

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

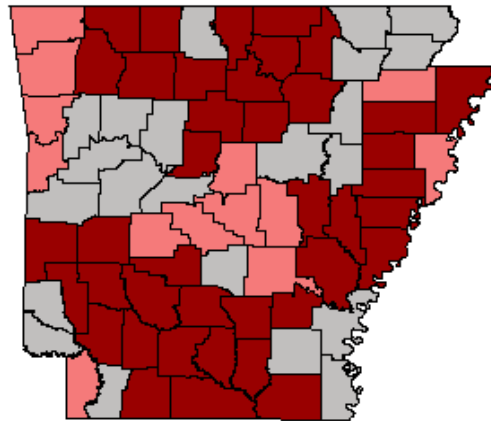
supports the [Arkansas Home Visiting Program](#) and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting programs for expectant and new parents with children through kindergarten entry age living in communities that are at-risk for poor maternal and child health outcomes<sup>1</sup>.

**Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Arkansas:** [Following Baby Back Home \(Promising Approach\)](#), [Healthy Families America \(HFA\)](#), [Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters \(HIPPY\)](#), [Nurse-Family Partnership \(NFP\)](#), [Parents as Teachers \(PAT\)](#)

## Arkansas MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

**Rural Counties<sup>2</sup>:** Arkansas, Ashley, Baxter, Boone, Bradley, Calhoun, Carroll, Clark, Cleburne, Cleveland, Columbia, Conway, Cross, Dallas, Fulton, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Howard, Independence, Izard, Lee, Lincoln, Madison, Mississippi, Monroe, Montgomery, Nevada, Newton, Ouachita, Phillips, Pike, Poinsett, Polk, Prairie, Saint Francis, Searcy, Sharp, Stone, Union, Van Buren

**Non-Rural Counties<sup>2</sup>:** Benton, Craighead, Crawford, Crittenden, Faulkner, Garland, Jefferson, Lonoke, Miller, Pulaski, Saline, Sebastian, Washington



### Participants

3,752

### Households

1,821

### Home Visits

23,841

## Arkansas Prioritizes Community Needs

MIECHV Program awardees tailor their programs to serve populations of need within their state. In Arkansas:

- **99.7%** of households were at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines and **78.9%** were at or below 100% of those guidelines.
- **10.8%** of households included a pregnant enrollee under age 21

## Arkansas Performance Highlights

MIECHV Program awardees track and report improvements in MIECHV benchmark areas every year. Awardees are required by authorizing statute to demonstrate improvement in benchmark areas every three years. In the most recent assessment following FY 2023, the Arkansas MIECHV program successfully met the requirements for demonstration of improvement by improving in all 6 [benchmark areas](#).

### FY 2023 Performance Highlights Include:

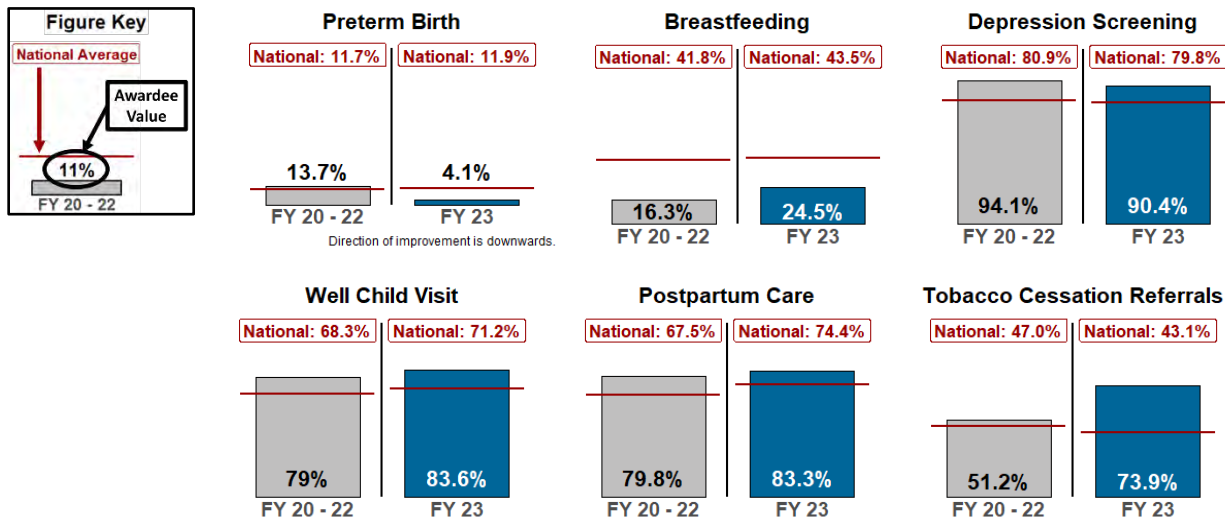
- **Depression Screening:** 90.4% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for depression within 3 months of enrollment or within 3 months of delivery. Research shows that postpartum depression can be associated with a number of adverse outcomes for both the mother and infant, such as poor parent-child bonding, negative parenting approaches, and increased risk of developmental, health, and safety concerns for the child.
- **Early Language and Literacy Activities:** 91.5% of children enrolled in home visiting had a family member who read, told stories, and/or sang with them on a daily basis. Children who are spoken to frequently by their caregivers have larger vocabularies and literacy skills, which are linked to later academic, social, and cognitive functioning.

