

Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Visiting (MIECHV) 2017-2018 Program Outcomes

The DeKalb Human Services Department is currently within its 7th year as a grant recipient for MIECHV. The Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program is a federally funded grant awarded to the State of Georgia through the Department of Public Health.

The program uses two approaches 1) Parents as Teachers (PAT) and 2) Early Head Start Home Based Option (EHS-HBO). Both methods are evidenced based and designed to measure the following outcomes:

- Overall Improvement in Child Health and Maternal Health
- Development of Positive Parenting Practices and Reductions in cases of child maltreatment
- Enhanced Parental Education and Increased Referrals for additional services
- Reductions in juvenile delinquency, family violence and crime

2017-2018 Program Year Outcomes:

- ❖ 100% of the children enrolled in the MIECHV Program for DeKalb live past the age of 1 years old. The program also has not had any reported instances of child injuries or maltreatment cases.
- ❖ 83% of in-home wellness checks were completed on-time by MIECHV program staff. Home visits by trained professionals are a major contributor to increasing mortality rates for very young children.
- ❖ MIECHV has reduced the number of child visits and mother visits to the emergency room for the County (1% of DeKalb kids have emergency room visits compared to 9% of kids statewide).
- ❖ 100% of the kids that participate in MIECHV have been found to be ready for kindergarten when they reach the appropriate age. Kindergarten readiness is measured by developmental milestone tracking at each home visit where developmental domains (gross motor, fine motor, cognitive, communication, social-emotional) are assessed early by program staff.
- ❖ Referrals are tracked utilizing a comprehensive survey that identifies family needs. The most common referrals are: Marketplace Health Care (online services to apply for Health Insurance), Primary Care, Pediatrics and Dental Services, DeKalb County Library's Books and Reading, Programs for Young Children, Head Start/Pre-K – Early Education, and DeKalb Recreation Centers and Parks.