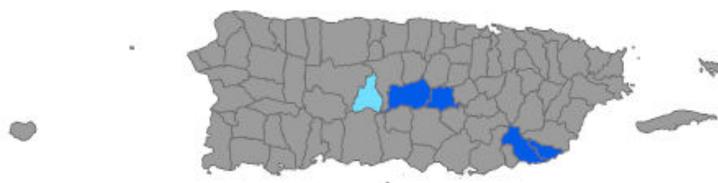
Rural counties:

Jayuya

Non-rural counties:

Barranquitas, Maunabo, Orocovis,

Patillas



Participants

243

Households

139

Home Visits

2,144

Puerto Rico Targets Community Needs

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

- 28.1% of households were low income
- 11.5% of households reported a history of child abuse or maltreatment
- 5.8% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Puerto Rico

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

Puerto Rico Performance Highlights

- **Safe Sleep:** 97.6% of infants enrolled in home visiting were always placed to sleep on their backs, without bed-sharing or soft bedding
- **Well Child Visit:** 89.4% of children enrolled in home visiting received their last recommended well child visit based on the American Academy of Pediatrics schedule