

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

- Supports the [Arkansas Home Visiting Program](#) and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting programs for at-risk pregnant women and families with children through kindergarten entry
- Builds upon decades of scientific research showing that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of a child's life helps prevent child abuse and neglect, supports positive parenting, improves maternal and child health, and promotes child development and school readiness

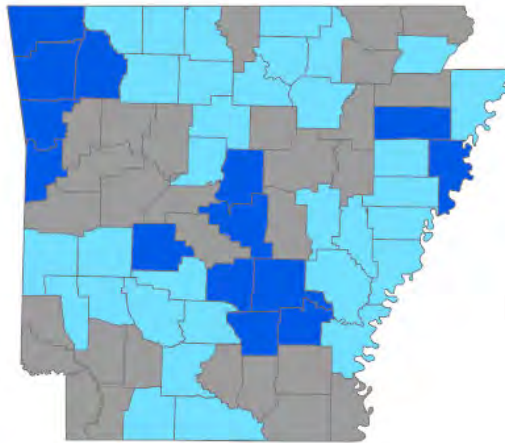
Arkansas MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

Rural counties:

Arkansas, Boone, Carroll, Clark, Columbia, Conway, Cross, Dallas, Desha, Fulton, Greene, Hot Spring, Howard, Independence, Izard, Lee, Marion, Mississippi, Monroe, Montgomery, Newton, Ouachita, Phillips, Pike, Polk, Prairie, Searcy, Sharp, St. Francis, Stone, Union, Van Buren

Non-rural counties:

Benton, Cleveland, Crawford, Crittenden, Faulkner, Garland, Grant, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison, Poinsett, Pulaski, Sebastian, Washington



Participants

4,951

Households

2,444

Home Visits

32,294

Arkansas Serves a High-Risk Population

MIECHV Program awardees serve high-risk populations. Awardees tailor their programs to serve populations of need within their state.

- 80.8% of households were low income
- 34.9% of households included someone with low student achievement
- 31.3% of households included a child with developmental delays or disabilities

Arkansas Performance Highlights

- **Behavioral Concern Inquiries:** Caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning in 98.1% of postpartum home visits
- **Parent-Child Interaction:** 86.0% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting received an observation of caregiver-child interaction by the home visitor using a validated tool
- **Increased Breastfeeding Initiation Rates:** Arkansas's Nurse-Family Partnership program conducted a continuous quality improvement project focused on increasing breastfeeding initiation rates. The result was a 19% increase in initiation rates compared to baseline

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Arkansas

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

[Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters \(HIPPI\)](#)

[Nurse-Family Partnership \(NFP\)](#)

[Following Baby Back Home \(Promising Approach\)](#)

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