

# Illinois MIECHV Program FY 2022

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

supports the [Illinois 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>.

### Illinois MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

#### Rural counties by Funding Source:

■ MIECHV: De Witt, Piatt, Stephenson

#### Non-rural counties by Funding Source:

■ MIECHV: Cook, DeKalb, Kane, Kankakee, Lake, Macon, McLean, Peoria, St. Clair, Vermillion, Woodford, Winnebago



**Participants**

**2,499**

**Households**

**1,139**

**Home Visits**

**14,090**

### Illinois Prioritizes Community Needs

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

- **81.9%** of households were at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
- **4.7%** of households included a pregnant enrollee under age 21

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

Evidence-Based  
Home Visiting  
Models in Illinois:

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

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

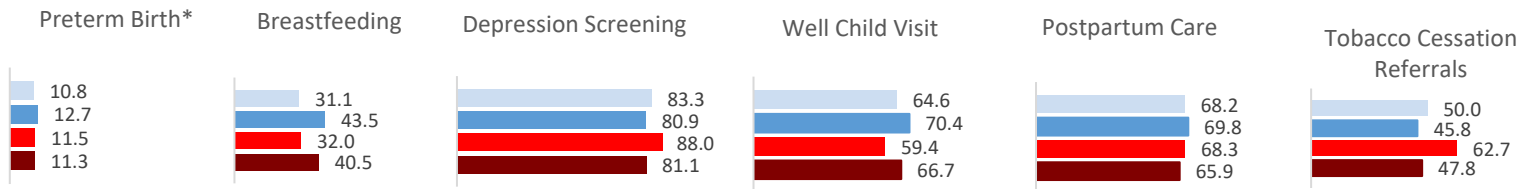
#### FY 2022 Performance Highlights Include:

- **Early Language and Literacy Activities:** 93.3% 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.
- **Breastfeeding Equity:** Illinois MIECHV and the Illinois Public Health Institute launched “Delivering Chest/Breastfeeding Equity in Home Visiting” learning collaborative. 16 home visitors will be trained as Certified Lactation Counselors/Specialists and explore making sustainable policy and process changes to support breastfeeding.

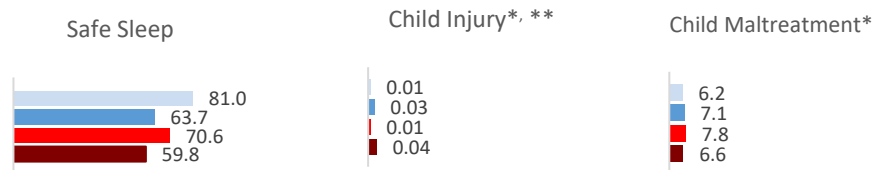
<sup>1</sup> HRSA awarded ARP ([American Rescue Plan Act](#)) funds to current MIECHV awardees to address the needs of families in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Illinois MIECHV Performance Measurement Data Compared to MIECHV Averages<sup>2</sup>

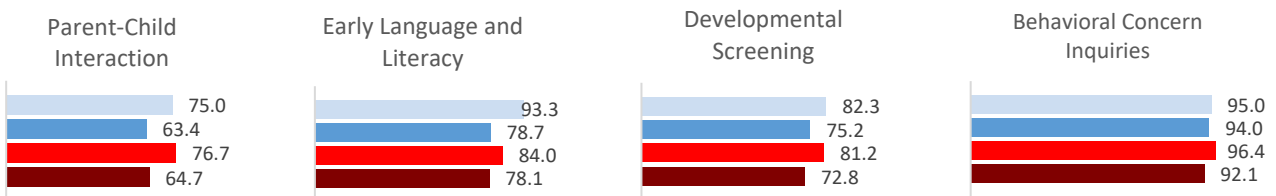
## Benchmark Area 1 – Maternal and Newborn Health Outcomes



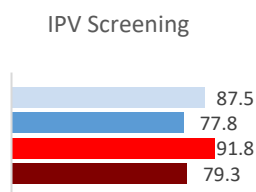
## Benchmark Area 2 – Child Injuries, Abuse, Neglect, and Maltreatment and Emergency Department Visits



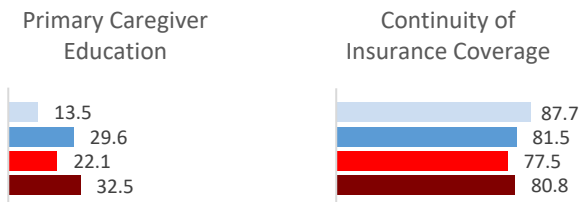
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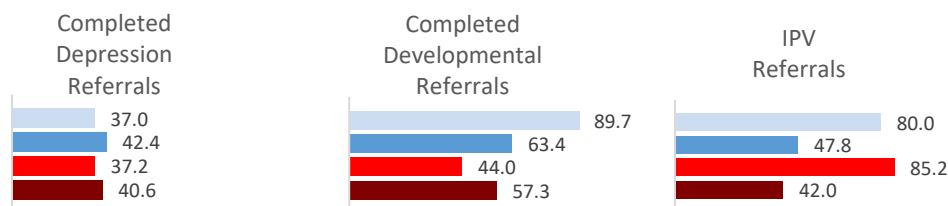
## Benchmark Area 4 – Crime or Domestic Violence



## Benchmark Area 5 – Family Economic Self-Sufficiency



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



<sup>2</sup> 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