

2014 Impact Report

Florida Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Initiative



The Florida Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Initiative (MIECHV) is a public-private partnership working to support families in their most important job — raising children who are healthy, safe and ready to learn. Led by the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions, Inc., the initiative offers education and other services to families who seek help in a trusted and secure environment—their homes. Eleven communities are using three proven models—Nurse Family Partnership, Healthy Families Florida and Parents as Teachers— to achieve the best outcomes for both parents and their children.

This report provides baseline information on Florida’s initial experience implementing MIECHV and its impact on families for selected measures. These indicators, along with many other measures, will be assessed annually to determine long-term improvements in family outcomes and program effectiveness.

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Who We Served

Nine hundred and twenty-nine families (929) received home visiting and related services April, 2013 through September, 2014. Participating caregivers were disproportionately poor, young and unmarried. About 48% were white and 20% were Hispanic.

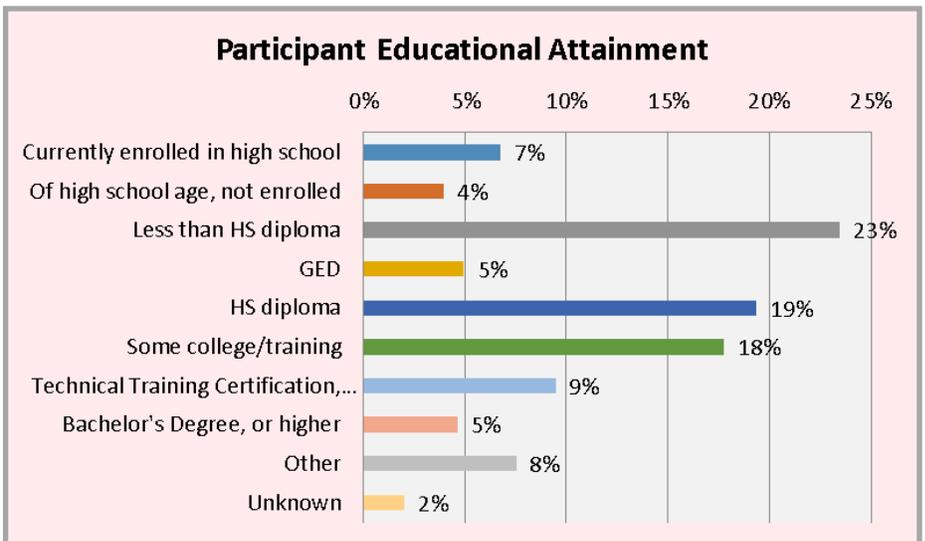
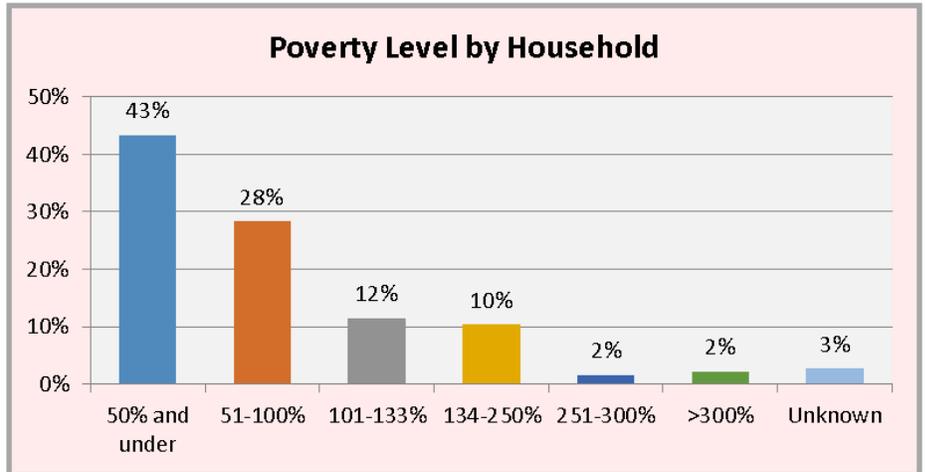
Nearly 60% had a high school education or less and 38% were employed full- or part-time. Twenty-six percent were enrolled in an education or training program.

More than 400 of the participants began services during pregnancy. Participating households included more than 700 children.

About 13% of primary caregivers were uninsured. Medicaid and KidCare were the largest insurer covering 70% of parents and 76% of children.

About a quarter of families entered care with significant risks including tobacco and substance use, low educational achievement and prior involvement with child protective services.

More than 10,000 home visits were provided to families. Statewide, programs had a retention rate of 76% during the reporting period.



