Major transformations in the health care and health financing sectors offer opportunities to improve public health systems, state and community health care delivery, and ultimately, key health outcomes for MCH populations. Title V programs are uniquely positioned to help lead and influence major health system reform initiatives as they affect women, children and families.

A new National MCH Workforce Development Center at UNC Chapel Hill, in cooperation with the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), and in partnership with the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) and national experts in MCH innovation and quality improvement, will offer state and territorial Title V leaders training, collaborative learning, coaching and consultation in implementing health reform using a variety of learning platforms. In the current dynamic context, tools and resources to strengthen MCH capacity and skills in the following four core areas will be available through the National Center to move from evidence to action:

1. Improving access to care
2. Using quality improvement tools to drive transformation
3. Fostering integration within public health and across sectors including primary care, mental health, early intervention and community-based service delivery and financing systems
4. Furthering change management, including effective collective action skills that will lead health improvement for MCH populations

The Pipeline Program of the Center is designed to enhance training and networking opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students in MCH Leadership Training Programs. By providing Pipeline participants with the tools to effectively serve the MCH population within the context of health reform and the ACA, the Center will advance the capacity of the Title V workforce to implement policies, programs, and systems that optimize the health and well-being of women, children, and families.