

## **Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation – Strong Start (MIHOPE-SS), 2012-2016**

The purpose of the Mother and Infant Home Visiting Evaluation – Strong Start is to conduct a rigorous evaluation to examine the efficacy of home visiting services to reduce preterm birth, improve birth outcomes and improve infant health. Home visiting is one of the approaches under the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) Strong Start for Mothers and Newborns initiative. The evaluation will test two evidence-based home visiting models under the HRSA/ACF Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program for their effects in improving outcomes related to preterm birth rates, low and very low birth weight and gestational age for Medicaid eligible pregnant women and their children.

The MIHOPE-SS evaluation contract to conduct the evaluation was awarded to MDRC with subcontracts to James Bell Associates, Johns Hopkins University, Mathematica Policy Research and New York University. The project is a partnership between the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

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