



## Legislation Text

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**Public Hearing:** YES  NO  **Department:** Human Services

**SUBJECT:**

**Commission District(s):** All

Acceptance of a Grant from the Georgia Department of Public Health for the DeKalb County Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program- at no cost to the County.

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider accepting a grant award in the amount of \$612,636 from the Georgia Department of Public Health for the DeKalb Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program and to appropriate the funds to the grant fund.

**NEED/IMPACT:**

The DeKalb County MIECHV (Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting) Program connects families to parenting resources and a wide range of community services that improve child and family well-being. Families receive services through First Steps, Parents as Teachers (PAT) and Early Head Start - Home Based Option (EHS-HBO) Home Visiting Programs. This home visiting model is an evidence-based approach that has been proven to be successful for families with intensive needs. This grant award represents the 9th year that funding for this program has been offered to DeKalb County. The MIECHV Program focuses on the prevention of child abuse and neglect as well as promotes positive parenting to enhance the achievement child developmental milestones and prepare young children to be successful in school. The program will serve 147 families with home visiting (123 families with the PAT model, 24 families in the Early Head Start Home model) and 1,000 families through the First Steps Program, which acts as a central intake to direct families to resources and program. Funding is for the period October 1, 2019- September 30, 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund because there is no match requirement.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Accept the grant award in the amount of \$612,636 from the Georgia Department of Public Health for the DeKalb MIECHV Program; appropriate all funds to the grant fund; authorize disbursements and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents.