

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

supports the [U.S. Virgin Islands 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>.

**Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in U.S. Virgin Islands:** [Healthy Families America \(HFA\)](#), [Nurse-Family Partnership \(NFP\)](#)

## U.S. Virgin Islands MIECHV Program At-a-Glance



### Rural Counties<sup>2</sup>:

St. Croix, St. John, St. Thomas

### Non-Rural Counties<sup>2</sup>:

None



### Participants

114

### Households

60

### Home Visits

399

## U.S. Virgin Islands Prioritizes Community Needs

MIECHV Program awardees tailor their programs to serve populations of need within their state. In U.S. Virgin Islands:

- **100%** of households were at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines and **79.5%** were at or below 100% of those guidelines.
- **11.7%** of households included a pregnant enrollee under age 21

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

### FY 2023 Performance Highlights Include:

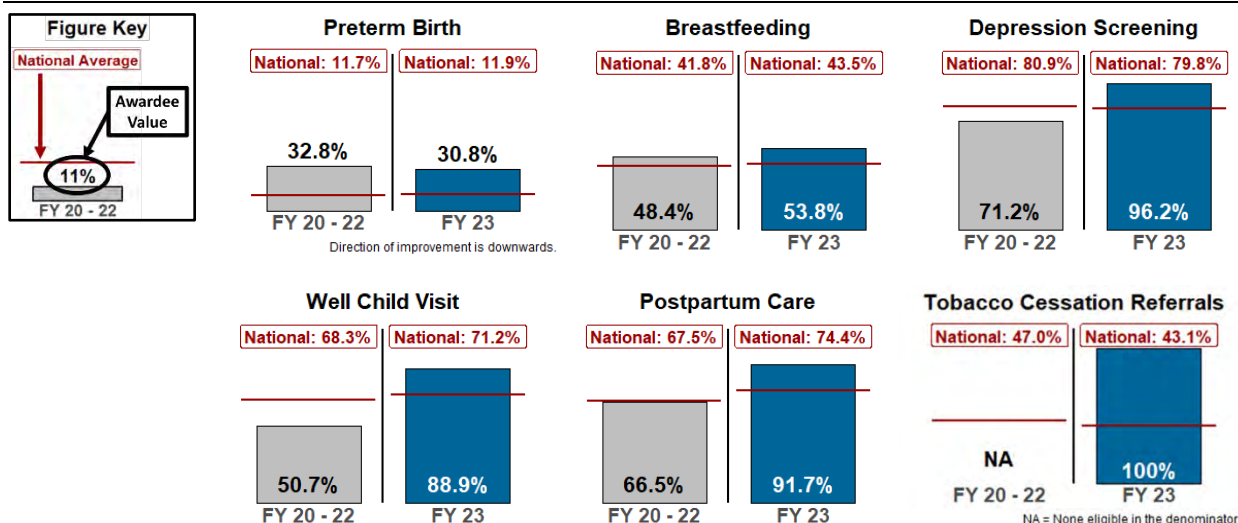
- **Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Screening:** 100% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for IPV within 6 months of enrollment. IPV is associated with adverse physical and mental health outcomes. Children exposed to IPV are at a higher risk of abuse and neglect and may be more likely to experience certain health and behavioral problems, such as elevated blood pressure, sleep issues, anxiety, and depression.
- **Postpartum Care:** 91.7% of mothers enrolled in home visiting received a postpartum visit with a healthcare provider within 8 weeks of delivery. Many maternal deaths occur in the postpartum period and are considered preventable with appropriate follow-up care – the CDC has found that 66 percent of postpartum deaths are preventable.

<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.

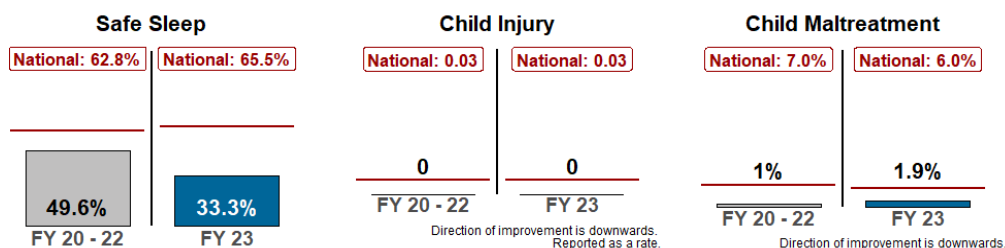
<sup>2</sup> These counties were served by MIECHV formula funds, ARP funds, or both.

# U.S. Virgin Islands MIECHV Performance Data Compared to National MIECHV Averages

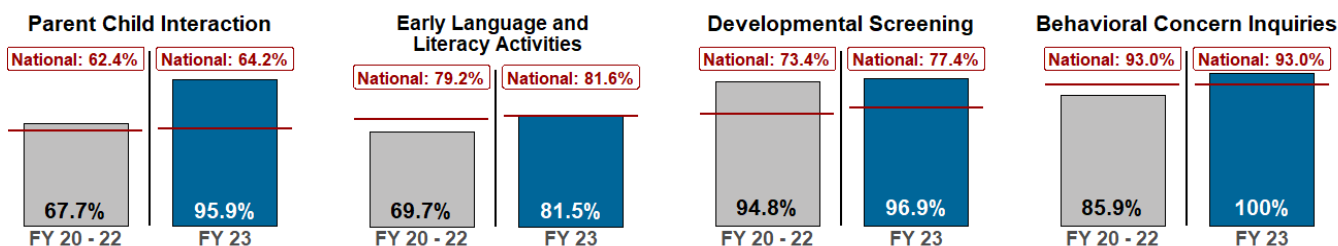
## Benchmark Area 1: Maternal and Newborn Health Outcomes



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

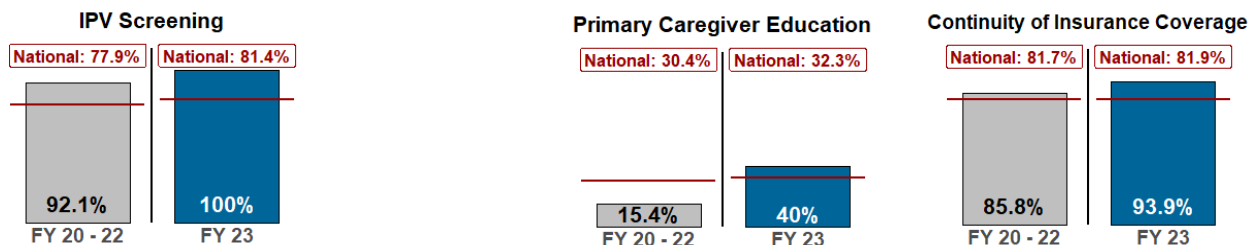


## Benchmark Area 3: School Readiness and Achievement



## Benchmark Area 4: Crime or Domestic Violence

## Benchmark Area 5: Family Economic Self Sufficiency



## Benchmark Area 6: Coordination and Referrals

