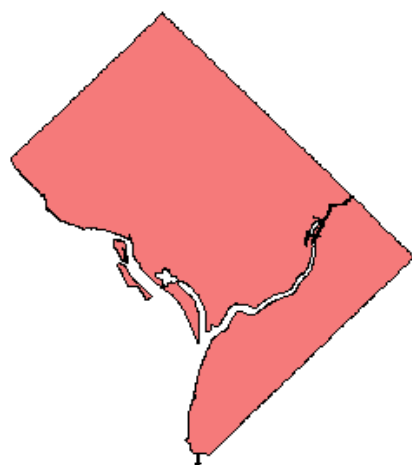


HRSA's Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program

supports the [District of Columbia 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.

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in District of Columbia: [Healthy Families America \(HFA\)](#), [Parents as Teachers \(PAT\)](#)

District of Columbia MIECHV Program At-a-Glance



■ Rural Counties²:

None

■ Non-Rural Counties²:

District Of Columbia

Participants

219

Households

93

Home Visits

1,393

District of Columbia Prioritizes Community Needs

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

- **94.6%** of households were at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines and **77.4%** were at or below 100% of those guidelines.
- **0%** of households included a pregnant enrollee under age 21

District of Columbia 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 District of Columbia MIECHV program successfully met the requirements for demonstration of improvement by improving in 5 of the 6 [benchmark areas](#).

FY 2023 Performance Highlights Include:

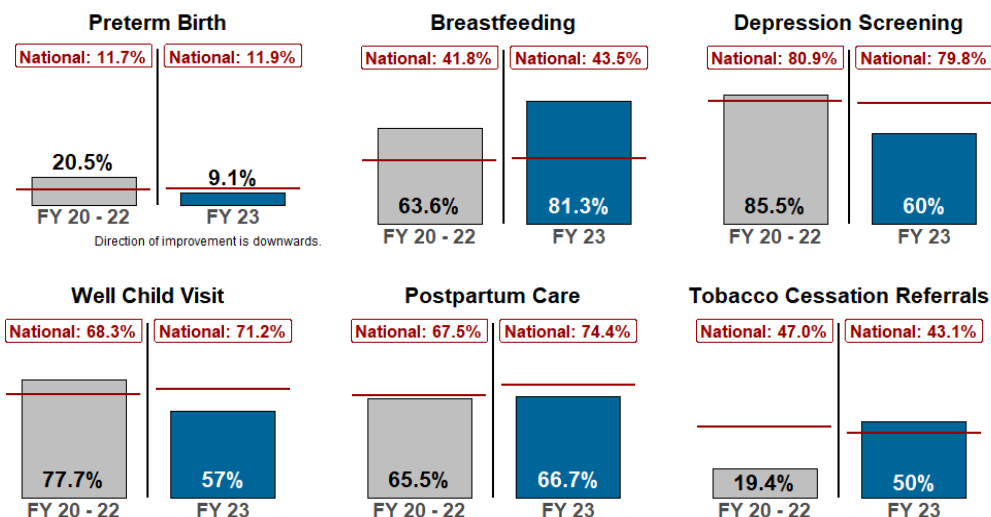
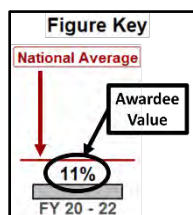
- **Breastfeeding:** 81.3% of infants enrolled in home visiting aged 6-12 months (among mothers who enrolled in home visiting prenatally) were breastfed any amount at 6 months of age. Breast milk is the best source of nutrition for most infants and breastfeeding can help protect the infant and mother against certain illnesses and long-term diseases.
- **Early Language and Literacy Activities:** 94.4% 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.

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.

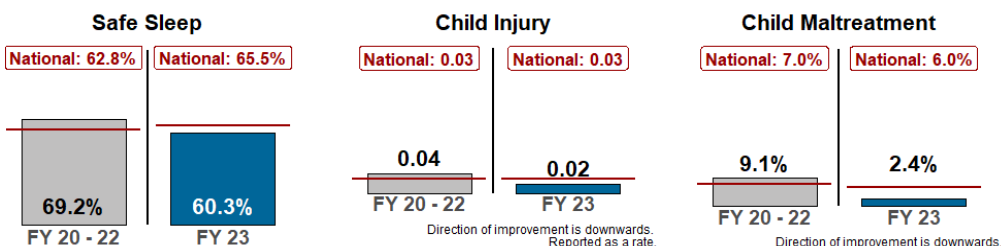
² These counties were served by MIECHV formula funds, ARP funds, or both.

District of Columbia MIECHV Performance Data Compared to National MIECHV Averages

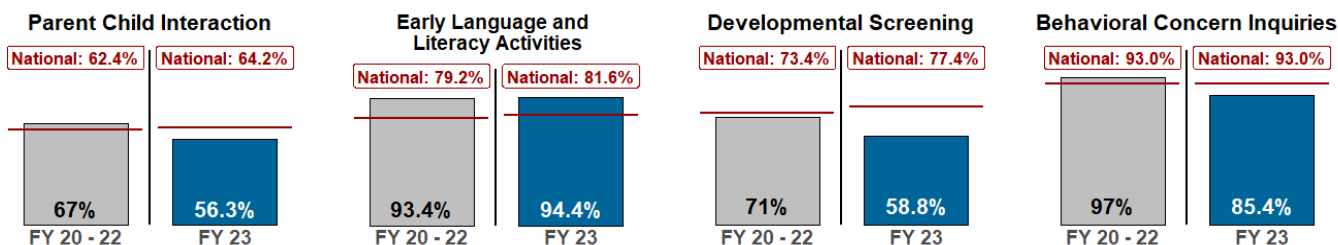
Benchmark Area 1: Maternal and Newborn Health Outcomes



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

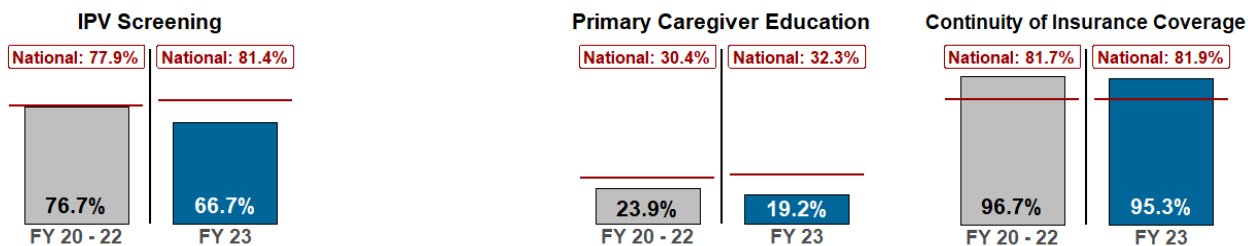


Benchmark Area 3: School Readiness and Achievement



Benchmark Area 4: Crime or Domestic Violence

Benchmark Area 5: Family Economic Self Sufficiency



Benchmark Area 6: Coordination and Referrals

