Kentucky

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 Kentucky

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Title V Administrative Agency: Kentucky Department for Public Health

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Kentucky’s Families

Children with Special Needs — Families may access services for children with special health care needs through 12 regional offices across the state. Direct medical services are provided to children with certain conditions. Nurses and pediatric specialty physicians hold clinic sites in 21 of the state’s 120 counties. Families receive financial support to assist with travel and lodging to attend these clinics or receive hospital services.

Newborn Metabolic Screening — Kentucky expanded the number of conditions included on the metabolic screen from 29 to a total of 49 disorders in 2008. This change puts Kentucky in alignment with the current recommendations from the American College of Medical Genetics and the March of Dimes.

Home Visiting — The Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS) provides home visiting to overburdened first-time families to help them meet the challenges of parenting during the prenatal period and during the child’s first two years of life. HANDS is operational in all 120 Kentucky counties and over 10,000 families have participated each year.

Newborn Hearing Screening — Over 96.7 percent of Kentucky’s infants receive hearing tests before hospital discharge, regardless of risk factor status.

Local Health Departments — The majority of Title V funding is allocated directly to local health departments to support activities benefiting women and children. Comprehensive prenatal support services, including health screening and counseling prior to conception, referral to providers, outreach and follow-up, breastfeeding education and nutrition counseling, pre-term birth prevention screening and education, laboratory tests, and home visits are available to low-income women.

People Served by the Kentucky 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:

2,151 pregnant women
56,288 infants under one
42,551 children and adolescents
20,466 children with special health care needs
34,894 others
156,350 total served

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

- Reduce the number of Kentucky children who are victims of child abuse or maltreatment.
- Improve the Oral Health status of Kentucky's children, youth, and pregnant mothers.
- Improve Transition Services for children and youth with special health care needs.
- Reduce rates of substance abuse and smoking in pregnant women, mothers of young children, and teens.
- Reduce the rate of births to teen mothers in Kentucky.
- Decrease the infant mortality rate and eliminate the disparities in infant mortality in Kentucky.
- Reduce rates of obesity in maternal and child health populations in Kentucky, including children and youth with special health care needs.

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Grants to Kentucky*

**State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN**
HEALTH & FAMILY SERVICES, KENTUCKY CABINET FOR Louisville, KY $300,000 (State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN)

**Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program**
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY Lexington, KY $43,745 (Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program)

**STATE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SSDI)**
HEALTH & FAMILY SERVICES, KENTUCKY CABINET FOR Frankfort, KY $125,000 (State Systems Development Initiative)

*These grants were awarded in FY 2013. For a complete list of Title V Grantees: [https://mchdata.hrsa.gov/tvisreports/Snapshot/SnapShotMenu.aspx](https://mchdata.hrsa.gov/tvisreports/Snapshot/SnapShotMenu.aspx)