

Arkansas MIECHV Program FY 2022

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 outcomes¹.

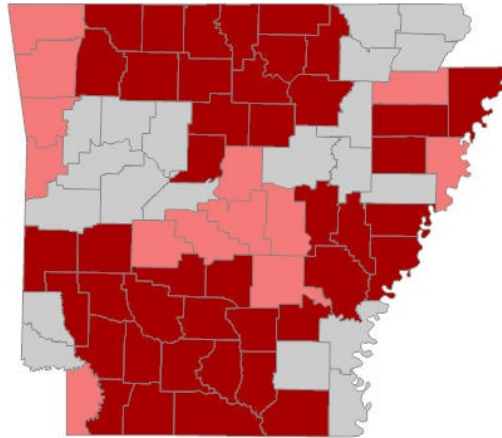
Arkansas MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

Rural counties by Funding Source:

■ MIECHV: Arkansas, Ashley, Baxter, Boone, Bradley, Calhoun, Carroll, Clark, Cleburne, Cleveland, Columbia, Conway, Cross, Dallas, Fulton, Grant, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Howard, Independence, Izard, Lafayette, Lee, Lincoln, Madison, Marion, Mississippi, Monroe, Montgomery, Nevada, Newton, Ouachita, Phillips, Pike, Poinsett, Polk, Prairie, Searcy, Sharp, Stone, Union, Van Buren

Non-rural counties by Funding Source:

■ MIECHV: Benton, Craighead, Crawford, Crittenden, Faulkner, Garland, Jefferson, Lonoke, Miller, Pulaski, Saline, Sebastian, Washington



Participants

3,991

Households

1,907

Home Visits

25,495

Arkansas Prioritizes Community Needs

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

- **74.6%** of households were at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
- **9.4%** 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 2020, the Arkansas MIECHV program successfully met the requirements for demonstration of improvement by improving in 5 of the 6 MIECHV [benchmark areas](#).

FY 2022 Performance Highlights Include:

- **Depression Screening:** 93.8% 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.
- **Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Training and Peer Sharing:** Arkansas holds a quarterly statewide virtual meeting for each MIECHV-funded model to provide CQI webinars and create opportunities for home visiting teams to share their CQI ideas and lessons learned.

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Arkansas

[Nurse-Family Partnership \(NFP\)](#)

[Parents as Teachers \(PAT\)](#)

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

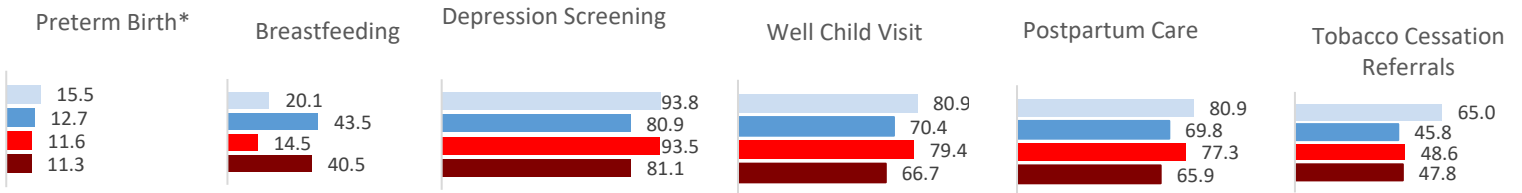
[Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters \(HIPPIY\)](#)

[Following Baby Back Home \(Promising Approach\)](#)

¹ 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.

Arkansas MIECHV Performance Measurement Data Compared to MIECHV Averages²

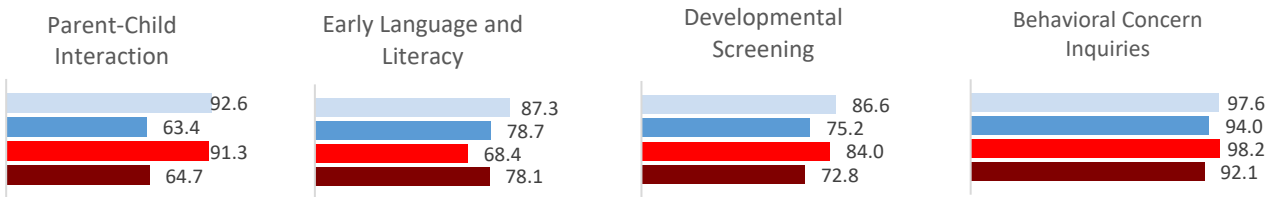
Benchmark Area 1 – Maternal and Newborn Health Outcomes



Benchmark Area 2 – Child Injuries, Abuse, Neglect, and Maltreatment and Emergency Department Visits

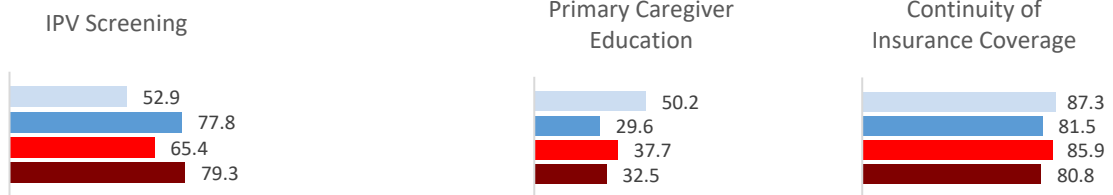


Benchmark Area 3 – School Readiness and Achievement

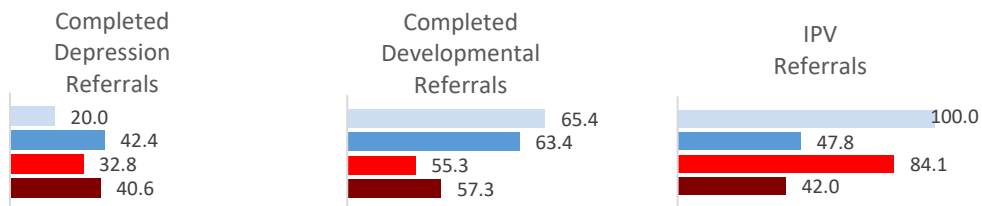


Benchmark Area 4 – Crime or Domestic Violence

Benchmark Area 5 – Family Economic Self-Sufficiency



Benchmark Area 6 – Coordination and Referrals for Other Community Resources and Supports



■ Arkansas MIECHV (FY 2022) ■ Arkansas MIECHV Rolling Average (FY 2019- FY 2021)
■ MIECHV National Average (FY 2022) ■ MIECHV National Rolling Average (FY 2019- FY 2021)

² Comparison to a three-year average minimizes the effects of outliers or potential data reporting issues specific to one year.
 * Direction for improvement in performance is downwards. **Child Injury reported as a rate