

# Puerto Rico MIECHV Program FY 2022

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

supports the [Puerto Rico 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>.

### Puerto Rico MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

#### Rural counties by Funding Source:

■ MIECHV: Adjuntas, Jayuya

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

■ MIECHV: Barranquitas, Maunabo, Orocovi, Patillas



**Participants**

**194**

**Households**

**105**

**Home Visits**

**1,675**

## Puerto Rico Prioritizes Community Needs

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

- **87.2%** of households were at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
- **13.3%** of households included a pregnant enrollee under age 21

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

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Puerto Rico

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

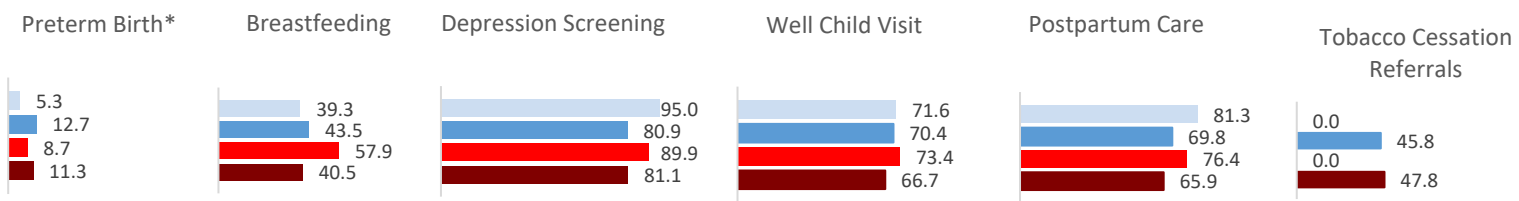
### FY 2022 Performance Highlights Include:

- **Depression Screening:** 95.0 %of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for depression within 3 months of enrollment or within 3 months of delivery. Research shows that postpartum depression can be associated with a number of adverse outcomes for both the mother and infant, such as poor parent-child bonding, negative parenting approaches, and increased risk of developmental, health, and safety concerns for the child.
- **Collaboration:** PR MIECHV managed an agreement with the Puerto Rico Department of Family to obtain the data needed to report the performance measure of child maltreatment of the Annual Performance Report.

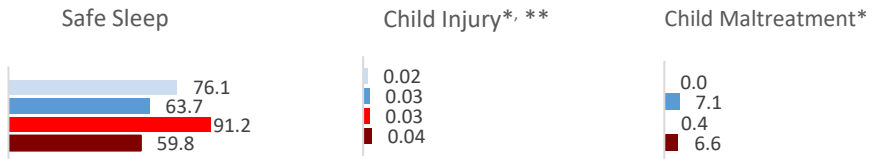
<sup>1</sup> HRSA awarded ARP [American Rescue Plan Act](#) funds to current MIECHV awardees to address the needs of families in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

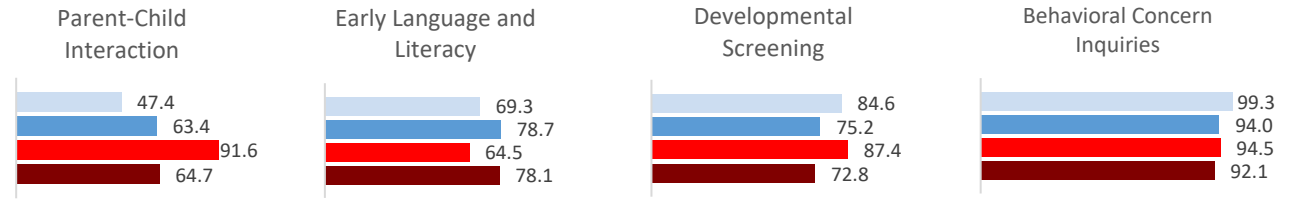
## Benchmark Area 1 – Maternal and Newborn Health Outcomes



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

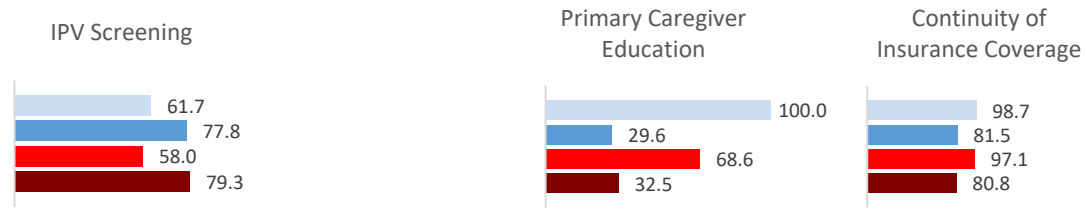


## Benchmark Area 3 – School Readiness and Achievement

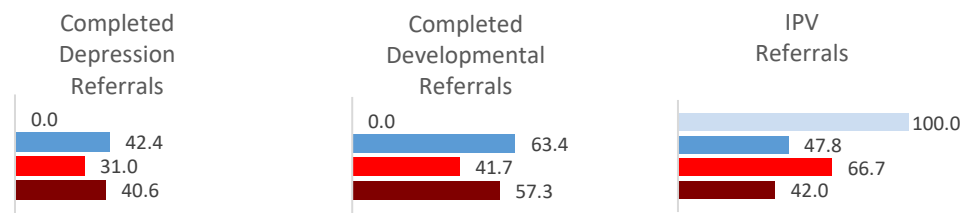


## Benchmark Area 4 – Crime or Domestic Violence

## Benchmark Area 5 – Family Economic Self-Sufficiency



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



Puerto Rico MIECHV (FY 2022)
  MIECHV National Average (FY 2022)
  Puerto Rico MIECHV Rolling Average (FY 2019- FY 2021)
  MIECHV National Rolling Average (FY 2019- FY 2021)

<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