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

- Supports the [Alabama Home Visiting Program](#) and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting programs for pregnant women and families with children through kindergarten entry living in communities at risk for poor maternal and child health outcomes
- 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

**Alabama MIECHV Program At-a-Glance**

- **Rural counties:** Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Chambers, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Conecuh, Coosa, Cullman, Dallas, De Kalb, Franklin, Greene, Lamar, Macon, Marengo, Marion, Marshall, Monroe, Perry, Randolph, Sumter, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Wilcox, Winston
- **Non-rural counties:** Autauga, Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Chilton, Colbert, Hale, Jefferson, Lauderdale, Lee, Lowndes, Mobile, Montgomery, Morgan, Pickens, Russell, Shelby, Tuscaloosa, Walker

**Participants**
- 3,948

**Households**
- 1,854

**Home Visits**
- 22,636

**Alabama Targets Community Needs**

MIECHV Program awardees serve populations in at-risk communities. Awardees tailor their programs to serve populations of need within their state. In Alabama:

- 69.3% of households were low income
- 12.9% of households included a child with developmental delays or disabilities
- 11.4% of households included a pregnant enrollee under age 21

**Alabama 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
- **Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Screening:** 97.9% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for IPV within 6 months of enrollment
- **Maternal Depression Education and Improved Access:** In partnership with HRSA-provided technical assistance, Alabama was able to educate and build capacity around maternal depression screenings and referrals. Introducing the Mothers and Babies curricula allowed parent educators to provide maternal depression services to caregivers during home visits