Pennsylvania’s MIECHV Program FY 2018

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

- Supports the Pennsylvania 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

Pennsylvania MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

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<th>Rural counties:</th>
<th>Participants</th>
<th>6,232</th>
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<td>Bradford, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Crawford, Elk, Forest, Green, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mifflin, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, Union, Venango</td>
<td>Households</td>
<td>3,096</td>
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<td>Non-rural counties:</td>
<td>Home Visits</td>
<td>35,645</td>
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Pennsylvania Serves a High-Risk Population

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

- 8.0% of households included pregnant teens
- 50.1% of households were low income
- 16.8% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home

Pennsylvania Performance Highlights

- **Behavioral Concern Inquiries:** Primary caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning in 93.2% of postpartum home visits
- **Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Screening:** 76.4% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for IPV within 6 months of enrollment
- **Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Training:** Partnered with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence to provide an innovative statewide training series to ensure that all home visitors receive advanced training in screening for IPV and providing appropriate referrals and support

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Pennsylvania

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