

The Positive Impact of

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



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:

## \$6,740,416

was awarded to the Georgia  
Department of Public Health<sup>1</sup>

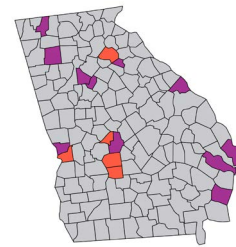
Within Georgia, MIECHV provided/  
served:<sup>\*</sup>

## 1,461 families

## 19,206 home visits

## 1,402 children

### Georgia MIECHV Program At-a-Glance



**Rural:** Chattahoochee, Crisp, Dooley, Jackson, Peach

**Urban:** Bartow, Chatham, Clarke, DeKalb, Glynn, Houston, Liberty, Muscogee, Richmond, Rockdale, Whitfield

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



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



- ◆ **96.6%** of children enrolled in home visiting had a family member who read, told stories, and/or sang with them on a daily basis
- ◆ **91.7%** of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for depression within 3 months of enrollment or within 3 months of delivery
- ◆ **Fatherhood Project:** Developed and implemented fatherhood engagement action plans with the focus of effectively including fathers in programs and services

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

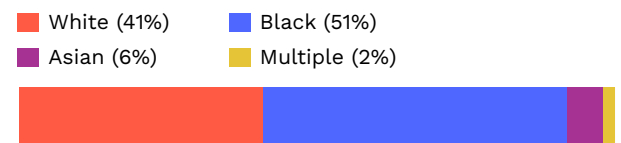
States tailor their programs to meet community needs, with priority given to certain populations listed in the law.

### In Georgia:

- ◆ **63.3%** of households were low income
- ◆ **9.6%** of households included a child with developmental delays or disabilities

## Georgia Families Receiving Home Visiting

### Race\*

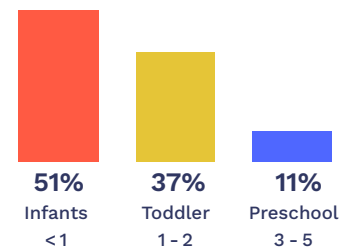


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### Ethnicity\*

**27%**  
Hispanic or Latino

### Child's Age\*

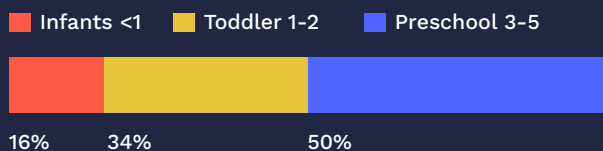


## Potential Beneficiaries:

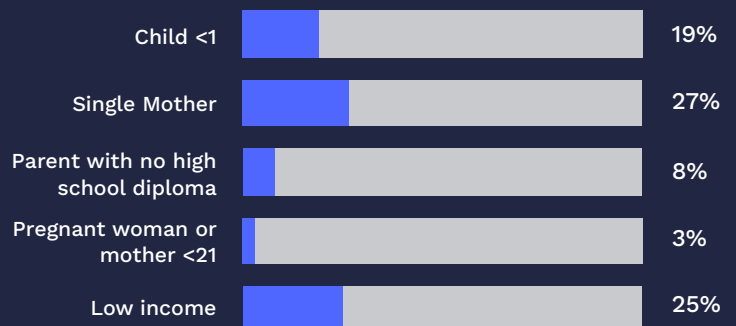
In Georgia, an estimated 594,100 families could benefit from home visiting with sufficient funding.\*

- ◆ **53%** of families met one or more priority criteria.
- ◆ **21%** of families met two or more priority criteria.

765,000 children could benefit from home visiting with sufficient funding.\*



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



References: National Home Visiting Resource Center (NHVRC) 2021 Yearbook, MIECHV State Data Tables (FY2020) (\*), HRSA Home Visiting Program Fact Sheets (\*)