Alabama Maternal and Child Health Block Grant 2015

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 42 million women and children in the U.S. To learn more about Title V, visit www.amchp.org.

MCH Block Grant Funds to Alabama

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Title V Administrative Agency:
Bureau of Family Health Services
Alabama Department of Public Health

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Alabama’s Families

Health Care for Women and Children — By helping to pay for salaries, supplies and equipment in county health departments (CHDs), Title V helps provide physical assessment, immunizations, vision and hearing screening, nutritional assessment, developmental appraisal, and dental care for children.

Services for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) — Through 14 community-based offices, with the help of Title V funds, Children’s Rehabilitation Service (CRS) provides medical and evaluation clinic services to CYSHCN with an emphasis on care coordination. Care coordinators, including nurses and social workers, travel to their assigned counties to meet families, arrange services, and maintain working partnerships with local service programs and providers. CRS provides many other services including information and referral, therapy services and family/youth support.

Newborn Screening — Two statewide newborn screening programs are administered by the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), in partnership with public and private providers. One program provides population-based screening for PKU, hypothyroidism, galactosemia, hemoglobinopathies, adrenal hyperplasia, and several other disorders. The other program offers hearing screening through Alabama’s 48 birthing hospitals.

Care Coordination at CHDs — Care coordination provided in CHDs helps patients to access and obtain maximum benefit from needed health-related services. The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Care Coordination Program, implemented under the Alabama Medicaid Agency’s primary care case management program, is the main channel through which ADPH provides care coordination for children.

Transition Planning for Youth with Special Needs — CRS promotes transition planning for youth with special health care needs and their families via care coordination and other activities. At 14-16 years of age, CRS youth are transferred to Social Work Transition Specialist caseloads for education and guidance in planning for all aspects of adulthood. Further, CRS has Teen Transition Clinics in four locations across the state to address issues and problems such as adult healthcare, functional independence, mobility and independent living. CRS is located in the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services which also serves adults through its Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program. A continuum of services is encouraged through a transition task force composed of CRS transition social workers and VR counselors.

State Perinatal Program — The State Perinatal Program operates under the State Board of Health and the State Perinatal Advisory Council (SPAC). SPAC represents the Regional Perinatal Advisory Councils and advises the State Health Officer in the planning, organization, and implementation of the Perinatal Program. State Perinatal Program staff are located in the state’s Title V Program and engage in activities, including infant mortality review, to address concerns of SPAC and the Regional Perinatal Advisory Councils.

Health Needs in Alabama

- Promote positive youth development to reduce high risk behaviors in adolescents.
- Reduce infant mortality, especially among African Americans.
Reduce the prevalence of violent behavior, including homicide and suicide, committed by or against children, youth, and women.

Promote access to mental health services for children, youth, and women of childbearing age.

Promote access to a medical home and to basic health care for children, youth, and women of childbearing age.

Reduce the prevalence of obesity among children, youth, and women of childbearing age.

Promote access to dental home and to preventive and restorative dental care for children, youth, and women of childbearing age.

Promote access to community-based services for CYSHCN and families (including respite care, recreational opportunities, transportation, child care, and school-based services) through education, awareness, advocacy, and linking families with local resources.

Increase family and youth participation in CYSHCN policy-making through support services and education/training.

Increase access to culturally competent care coordination services for CYSHCN, including transition planning as appropriate.

People Served by the Alabama 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:

- 1,051 pregnant women
- 54,081 infants under one
- 32,333 children and adolescents
- 10,236 children with special health care needs
- 98,667 others
- 196,368 total served

*2013 State/Jurisdiction Annual Reports Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau

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**Grants to Alabama***

**State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN**

REHABILITATION SERVICES, ALABAMA DEPT OF Montgomery, AL  
$300,000  
(State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN)

**STATE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SSDI)**

PUBLIC HEALTH, ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF Montgomery, AL  
$124,343  
(State Systems Development Initiative)

**MCH Pipeline Training Program**

ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY  
MONTGOMERY, AL  
$163,877  
(MCH Pipeline Training Program)

**Leadership Education in Adolescent Health**

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM  
Birmingham, AL  
$316,267  
(Leadership Education in Adolescent Health)

**Pediatric Pulmonary Centers**

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM  
Birmingham, AL  
$373,642  
(Pediatric Pulmonary Centers)

**Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders Training Program**

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM  
Birmingham, AL  
$640,903  
(Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders Training Program)

**Maternal and Child Health Public Health Training Program**

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM  
Birmingham, AL  
$405,948  
(Maternal and Child Health Public Health Training Program)

**Leadership Training in Pediatric Nutrition**

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM  
Birmingham, AL  
$176,800  
(Leadership Training in Pediatric Nutrition)

**Leadership Training in Nursing**

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM  
Birmingham, AL  
$35,638  
(Leadership Training in Nursing)

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These grants were awarded in FY 2013. For a complete list of Title V Grantees:  