Guam MIECHV Program FY 2023



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

supports the <u>Guam Home Visiting Program</u> 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 Guam: Healthy Families America (HFA)

Guam MIECHV Program At-a-Glance



Guam Prioritizes Community Needs

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

- **98.9**% of households were at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines and **50.2**% were at or below 100% of those guidelines.
- 5.5% of households included a pregnant enrollee under age 21

Guam 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 Guam MIECHV program successfully met the requirements for demonstration of improvement by improving in 5 of the 6 benchmark areas.

FY 2023 Performance Highlights Include:

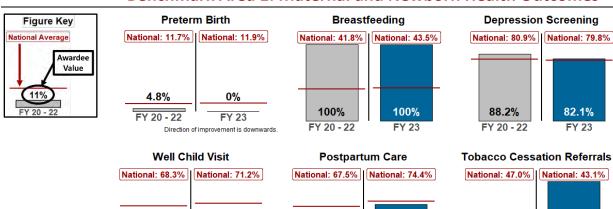
- Expanding Access and Partnerships: Guam's MIECHV Program became a member of the Advisory Board for the Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Grant newly awarded to the Department of Public Health and Social Services. Guam MIECHV has also increased local partnership with the Guam Behavior Health & Wellness Center.
- **Early Language and Literacy Activities**: 95.3% 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.

¹HRSA awarded ARP (<u>American Rescue Plan Act</u>) 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.

Guam MIECHV Performance Data Compared to National MIECHV Averages

Benchmark Area 1: Maternal and Newborn Health Outcomes



48.2%

FY 20 - 22

41.9%

FY 23

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

70%

0%

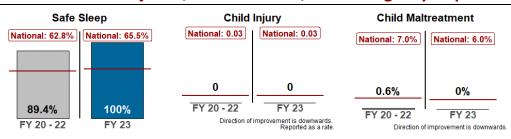
FY 20 - 22

100%

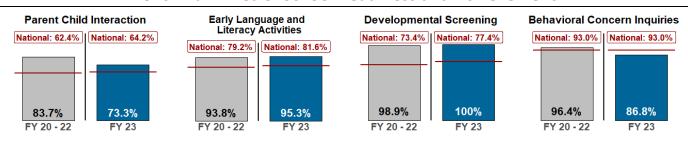
FY 23

49.9%

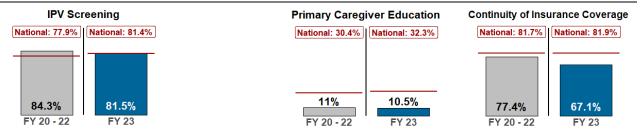
FY 20 - 22



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

