



# The Illinois Maternal and Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting Grant (MIECHV) 2013 Fact Sheet

## MIECHV Year 2 Data

Reporting Period: October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013

The data below were collected from a total of 46 Home Visitors and 13 Doulas  
across 25 programs in 10 high-risk communities in Illinois.

In Federal Fiscal Year 2013 (October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013), Illinois MIECHV:

- Provided 13,050 home visits to 944 children from birth to 5 years of age.
- Found that the average age of primary guardians was between 22-24 years old (pregnant participants were more likely to be younger than the average age).
- Had 50% of cases come into the program prenatally.

**The Year 2 MIECHV data show that we are serving families that not only need home visiting services the most, but have been proven to have the best outcomes from home visiting services. This is evidenced by the following demographics:**

- *MIECHV is serving low income families* - 99% of families served by MIECHV are at 100% or less of the poverty line.
- *MIECHV is serving teen mothers and enrolling them prenatally* - 50% of mothers enrolled are enrolled prenatally, and those who enrolled prenatally are more likely to be teens.
- *MIECHV is serving families with parenting deficiencies* - the majority of families scored below the normal range on measures of parental support for child's learning and development, knowledge of child's development and child's developmental progress, parent-child relationship and parental stress.
- *MIECHV is serving parents with low educational achievement and high rates of unemployment* - 73% of MIECHV parents have a high school diploma or less and 72% are unemployed.

**Even with the above risk factors in these families, the data are telling us that while they are in MIECHV home visiting services, there are favorable outcomes in the following areas:**

- *Child abuse and neglect*: only 4% of MIECHV families had substantiated reports of child abuse or neglect.
- *Child injuries requiring medical attention*: only 3% of children obtained an injury that required medical treatment.
- *Emergency room visits*: only 12% of children and 8% of mothers visited the emergency room while receiving home visiting services.
- *Prenatal use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs*: 53% of mothers who enrolled prenatally and identified as using tobacco, alcohol, or drugs decreased their use by 36 weeks gestation.