Georgia

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 Georgia

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Title V Administrative Agency:
Maternal and Child Health Section, Department of Public Health

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Georgia’s Families

Universal Screening and Assessment — The MCH section coordinates the Children 1st system for early identification and referrals. Children 1st provides integrated intake and assessments for all child health intervention programs. Through the Electronic Birth Certificate, all children born in Georgia are identified for conditions that would otherwise result in poor health and/or developmental delay (approximately 30% of all births per year). Identified families are linked with intervention services.

Care Coordination — All children enrolled in the Title V CSHCN program, Children’s Medical Service (CMS), receive comprehensive care coordination using the CaCoon Model, which includes the Transition to Assessment Tool and Checklist for Families and Youth. All children and youth enrolled in CMS are offered a home visit at least annually.

Oral Health — The MCH section conducts oral health surveillance through multiple data sources, monitors gaps and reports data nationally. Surveillance data is used to support efficient utilization of resources and implementation of evidence-based services. Monitoring, training and promotion of community water fluoridation is provided statewide. Training is provided for organizational stakeholders on detecting oral disease, when to refer and preventive oral health services for children. Services include fluoride rinse, dental sealants, prevention education and comprehensive restorative treatment. School-linked prevention programs targeting high-risk elementary school children are also provided.

Nutrition Education — The MCH section offers nutrition services to women, children, youth and families. Training for WIC clinic staff related to obesity assessment, counseling and prevention has been piloted. Preliminary results support replication of this activity throughout Georgia. Several breastfeeding initiatives have been implemented such as Educating Physicians In Their Communities (EPIC) breastfeeding, a physician peer-to-peer training program, and coordination of a project to increase breastfeeding through supportive hospital policies and practices, staff education and post-discharge community referrals.

Newborn Screening — In accordance with Georgia law, every infant is tested for 31 conditions including hearing impairment. The MCH section supports two comprehensive, coordinated, statewide systems to ensure that newborns receive screening, follow-up, diagnosis and intervention. In 2012, 99.5% of infants who screened positive through bloodspot screening received follow-up to definitive diagnosis and clinical management. Approximately, 98% of all newborns in Georgia were screened for hearing loss prior to hospital discharge in 2012.

Injury Prevention — The MCH section provides infrastructure support to the Office of Injury Prevention. This infrastructure allows for coordination of all safety issues such as Safe to Sleep within the Department of Public Health and development of policies and partnerships with entities such as the Department of Early Care and Learning, Child Fatality Review and other state agencies.

Maternal Mortality Review — The MCH section provides funding and data support for the Georgia Maternal Mortality Review Committee. The review committee is administered by the Georgia Obstetrical and Gynecology Society and funded by MCH. MCH staff members participate in the reviews. The committee reviews cases to determine causes of the death and provide recommendations for maternal mortality reduction. MCH takes the lead on data analysis for the review committee by managing the maternal mortality.
database and developing annual reports. Translation activities stemming from the committee’s recommendations are carried out within MCH in collaboration with community partners.

**Improving Birth Outcomes** — Improving Birth Outcomes – The MCH section provides a number of local programs promoting preconception and interconception health, promoting early access to prenatal and postpartum women, and identifying issues to help reduce health disparities among maternal and child health populations.

**People Served by the Georgia MCH Section**

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:

- 86,406 pregnant women
- 129,959 infants under one
- 285,105 children and adolescents
- 44,665 children with special health care needs
- 546,135 total served

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

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**Health Needs in Georgia**

- Decrease obesity among children and adolescents
- Increase the percent of qualified medical providers who accept Medicaid and who serve children with special health care needs
- Increase awareness of the need for preconception healthcare among women of childbearing age
- Improve the maternal and child health surveillance and evaluation infrastructure

**Grants to Georgia**

**State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN**
PUBLIC HEALTH, GEORGIA DEPT OF
Atlanta, GA
$288,000
(State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN)

**Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program**
INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF DISADVANTAGE & DISABILITY INC., THE
Atlanta, GA
$50,000
(Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program)

**STATE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SSDI)**
PUBLIC HEALTH, GEORGIA DEPT OF
Atlanta, GA
$100,000
(State Systems Development Initiative)

**Hemophilia Treatment Centers (SPRANS)**
HEMOPHILIA OF GEORGIA, INC.
Atlanta, GA
$500,000
(Hemophilia Treatment Centers (SPRANS))

**GENETICS SERVICES**
EMORY UNIVERSITY
Atlanta, GA
$593,000
(Genetic Services Project)

**Epidemiological MCH/SPH Institute**
EMORY UNIVERSITY
Atlanta, GA
$27,250
(Epidemiological MCH/SPH Institute)

**Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders Training Program**
GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC.
Atlanta, GA
$513,963
(Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders Training Program)

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