

The Positive Impact of

# Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) in Florida



MIECHV provides federal funds to states, territories, and tribal entities for voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services. Home visitors meet with parents one on one from pregnancy through their child's kindergarten entry to help lay the foundation for the health, education, development, and economic self-sufficiency of the entire family. Visits by caring, experienced professionals who provide families support and connections to needed resources and services can help families leverage their strengths so they can thrive.

Since 2013, MIECHV has been level-funded at \$400 million annually and pre-pandemic estimates showed MIECHV reached only 3-5% of eligible families nationwide. As MIECHV is set to expire on September 30, 2022, reauthorization offers Congress the opportunity to provide additional investments

that will enable home visiting programs to reach more families. The National Home Visiting Coalition, of which FFYF is a member, recommends a five-year reauthorization that would increase funding by \$200 million annually (reaching \$1.4 billion in FY2027); doubling the MIECHV tribal set-aside from 3% to 6% to reach more families in American Indian and Alaska Native communities; and continuing to allow virtual home visiting implemented with model fidelity as a service delivery option for families who choose it.

In FY21:

## \$9,216,996

was awarded to the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions, Inc.<sup>1</sup>

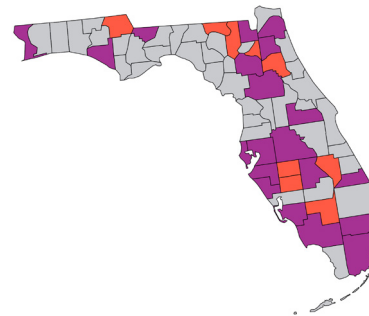
Within Florida, MIECHV provided/served:\*

## 2,790 families

## 37,242 home visits

## 2,445 children

### Florida MIECHV Program At-a-Glance



- Rural:** Bradford, Columbia, De Soto, Hamilton, Hardee, Hendry, Jackson, Okeechobee, Putnam
- Urban:** Alachua, Baker, Bay, Broward, Clay, Collier, Duval, Escambia, Gadsden, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Miami Dade, Orange, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota

Evidence-based models providing MIECHV-supported home visiting services in Florida include:<sup>^</sup>



Parents as Teachers

# Florida Performance Highlights:<sup>^</sup>



- ◆ **94.7%** of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for depression within 3 months of enrollment or within 3 months of delivery
- ◆ **92.2%** of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for intimate partner violence within 6 months of enrollment
- ◆ **Racial Equity Training:** Partnered with the Racial Equity Institute to provide a virtual, 3-hour “groundwater” training to home visiting staff and other partners – over 500 people were in attendance, making it the largest training ever provided by Florida MIECHV

## Family Needs<sup>^</sup>

States tailor their programs to meet community needs, with priority given to certain populations listed in the law.

### In Florida:

- ◆ **71.6%** of households were low income
- ◆ **19.8%** of households reported a history of child abuse or maltreatment

## Florida Families Receiving Home Visiting

### Race\*

- White (54%)
- Black (39%)
- Asian (1%)
- Multiple (5%)
- American Indian/Alaska Native (<1%)



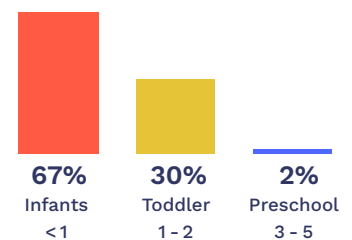
To protect confidentiality, race categories with less than 10 respondents have been omitted. Percentages may not add to 100%

### Ethnicity\*

**37%**

Hispanic or Latino

### Child's Age\*

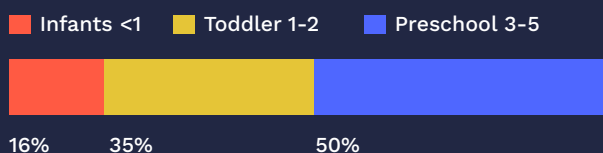


## Potential Beneficiaries:

In Florida, an estimated 982,900 families could benefit from home visiting with sufficient funding.\*

- ◆ **51%** of families met one or more priority criteria.
- ◆ **20%** of families met two or more priority criteria.

1,307,800 children could benefit from home visiting with sufficient funding.\*



The estimated percentage of families who could benefit in Florida met the following priority criteria:\*

