Alaska 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 Alaska

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Title V Administrative Agency:
Women’s, Children’s and Family Health, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Alaska’s Families

MCH Epidemiological Unit — This group collects, analyzes and reports data regarding the status of family health in the state. This includes data from the Maternal Infant Mortality and Child Death Review Committees, PRAMS, Alaska Birth Defects and FAS surveillance program, MCH indicators, the Alaska Child Understanding Behavioral Health survey (CUBS), and the Alaska Surveillance of Child Abuse and Neglect.

Newborn Screening — The newborn metabolic screening program tests infants for inborn, metabolic disorders and offers genetics counseling, laboratory services and screening consultation. The newborn hearing screening program aims to implement universal newborn hearing in all birthing facilities throughout the state and offer linkages to providers for diagnostic services and referrals for deaf or hard of hearing children to early intervention services by six months of age. Alaska law now also requires birthing facilities to screen for critical congenital heart defects. The newborn screening program collects data on the percentage of children screened for in Alaska.

Specialty Clinics — The overall program goal is to improve access to services for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN). The program brings pediatric health care specialists to regional hubs or communities to assure that CYSHCN and their families are able to receive consultation, screening and follow-up in or near the community in which they reside.

Oral Health Program — The goals of the program are to develop a state oral health plan, make policy recommendations to improve access to dental services, reduce disparities, and improve oral health for all Alaskans.

Perinatal Health — This program focuses on improving perinatal and infant health outcomes by focusing on such topics as infant safe sleep, home visitation services, and breastfeeding promotion. The Alaska Infant Safe Sleep initiative has worked with birthing facilities, health care providers, and other stakeholders to promote safe sleep practices in Alaska.

Reproductive Health — The MCH program offers clinical, outreach and pregnancy prevention efforts delivered through local nonprofit agencies and public health centers. In collaboration with the Division of Public Assistance, TANF dollars are used for the reproductive health project to target communities with high rates of teen and out-of-wedlock pregnancies with clinical services that include abstinence and reproductive health education, free contraceptive methods and follow up for low-income, uninsured or underinsured women.

People Served by the Alaska 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:

10,962 pregnant women
10,628 infants under one
231,083 children and adolescents
2,292 children with special health care needs
0 other
254,965 total served

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

- Implement standardized screening for developmental delay and behavioral health in children 0 - 21 years.
- Reduce dental caries in children 0 - 21 years of age.
- Reduce child maltreatment and bullying.
- Reduce substance abuse among families, including alcohol, tobacco and drugs.
- Reduce the risks associated with unintended pregnancy and teen pregnancy.
- Increase universal screening for post partum depression in women.
- Reduce preventable post-neonatal mortality due to SIDS/asphyxia.
- Reduce intimate partner violence (IPV) including teen dating violence.
- Reduce the prevalence of obesity and overweight throughout the lifespan.
- Reduce late preterm cesarean sections

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Grants to Alaska*

State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF
Anchorage, AK
$300,000
(State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN)

STATE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SSDI)
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF
Anchorage, AK
$100,000
(State Systems Development Initiative)

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders Training Program
UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE
Anchorage, AK
$499,032
(Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders Training Program)

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