Colorado’s MIECHV Program FY 2021

HRSA’s Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program supports the Colorado 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.

**Colorado MIECHV Program At-a-Glance**

- **Rural counties:** Alamosa, Clear Creek, Costilla, Crowley, Gilpin, Morgan, Otero, Saguache
- **Non-rural counties:** Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Jefferson, Mesa, Pueblo, Weld

- **Participants:** 3,539
- **Households:** 1,714
- **Home Visits:** 23,181

Colorado Prioritizes Community Needs

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

- 69.2% of households were low income
- 6.0% of households included a pregnant enrollee under age 21

Colorado Performance Highlights

MIECHV Program awardees track and report improvements in MIECHV benchmark areas every three years. In the most recent assessment following FY 2020, the Colorado MIECHV program successfully met the requirements for demonstration of improvement by improving in all 6 MIECHV benchmark areas.

**FY 2021 Performance Highlights Include:**

- **Postpartum Care:** 89.4% of mothers enrolled in home visiting received a postpartum visit with a healthcare provider within 8 weeks of delivery. Many maternal deaths occur in the postpartum period and are considered preventable with appropriate follow-up care – the CDC has found that 66 percent of postpartum deaths are preventable.
- **Colorado MIECHV Expansion:** In June 2021, Colorado held its five-year site solicitation. Based on findings in the 2020 needs assessment, applicants could include service in 22 counties (formerly 15). The solicitation resulted in awards to 16 agencies serving 19 counties.
Colorado MIECHV Performance Measurement Data Compared to MIECHV Averages

Benchmark Area 1 – Maternal and Newborn Health Outcomes

- Preterm Birth
  - Benchmark Area 1
  - Maternal and Newborn Health Outcomes
  - Preterm Birth: 12.4, 11.3, 8.1, 11.3

- Breastfeeding
  - Benchmark Area 1
  - Maternal and Newborn Health Outcomes
  - Breastfeeding: 39.0, 41.4, 48.0, 40.3

- Depression Screening
  - Benchmark Area 1
  - Maternal and Newborn Health Outcomes
  - Depression Screening: 76.3, 81.0, 83.2, 80.3

- Well Child Visit
  - Benchmark Area 1
  - Maternal and Newborn Health Outcomes
  - Well Child Visit: 75.2, 68.3, 73.0, 66.0

- Postpartum Care
  - Benchmark Area 1
  - Maternal and Newborn Health Outcomes
  - Postpartum Care: 89.4, 66.4, 87.5, 65.9

- Tobacco Cessation Referrals
  - Benchmark Area 1
  - Maternal and Newborn Health Outcomes
  - Tobacco Cessation Referrals: 57.6, 47.7, 62.8, 50.2

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

- Safe Sleep
  - Benchmark Area 2
  - Child Injuries, Abuse, Neglect, and Maltreatment and Emergency Department Visits
  - Safe Sleep: 41.4, 64.1, 32.0, 56.9

- Child Injury
  - Benchmark Area 2
  - Child Injuries, Abuse, Neglect, and Maltreatment and Emergency Department Visits
  - Child Injury: 0.02, 0.03, 0.02, 0.04

- Child Maltreatment
  - Benchmark Area 2
  - Child Injuries, Abuse, Neglect, and Maltreatment and Emergency Department Visits
  - Child Maltreatment: 6.0, 7.4, 1.9, 6.0

Benchmark Area 3 – School Readiness and Achievement

- Parent-Child Interaction
  - Benchmark Area 3
  - School Readiness and Achievement
  - Parent-Child Interaction: 67.2, 60.8, 75.4, 65.2

- Early Language and Literacy
  - Benchmark Area 3
  - School Readiness and Achievement
  - Early Language and Literacy: 72.0, 79.5, 62.1, 74.8

- Developmental Screening
  - Benchmark Area 3
  - School Readiness and Achievement
  - Developmental Screening: 73.8, 73.5, 72.9

- Behavioral Concern Inquiries
  - Benchmark Area 3
  - School Readiness and Achievement
  - Behavioral Concern Inquiries: 92.6, 92.9, 91.7

Benchmark Area 4 – Crime or Domestic Violence

- IPV Screening
  - Benchmark Area 4
  - Crime or Domestic Violence
  - IPV Screening: 72.5, 75.8, 85.1, 81.3

Benchmark Area 5 – Family Economic Self-Sufficiency

- Primary Caregiver Education
  - Benchmark Area 5
  - Family Economic Self-Sufficiency
  - Primary Caregiver Education: 26.8, 29.9, 27.6, 32.4

- Continuity of Insurance Coverage
  - Benchmark Area 5
  - Family Economic Self-Sufficiency
  - Continuity of Insurance Coverage: 82.4, 83.7, 79.2, 78.7

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

- Completed Depression Referrals
  - Benchmark Area 6
  - Coordination and Referrals for Other Community Resources and Supports
  - Completed Depression Referrals: 15.5, 36.2, 38.9, 41.2

- Completed Developmental Referrals
  - Benchmark Area 6
  - Coordination and Referrals for Other Community Resources and Supports
  - Completed Developmental Referrals: 23.8, 56.4, 34.0, 56.4

- IPV Referrals
  - Benchmark Area 6
  - Coordination and Referrals for Other Community Resources and Supports
  - IPV Referrals: 64.7, 41.9, 43.8, 44.1

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1 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.