Rhode Island’s MIECHV Program FY 2019

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

- Supports the Rhode Island 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

Rhode Island MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

- Rural counties: None
- Non-rural counties: Bristol, Providence, Washington

Participants 3,511
Households 1,753
Home Visits 18,934

Rhode Island Targets Community Needs

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

- 74.8% of households were low income
- 29.1% of households included someone with low student achievement
- 24.1% of households reported a history of child abuse or maltreatment

Rhode Island Performance Highlights

- **Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Screening**: 91.1% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for IPV within 6 months of enrollment
- **Early Language and Literacy Activities**: 87.1% of children enrolled in home visiting had a family member who read, told stories, and/or sang with them on a daily basis
- **Depression Screening and Referrals**: Participating in the home visiting collaborative improvement and innovation network (HV-CoIIN) effort focused on maternal depression. Since January 2019, an average of 87% of women are screened for depression within 3 months of enrollment, and 86% of women with a positive screen are accepting a referral to evidence-based services.

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Rhode Island

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