Puerto Rico’s MIECHV Program FY 2018

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

- Supports the Puerto Rico 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

Puerto Rico MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

- Rural counties: Jayuya
- Non-rural counties: Barranquitas, Maunabo, Orocovis, Patillas

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<th>Participants</th>
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Puerto Rico Serves a High-Risk Population

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

- 26.4% of households included pregnant teens
- 13.2% of households reported a history of child abuse or maltreatment
- 9.1% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home

Puerto Rico Performance Highlights

- Parent-Child Interaction: 100% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting received an observation of caregiver-child interaction by the home visitor using a validated tool
- Safe Sleep: 96.0% of infants enrolled in home visiting were always placed to sleep on their backs, without bed-sharing or soft bedding

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Puerto Rico

Healthy Families America (HFA)