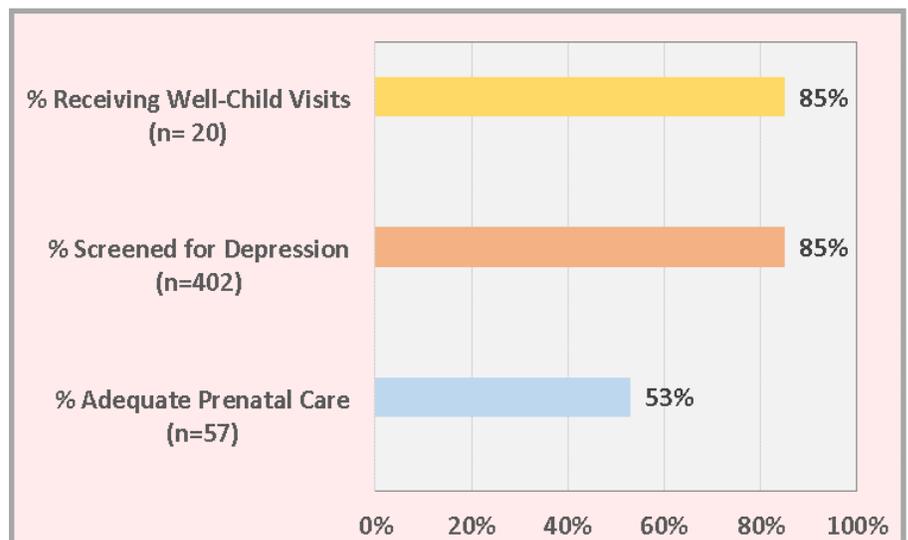
How We Measure Progress

The success of Florida MIECHV is tracked for six benchmark areas using 35 specific indicators. Data are collected primarily by home visitors as they serve each family. Included is information about the family, as well as the results of screenings and assessments that are used to identify specific risks like domestic violence, depression and developmental delays. Referrals and needed services received by families are also documented by home visitors. Some indicators are measured using information from vital statistics and the state abuse registry. Data are stored in the Florida Home Visiting Information System (FLOHVIS).

Gaps in reporting are inherent in program start-up as the data system is being developed, staff is learning the data collection and entry process, and program participants are just initiating services. This report summarizes initial implementation results on selected measures where data were relatively complete (available for at least half of eligible participants). Measures that met this criterion were found in five of the six benchmark areas. Caution should be taken in generalizing indicators, particularly when they are based on small numbers. Data completeness will improve with continued program implementation, staff training and quality improvement activities.

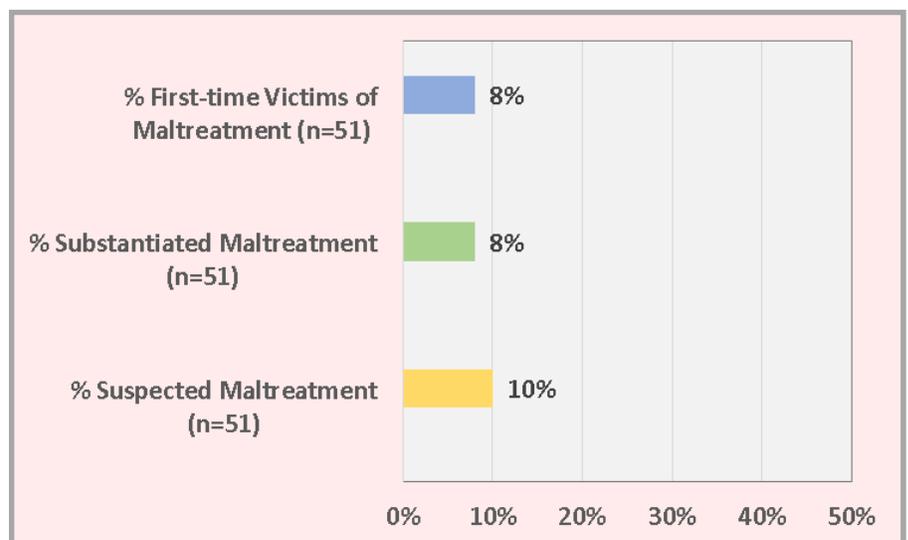
Benchmark 1: Maternal and Newborn Health

