

Vermont's MIECHV Program FY 2021

HRSA's Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program

supports the [Vermont Home Visiting Program](#) and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting programs for expectant and new parents with children through kindergarten entry age living in communities that are at-risk for poor maternal and child health outcomes.

Vermont MIECHV Program At-a-Glance

Rural counties:

Addison, Bennington,
Caledonia, Essex, Franklin,
Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orange,
Orleans, Rutland, Washington,
Windham, Windsor

Non-rural counties:

Chittenden



Participants

891

Households

464

Home Visits

3,474

Vermont Prioritizes Community Needs

MIECHV Program awardees tailor their programs to serve populations of need within their state. In Vermont:

- **72.3%** of households were low income
- **7.5%** of households included a pregnant enrollee under age 21

Vermont Performance Highlights

MIECHV Program awardees track and report improvements in MIECHV benchmark areas every three years. In the most recent assessment following FY 2020, the

Vermont MIECHV program successfully met the requirements for demonstration of improvement by improving in 4 of the 6 MIECHV [benchmark areas](#).

FY 2021 Performance Highlights Include:

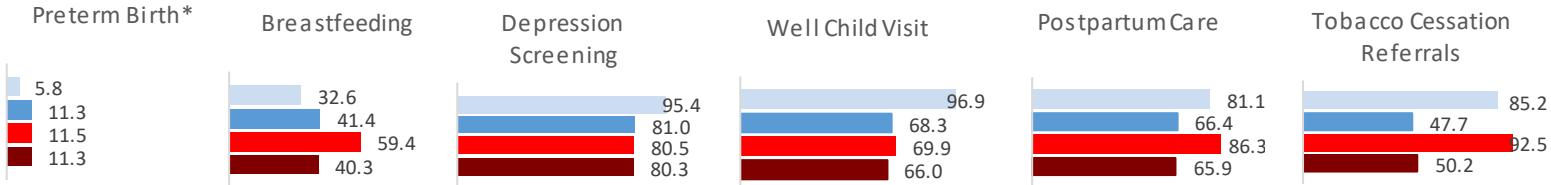
- **Well Child Visits: 96.9% of children enrolled in home visiting received their last recommended well child visit based on the American Academy of Pediatrics schedule.** Routine well-child check-ups prevent illness (through timely vaccinations), promote early identification of concerns, and ensure that children remain healthy.
- **Depression Screening: 95.4% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for depression within 3 months of enrollment or within 3 months of delivery.** Research shows that postpartum depression can be associated with a number of adverse outcomes for both the mother and infant, such as poor parent-child bonding, negative parenting approaches, and increased risk of developmental, health, and safety concerns for the child.

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in Vermont

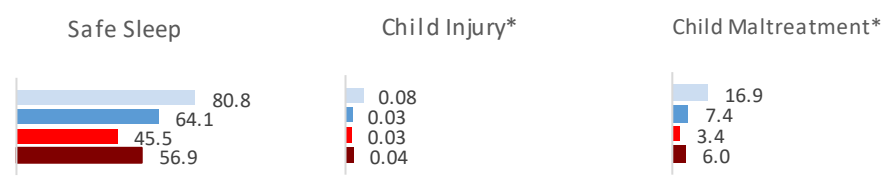
[Maternal Early Childhood Sustained Home-Visiting Program \(MECSH\)](#)

Vermont MIECHV Performance Measurement Data Compared to MIECHV Averages¹

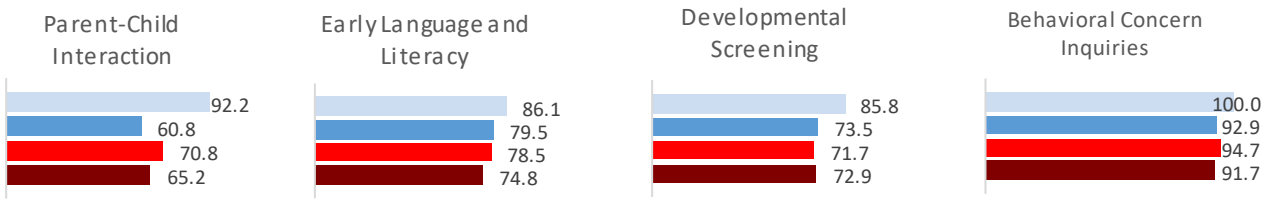
Benchmark Area 1 – Maternal and Newborn Health Outcomes



Benchmark Area 2 – Child Injuries, Abuse, Neglect, and Maltreatment and Emergency Department Visits

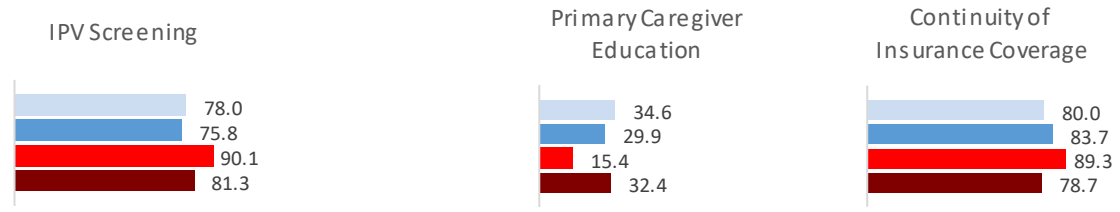


Benchmark Area 3 – School Readiness and Achievement

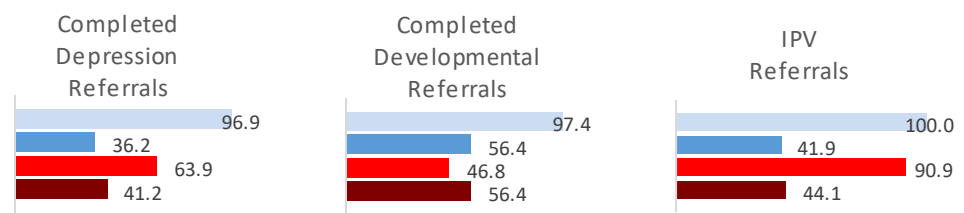


Benchmark Area 4 – Crime or Domestic Violence

Benchmark Area 5 – Family Economic Self-Sufficiency



Benchmark Area 6 – Coordination and Referrals for Other Community Resources and Supports



■ Vermont MIECHV (FY 2021) ■ Vermont MIECHV Rolling Average (FY 2018- FY 2020)
■ MIECHV National Average (FY 2021) ■ MIECHV National Rolling Average (FY 2018- FY 2020)

¹ Comparison to a three-year average minimizes the effects of outliers or potential data reporting issues specific to one year.
 * Direction for improvement in performance is downwards.