Iowa’s MIECHV Program FY 2018

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

- Supports the Iowa 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

Iowa MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

- **Rural counties:** Appanoose County, Cerro Gordo County, Clinton County, Des Moines County, Lee County, Montgomerry County, Muscatine County, Page County, Wapello County
- **Non-rural counties:** Black Hawk County, Pottawattamie County, Scott County, Woodbury County

Participants: 1,861
Households: 954
Home Visits: 14,347

Iowa Serves a High-Risk Population

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

- 64.3% of households were low income
- 28.4% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home
- 25.4% of households reported a history of substance abuse

Iowa Performance Highlights

- **Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Screening:** 94.6% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for IPV within 6 months of enrollment
- **Well Child Visits:** 89.1% of children enrolled in home visiting received their last recommended well child visit based on the American Academy of Pediatrics schedule
- **Performance Incentive Program:** Implemented a financial incentive program for home visitors who meet performance targets. Approximately $45,000 was paid in incentives, and home visitor attrition has decreased to 5% statewide. Reducing attrition makes this a very cost-effective program

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Iowa

- Early Head Start-Home-Based Options
- Healthy Families America (HFA)
- Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)
- Parents as Teachers (PAT)