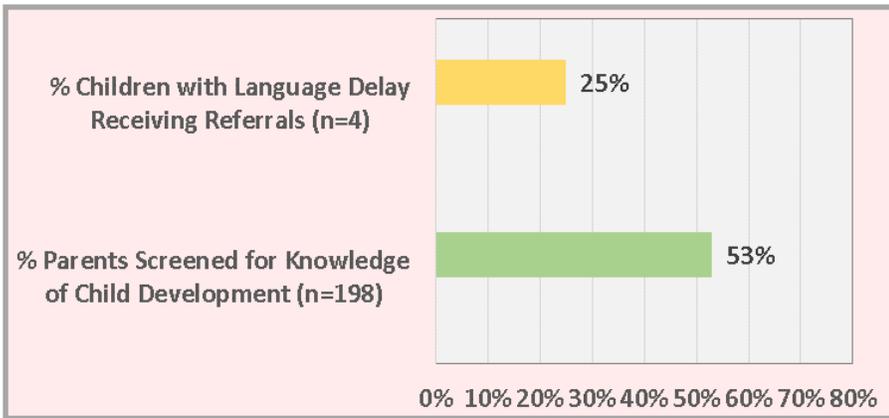
The percent of pregnant women receiving adequate prenatal care ranged from 36% to 82% among local sites. Depression screening ranged from 50-100% and children receiving the recommended number of well-child visits from two to nine months of age ranged from 83-100%.



Benchmark 2: Child Injuries, Abuse & Neglect, ER Visits

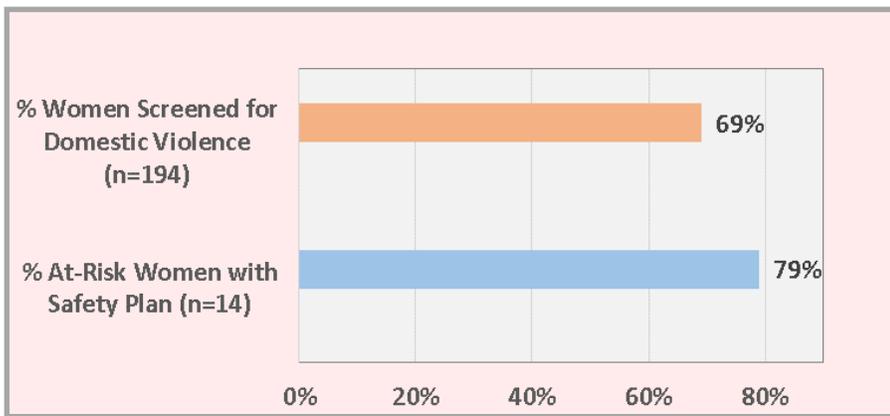
Information on child maltreatment is obtained from the state Child Abuse Registry for families receiving services for at least 12 months. 92% of families received safety instruction on at least three topics during their first year of enrollment. Topics include safe sleep, water safety, injury prevention, car safety and shaken baby syndrome.





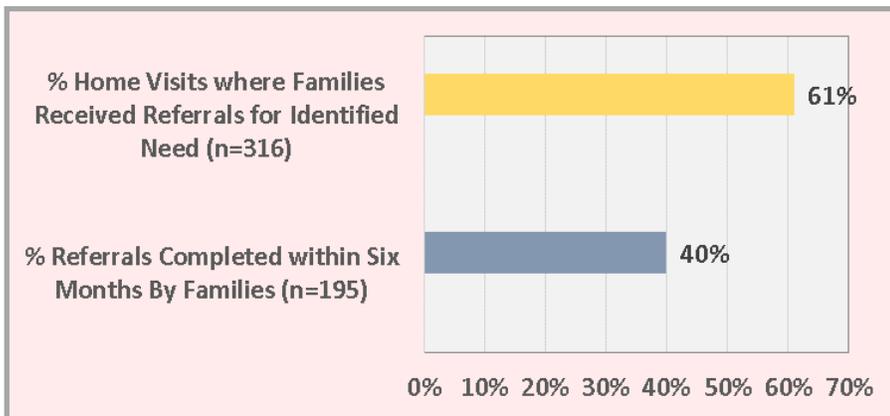
Benchmark 3: School Readiness & Achievement

Developmental milestones were assessed at 12 months for 70% of enrolled children. Although numbers are small (<5), referrals were not recorded for all children with identified delays.



Benchmark 4: Domestic Violence

Women are screened for domestic violence by six months of enrollment. Although numbers are small (<11), referrals were not recorded for all women identified as at-risk.



