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

- Supports the South Carolina 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

South Carolina MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

- Rural counties:
  - Abbeville, Allendale, Barnwell, Chesterfield, Colleton, Dillon, Georgetown, Greenwood, Hampton, Marlboro, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Williamsburg
- Non-rural counties:

Participants: 2,310
Households: 1,242
Home Visits: 13,816

South Carolina Serves a High-Risk Population

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

- 72.7% of households were low income
- 15.8% of households reported a history of substance abuse
- 14.4% of households reported a history of child abuse or maltreatment

South Carolina Performance Highlights

- **Behavioral Concern Inquiries:** Primary caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child’s development, behavior, or learning in 99.9% of postpartum home visits
- **Parent-Child Interaction:** 91.9% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting received an observation of caregiver-child interaction by the home visitor using a validated tool
- **Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Webinar Series:** Partnered with the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition to offer a series or webinars for home visitors on the dynamics of intimate partner violence, screening for IPV, and providing appropriate referrals and support to clients