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

- Supports the West Virginia 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

**West Virginia MIECHV Program At-a-Glance**

Rural counties:
- Barbour, Braxton, Calhoun, Doddridge, Grant, Greenbrier, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Lewis, Logan, Marion, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pleasants, Pocahontas, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Webster, Wetzel, Wyoming

Non-rural counties:

Participants: 4,243
Households: 1,966
Home Visits: 19,026

**West Virginia Serves a High-Risk Population**

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

- 61.3% of households were low income
- 37.6% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home
- 18.2% of households included a child with developmental delays or disabilities

**West Virginia Performance Highlights**

- **Behavioral Concern Inquiries:** Primary caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child’s development, behavior, or learning in 95.5% of postpartum home visits
- **Depression Screening:** 87.8% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for depression within 3 months of enrollment or within 3 months of delivery
- **Facilitating Mental Health Referrals and Reducing Stigma:** WV is participating in the Home Visiting Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network focused on maternal depression, and starting small regional collaboratives across the state on maternal mental health. A Home Visiting Statewide Mental Health Coalition will be coordinating the smaller regional coalitions to link with resources/referrals for families

**Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in West Virginia**

- Early Head Start-Home-Based Options
- Healthy Families America (HFA)
- MIHOW (Promising Approach)
- Parents as Teachers (PAT)