Virgin Islands’ MIECHV Program FY 2018

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

- Supports the Virgin Islands 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

Virgin Islands MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

- Rural counties: St. Croix, St. Thomas
- Non-rural counties: None

Participants

- 109

Households

- 60

Home Visits

- 601

Virgin Islands Serves a High-Risk Population

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

- 98.2% of households were low income
- 11.7% of households included someone with low student achievement
- 10.0% of households included pregnant teens

Virgin Islands Performance Highlights

- Parent-Child Interaction: 98.0% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting received an observation of caregiver-child interaction by the home visitor using a validated tool
- Continuity of Insurance Coverage: 95.1% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting had continuous health insurance coverage for at least 6 consecutive months

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Virgin Islands

- Healthy Families America (HFA)
- Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)