Massachusetts’ MIECHV Program FY 2018

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

- Supports the Massachusetts 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

Massachusetts MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

- Rural counties: None
- Non-rural counties: Berkshire, Bristol, Essex, Hampden, Middlesex, Plymouth, Suffolk, Worcester

Participants 4,065
Households 2,114
Home Visits 26,111

Massachusetts Serves a High-Risk Population

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

- 38.9% of households included pregnant teens
- 19.8% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home
- 11.0% of households reported a history of substance abuse

Massachusetts Performance Highlights

- Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Screening: 82.9% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for IPV within 6 months of enrollment
- Depression Screening: 82.5% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for depression within 3 months of enrollment or within 3 months of delivery
- Welcome Family Learning Collaborative: The Welcome Family Learning Collaborative supports implementation of the MA MIECHV Welcome Family universal one-time nurse home visiting program for families with newborns. As a result of the Learning Collaborative’s support of continuous quality improvement, over the course of a year the program saw increases in the percent of completed referrals to MIECHV evidence-based home visiting programs, and increases in families connected to services after the initial visit

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Massachusetts

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