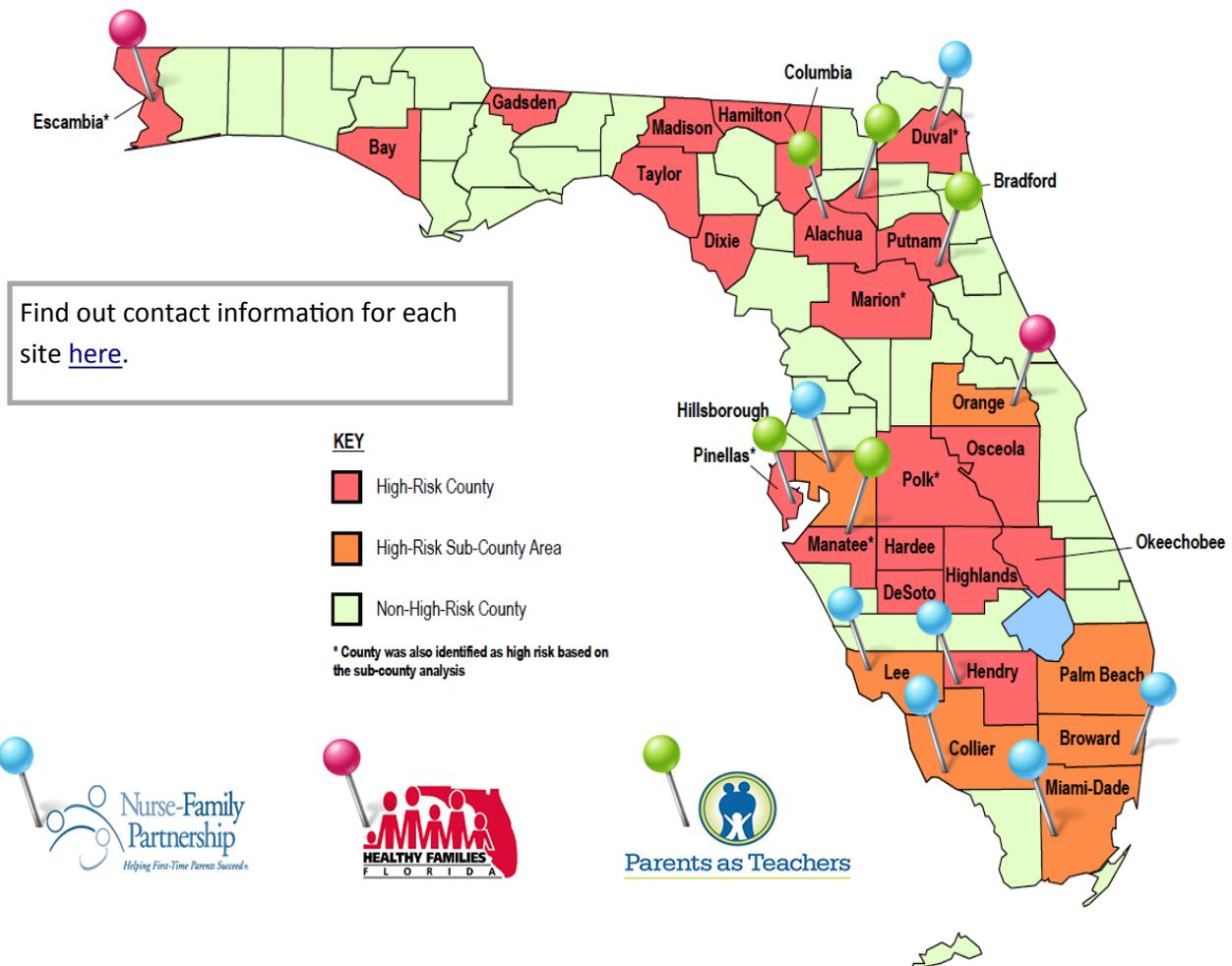
Benchmark 6: Coordination & Community Referrals

On average, local implementation sites had agreements with 11 community agencies to facilitate coordination and access to services by families.

Summary & Next Steps

In the first year, the 11 Florida MIECHV sites successfully engaged and began providing home visiting services to families who face many challenges raising their children. These families received education and support, and most were appropriately assessed for risks that impact outcomes for both parents and children. In the coming year, Florida MIECHV will work with sites using Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) to address identified service delivery and documentation issues. CQI is a data-driven process designed to improve program performance and outcomes using small tests of change and collaborative learning. Additional training and support will also be offered to home visiting staff to ensure data are accurate and complete.

Florida MIECHV Sites and Models



Find Out More

How are performance and outcomes measured for each MIECHV benchmark?

- ⇒ [Florida MIECHV Benchmark Plan](#)
- ⇒ [2014 Florida Benchmark Reports](#)

How are the data collected?

- ⇒ [Florida MIECHV Data Plan](#)

How is the impact of MIECHV on participants and communities evaluated?

- ⇒ [Florida MIECHV State Evaluation](#)

What is CQI and how is it used to improve services and performance?

- ⇒ [Florida MIECHV CQI](#)

Does home visiting really make a difference?

- ⇒ [Family Stories](#)