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

- Supports the Illinois 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.

**Illinois MIECHV Program At-a-Glance**

| Rural counties: Stephenson | Participants 1,644 |
| Non-rural counties: Cook, DeKalb, Kane, Kankakee, Macon, McLean, Peoria, St. Clair, Tazewell, Vermilion, Winnebago | Households 800 |
| Home Visits 9,827 |

**Illinois Serves a High-Risk Population**

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

- 86.1% of households were low income
- 26.4% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home
- 20.2% of households included someone with low student achievement

**Illinois Performance Highlights**

- **Behavioral Concern Inquiries:** Caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child’s development, behavior, or learning in 96.4% of postpartum home visits.
- **Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Screening:** 93.0% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for IPV within 6 months of enrollment.
- **Safe Sleep Training and Materials:** Partnered with SIDS of Illinois to provide comprehensive training on safe sleep to home visitors across Illinois and to distribute safe sleep materials, including portable cribs, sleep sacks, pacifiers and information in Spanish and English, to eligible families in need.

**Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Illinois**

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