<sup>1</sup> HRSA awarded ARP ([American Rescue Plan Act](#)) funds to current MIECHV awardees to address the needs of families in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

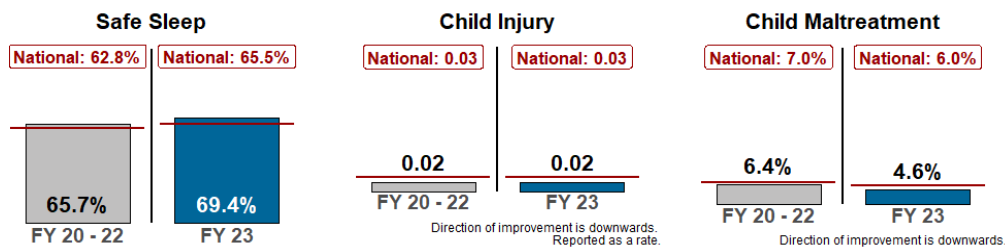
<sup>2</sup> These counties were served by MIECHV formula funds, ARP funds, or both.

# Arkansas MIECHV Performance Data Compared to National MIECHV Averages

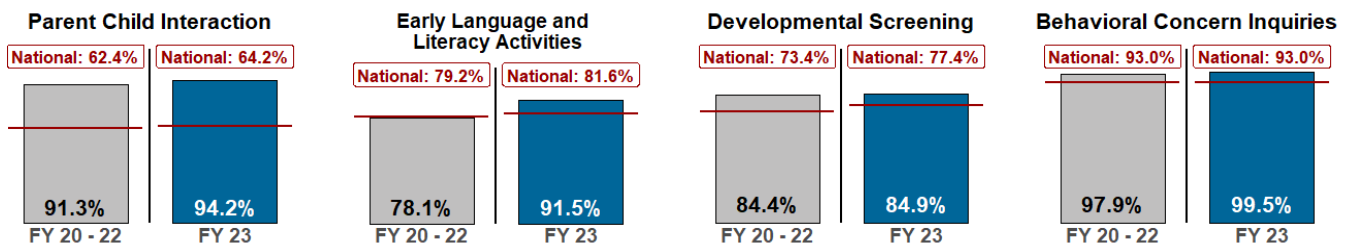
## Benchmark Area 1: Maternal and Newborn Health Outcomes



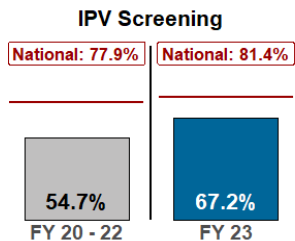
## Benchmark Area 2: Child Injuries, Maltreatment, and Emergency Department Visits



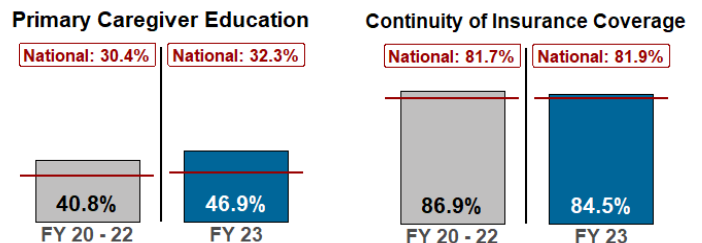
## Benchmark Area 3: School Readiness and Achievement



## Benchmark Area 4: Crime or Domestic Violence



## Benchmark Area 5: Family Economic Self Sufficiency



## Benchmark Area 6: Coordination and Referrals

