

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) MIECHV Program FY 2022

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

supports the <u>CNMI 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.

Rural counties by Funding Source: MIECHV: Rota, Saipan, Tinian Non-rural counties by Funding Source: None Households 155 Home Visits 1,958

CNMI Prioritizes Community Needs

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

- 92.4% of households were at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
- 14.8% of households included a pregnant enrollee under age 21

CNMI 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 CNMI 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:

- **Developmental Screening:** 93.5% of children enrolled in home visiting had a timely screening for developmental delays. Early identification, referral to necessary supports and services, and follow-up has been shown to improve the developmental trajectories of children with developmental delays or disability.
- Early Language and Literacy Activities: 96.7% 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.

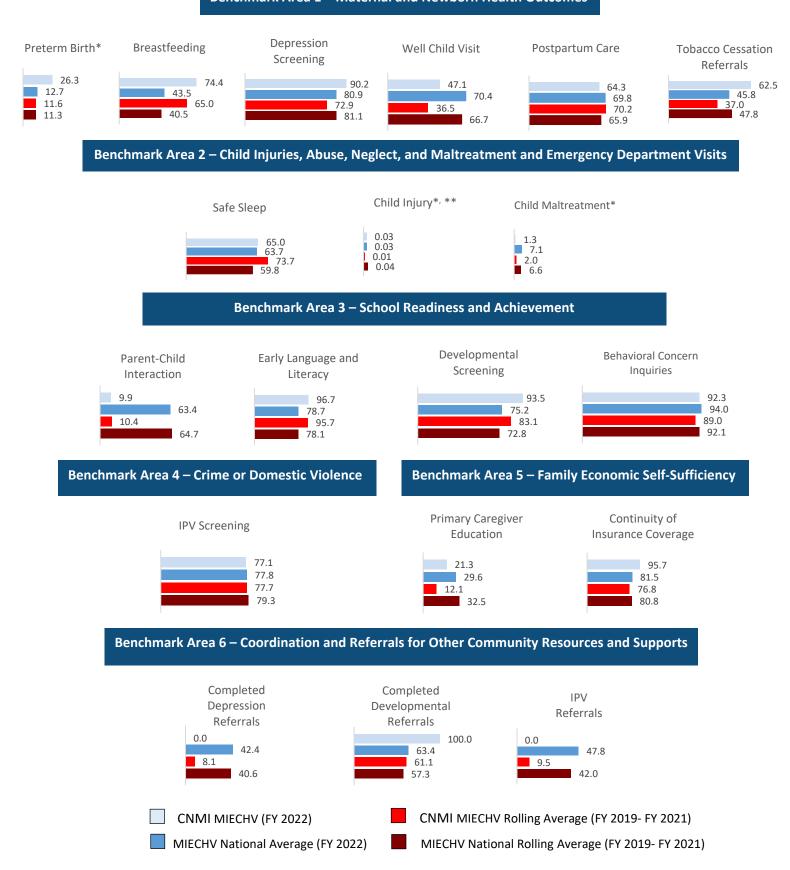
Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in CNMI

Healthy Families
American (HFA)

¹ HRSA awarded ARP (American Resue Plan Act) funds to current MIECHV awardees to address the needs of families in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

CNMI MIECHV Performance Measurement Data Compared to MIECHV Averages²

Benchmark Area 1 – Maternal and Newborn Health Outcomes



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