The South Carolina Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood (MIECHV) program conducted a statewide home visiting needs assessment in 2020. The purpose of this assessment was to fulfill statutory requirements for the MIECHV program and to coordinate with other ongoing home visiting and early childhood efforts in the state to create and encourage statewide strategies for the work of home visiting for the next 10 years.

Key Findings

44 of South Carolina’s 46 counties were identified as at-risk for prenatal, maternal, newborn, or child health outcomes

7 leading home visiting models are currently serving clients in all 46 counties

3,770 clients served annually

Across the state, “Home visiting programs... build resilience in families and focus on growing the family as a whole.”

Since 2010

26% increase in new home visiting sites in South Carolina

65% increase in the number of sites implementing one of the current MIECHV supported models

10% of families in need in at-risk counties are currently receiving home visiting services

Needs of South Carolina families

address social determinants of health

increase awareness and access to HV in rural areas

coordination of services

Home visiting is an invaluable resource for families across South Carolina. However, additional resources are needed to assure equitable, adequate home visiting services are available to families in need in every county.

The needs assessment was conducted by the Rural & Minority Health Research Center and the Core for Applied Research and Evaluation at the University of South Carolina.

South Carolina MIECHV is a program of Children’s Trust of South Carolina.