

The Positive Impact of

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

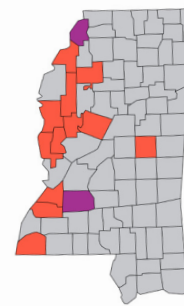


MIECHV provides federal funds to states, territories, and tribal entities for voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services. Home visitors meet with parents one on one from pregnancy through their child's kindergarten entry to help lay the foundation for the health, education, development, and economic 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.

## Mississippi MIECHV Program At-a-Glance



- Rural:** Claiborne, Coahoma, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Jefferson, Neshoba, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Washington, Wilkinson
- Urban:** Copiah, Tunica

In FY21:

# \$3,009,444

was awarded to the Mississippi Department of Human Services<sup>1</sup>

Within Mississippi, MIECHV provided/  
served:\*

# 676 families

# 11,238 home visits

# 652 children

Evidence-based models providing MIECHV-supported home visiting services in Mississippi include: ^



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



- ◆ **99.0%** of children enrolled in home visiting had a timely screen for developmental delays
- ◆ **98.0%** of children enrolled in home visiting had a family member who read, told stories, and/or sang with them on a daily basis
- ◆ **96.9%** of caregivers enrolled in home visiting had continuous health insurance coverage for at least 6 consecutive months

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

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

### In Mississippi:

- ◆ **91.7%** of households were low income
- ◆ **16.6%** of households reported a history of child abuse or maltreatment
- ◆ **7.4%** of households included a pregnant enrollee under age 21

## Mississippi Families Receiving Home Visiting

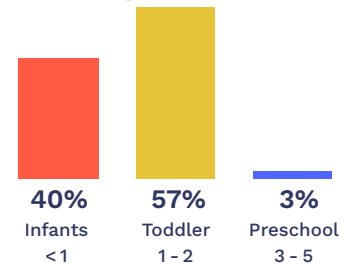
### Race\*

- White (2%)
- Black (96%)
- American Indian/Alaska Native (2%)



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

### Child's Age\*

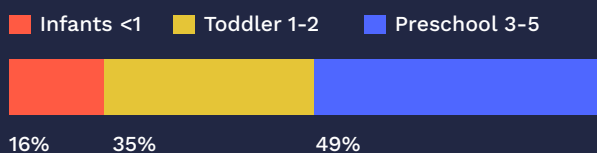


## Potential Beneficiaries:

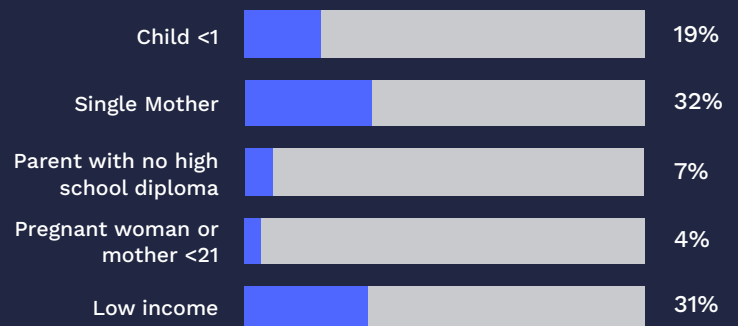
In Mississippi, an estimated 167,800 families could benefit from home visiting with sufficient funding.\*

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

215,000 children could benefit from home visiting with sufficient funding.\*



The estimated percentage of families who could benefit in Mississippi 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 (\*)