South Carolina’s MIECHV Program FY 2019

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

- Supports the South Carolina 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

### South Carolina MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

- **Rural counties:** Abbeville, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Cherokee, Clarendon, Colleton, Georgetown, Greenwood, Hampton, Lee, Oconee, Orangeburg, Williamsburg
- **Non-rural counties:** Aiken, Anderson, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Chester, Darlington, Dorchester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence, Greenville, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Lancaster, Laurens, Lexington, Pickens, Richland, Spartanburg, Sumter, Union, York

### South Carolina Targets Community Needs

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

- 84.7% of households were low income
- 15.4% of households reported a history of child abuse or maltreatment
- 14.4% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home

### South Carolina Performance Highlights

- **Behavioral Concern Inquiries:** Caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child’s development, behavior, or learning in 100% of postpartum home visits
- **Safe Sleep:** 93.2% of infants enrolled in home visiting were always placed to sleep on their backs, without bed-sharing or soft bedding

### Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in South Carolina

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