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

- Supports the Rhode Island 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

Rhode Island MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

- Rural counties: None
- Non-rural counties: Bristol, Kent, Newport, Providence, Washington

Rhode Island Serves a High-Risk Population

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

- 80.4% of households were low income
- 31.7% of households included someone with low student achievement
- 23.1% of households reported a history of child abuse or maltreatment

Rhode Island Performance Highlights

- Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Screening: 92.3% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for IPV within 6 months of enrollment
- Depression Screening: 89.0% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for depression within 3 months of enrollment or within 3 months of delivery
- Safe Sleep Training: Family Visiting partnered with Rhode Island Department of Health’s new Safe Sleep Coordinator and Medical Director to develop and deliver a comprehensive training on safe sleep for all family visitors in Rhode Island

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Rhode Island

- Healthy Families America (HFA)
- Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)
- Parents as Teachers (PAT)