

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

- Supports the [Mississippi 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

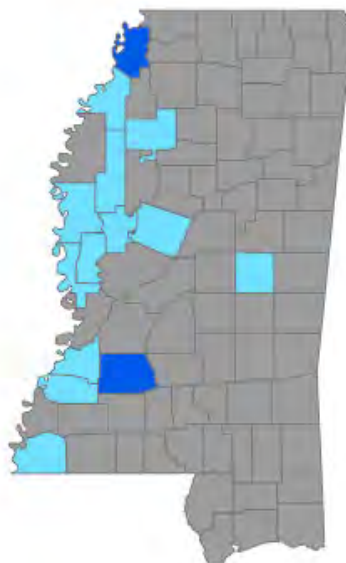
Mississippi MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

Rural counties:

Claiborne, Coahoma, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Jefferson, Neshoba, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Washington, Wilkinson

Non-rural counties:

Copiah, Tunica



Participants

1,386

Households

671

Home Visits

8,799

Mississippi Serves a High-Risk Population

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

- 91.7% of households were low income
- 11.8% of households reported a history of child abuse or maltreatment
- 10.6% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Mississippi

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

Mississippi Performance Highlights

- **Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Screening:** 100% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for IPV within 6 months of enrollment
- **Behavioral Concern Inquiries:** Caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning in 99.5% of postpartum home visits
- **Breastfeeding Initiative:** Launched an initiative to increase breastfeeding among mothers in the program. Mothers that breastfed any amount at 6 months of age increased from 3% in the previous year to 13.5%