

The Positive Impact of

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



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:

**\$10,381,042**

was awarded to the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals<sup>1</sup>

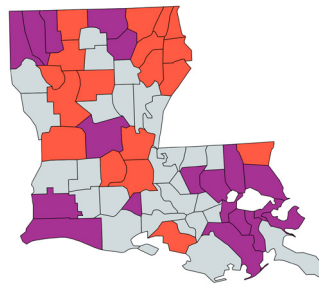
Within Louisiana, MIECHV provided/  
served:\*

**2,186 families**

**23,964 home visits**

**1,864 children**

## Louisiana MIECHV Program At-a-Glance



- Rural:** Avoyelles, Bienville, Claiborne, East Carroll, Evangeline, Franklin, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Red River, Richland, Saint Landry, Saint Mary, Tensas, Vernon, Washington, West Carroll, Winn
- Urban:** Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Ouachita, Rapides, Saint Bernard, Saint Charles, Saint Tammany, St John The Baptist, Tangipahoa, Union, Webster

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



References: National Home Visiting Resource Center (NHVRC) 2021 Yearbook, MIECHV State Data Tables (FY2020) (\*), HRSA Home Visiting Program Fact Sheets (\*), HRSA FY2021 Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Awards (†)

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



- ◆ **92.0%** of caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning in postpartum home visits
- ◆ **89.4%** of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for intimate partner violence within 6 months of enrollment
- ◆ **80.7%** of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for depression within 3 months of enrollment or within 3 months of delivery

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

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

### In Louisiana:

- ◆ **89.1%** of households were low income
- ◆ **17.7%** of households included a pregnant enrollee under age 21
- ◆ **8.0%** of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home

## Louisiana Families Receiving Home Visiting

### Race\*

- White (32%)
- Black (64%)
- Asian (<1%)
- Multiple (3%)

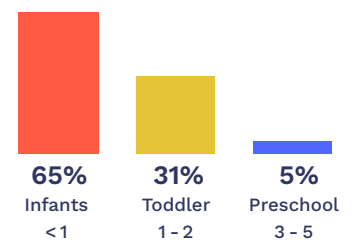


To protect confidentiality, race categories with less than 10 respondents have been omitted. Percentages may not add to 100%

### Ethnicity\*

**5%**  
Hispanic or Latino

### Child's Age\*

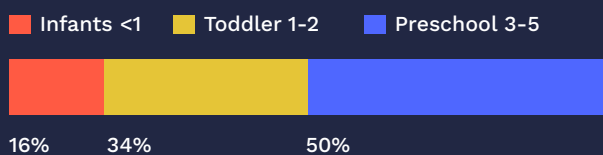


## Potential Beneficiaries:

In Louisiana, an estimated 264,900 families could benefit from home visiting with sufficient funding.\*

- ◆ **56%** of families met one or more priority criteria.
- ◆ **27%** of families met two or more priority criteria.

355,400 children could benefit from home visiting with sufficient funding.\*



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

