Georgia’s MIECHV Program FY 2018

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

- Supports the Georgia 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

Georgia MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

- Rural counties: Crisp
- Non-rural counties: Bartow, Chatham, Clarke, DeKalb, Glynn, Houston, Lowndes, Muscogee, Richmond, Rockdale, Whitfield

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<th>Participants</th>
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Georgia Serves a High-Risk Population

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

- 70.5% of households were low income
- 14.1% of households included someone with low student achievement
- 10.7% of households included a child with developmental delays or disabilities

Georgia Performance Highlights

- **Behavioral Concern Inquiries:** Caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning in 100% of postpartum home visits
- **Early Language and Literacy Activities:** 94.8% of children enrolled in home visiting had a family member who read, told stories, and/or sang with them on a daily basis
- **Talk with Me Baby (TWMB):** TWMB is a collaboration of six leadership organizations, including the Georgia MIECHV awardee, working to educate caregivers and early childhood professionals on “language nutrition” and the importance of talking with their baby every day in an effort to close the word gap and support brain development. All home visiting staff were trained as TWMB coaches and are actively coaching families

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Georgia

- Early Head Start-Home-Based Options
- Healthy Families America (HFA)
- Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)
- Parents as Teachers (PAT)