



ASSOCIATION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS

# State Profile

A SNAPSHOT OF HOW THE TITLE V MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BLOCK GRANT WORKS IN YOUR STATE

## Nebraska

### Maternal and Child Health Block Grant 2011

The Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant, Title V of the Social Security Act, is the only federal program devoted to improving the health of all women, children and families. Title V provides funding to state maternal and child health (MCH) programs, which serve 35 million women and children in the U.S. To learn more about Title V, visit [www.amchp.org](http://www.amchp.org).

#### MCH Block Grant Funds to Nebraska

FY 2010	FY 2011	Difference in Federal Funds*
\$4,019,019	\$3,992,877	-\$26,142

#### Title V Administrative Agency:

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services  
Projected State and Local Funds, FY 2010: \$3,252,515

\*States must provide a three dollar match for every four Federal dollars allocated.

### Protecting and Improving the Health of Nebraska's Families

**Statewide Initiatives and Partnerships** – Nebraska commits approximately 31 percent of the MCH Block Grant to community-based organizations, such as local health departments, community action programs, and academic institutions and hospitals to address priority needs in Nebraska's local communities. A portion of the funds is set aside for the four federally-recognized Native American Tribes headquartered in Nebraska - Omaha, Ponca, Santee Sioux and Winnebago. This support encourages a local community to assess its resources and capacity to address the health needs of Nebraska's mothers and children. The state agency provides technical assistance and financial resources to communities to implement work plans and evaluate outcomes.

**Supporting State Programs** – The MCH Block Grant significantly supports state-level public health infrastructure and statutory requirements, often in



conjunction with other funds (federal and state) to strengthen each separate investment. It helps support many of the programs or activities within Lifespan Health Services, a unit within the Division of Public Health, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. Lifespan Health Services conducts the statewide MCH assessment, does planning, leads initiatives, and develops policies. This unit also administers programs to improve the health of women, infants, children, adolescents and families in Nebraska. Those programs with support from the MCH Block Grant include Newborn Screening & Genetics; Perinatal Child & Adolescent Health; MCH Epidemiology for the Pregnancy, Risk, Assessment & Monitoring System (PRAMS) and Child Death Review Team; Early Hearing Detection & Intervention; Reproductive Health; Immunization; Title V / MCH Special Projects; and the Office of Women's and Men's Health. In addition to the programs supported with Title V / MCH Block Grant funds, Lifespan Health Services also administers Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). Other state-level programs within the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services supported in part by Title V / MCH Block grant include: Oral Health and Dentistry; Birth Defects Registry; Minority Health and Equity; and Medically Handicapped Children's Program. For more information, visit <http://www.dhhs.ne.gov>

**Medically Handicapped Children's Program** – The Medically Handicapped Children's Program serves children with special health care needs (CSHCN) and is located in the Long-Term Care programs Section of the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care. Under the direction of the CSHCN Administrator, this Section also administers the Disabled Children's Program, the Aged and Disabled Medicaid Waiver which serves children, and the Katie Beckett plan amendment. The program partners with the Department of Education, Special Education Branch to co-administer the Early Intervention Program. For more information, visit <http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/hcs/programs/>.

## People Served by the Nebraska MCH Program\*

Title V population-based preventive and systems building services benefit all women and children in the state. In addition, the MCH Block Grant provided direct services to the following individuals:

1,575	pregnant women
27,131	infants under one
12,309	children and adolescents
2,147	children with special health care needs
11,925	others
<b>55,087</b>	<b>total served</b>

\*2009 State/Jurisdiction Annual Reports Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau

## Health Needs in Nebraska

- Increase access to oral health care for children and CSHCN.
- Increase access to Medical Homes for CSHCN particularly for those with functional limitations.
- Reduce the health disparities gap in infant health status and outcomes.
- Reduce the rates of abuse and neglect of infants and CSHCN.
- Reduce alcohol use and binge drinking among youth.
- Improve the reproductive health of youth and women by decreasing the rates of STD's and unintended pregnancies.
- Increase the prevalence of infants who breastfeed exclusively through six months of age.
- Increase quality of and access to perinatal health services, including pre/interconception health care, prenatal care, labor and delivery services, and postpartum care.
- Reduce the impact of poverty on infants/children including food insecurity.
- Increase the prevalence of the MCH/CSHCN population who are physically active, eating healthy, and are at a healthy weight.

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## Grants to Nebraska\*

### Partnerships to Promote Maternal and Child Health

University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Omaha, NE  
\$495,000

### Healthy Families Expansion Program

Visiting Nurse Association  
Omaha, NE  
\$49,108

### Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program

Father Flanagan's Boys' Home  
Boys Town, NE  
\$49,127

### Healthy Behaviors in Women

NE Department of Health and Human Services  
Lincoln, NE  
\$145,772



\*These grants were awarded in FY 2008. For a complete list of Title V Grantees: <https://perfddata.hrsa.gov/mchb/TVISReports/Snapshot/SnapShotMenu.aspx>