Massachusetts

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 Massachusetts

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Title V Administrative Agency:
Bureau of Family Health and Nutrition
Massachusetts Department of Public Health

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Massachusetts’s Families

Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) — The Massachusetts Title V partnership provides care coordination and family support; early intervention services to 30,000 children ages birth to three years; and other specialized services for families and children with special needs, including pediatric palliative care. Families are offered multifaceted outreach and assistance to obtain benefits and services for which they are eligible. A system of regional services includes care coordination, advocacy, referral and insurance enrollment. Additionally, care coordinators are located within primary care pediatric practices to promote efforts to increase access to medical homes. During 2014, Massachusetts was awarded a State Implementation Grant for enhancing the system of services for CSHCN through systems integration. The goal of this project is increase the proportion of CSHCN who receive care through a patient-centered medical home by achieving a comprehensive, coordinated and integrated state and community system of services and supports for CSHCN.

Regional Consultation Programs for CSHCN — These programs offer assistance to early intervention programs, school systems, and birth-to-three child serving agencies to provide care to children with complex medical and technology needs.

Universal Newborn Screening — The state routinely screens for 30 disorders and provides optional screening for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) and five additional disorders in the Met Pilot Study. The Title V Program provides newborn hearing screening to greater than 99% of all births in the state and develops and implements integrated data systems to ensure follow-up and identify disparities in care.

Maternal and Infant Home Visiting — Title V with support from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) funding is implementing the Massachusetts Home Visiting Initiative (MHVI). The goal of MHVI is to improve maternal and infant health, child health and development, school readiness and economic self-sufficiency through evidence-based home visiting. MHVI is working with state and community partners to strengthen and enhance early childhood systems of care.

School Health — The Title V partnership funds 69 schools to provide essential school health services. The state has developed and implemented medication administration guidelines, along with policies for the management of allergic reactions. School health efforts are expanding to address healthy weight (body mass index (BMI) measurement and policies), as well as emergency preparedness, head injury regulations, diabetes collaboration programs with major hospitals, efforts to increase awareness of sex trafficking as it relates to schools, support of military families, and new mental/behavioral health initiatives.

Teen Pregnancy — Evidenced-based models for teen pregnancy prevention are now thriving in 15 high-risk communities. These medically accurate and culturally competent programs help youth to strengthen decision-making, communication and advocacy skills in addition to addressing sex-related pressures.

Hospital Regulations — Hospital site visits are conducted to assure that mothers and infants receive services at appropriate levels of care, as defined by updated hospital licensure regulations for maternal and newborn services. The Department supports protocols on critical congenital heart disease screening, safe sleep, screening for maternal substance use, and treatment of substance-exposed newborns. The Department also...
supports all hospitals providing perinatal services to establish Baby Friendly designations and breastfeeding guidelines.

**Other Population-Based Services** — The Title V partnership supports a poison control center, lead poisoning screening and medical case management, sudden unexpected infant death bereavement counseling, rape crisis centers, oral health screenings, basic school health services, child passenger safety, promotion of childhood immunization, a statewide system of Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) services, and state and local child fatality reviews. Emphasis is placed on screening for and early identification of violence, depression, substance use, and other risk factors for chronic diseases. Programs are integrated across multiple federal categorical grants, state agencies, and private payers and providers. The Department works with other state agencies to implement developmental and behavioral health screenings and services for children, including addressing early identification, prevention, and evidence-based interventions within both medical home and community-based services. The Department collaborates with state and community initiatives focused on strengthening early childhood systems of care in Massachusetts. Reducing health disparities related to race, ethnicity, or language is a priority across all programs.

**Data Systems and Analyses** – The Office of Data Translation (ODT) oversees the development and implementation of surveillance activities, program evaluations, statistical analyses, and dissemination of results to support decision making for MCH programs and policies. ODT directs several major MCH data projects including the Pregnancy to Early Life Longitudinal (PELL) data system, the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), and the State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI) program. ODT also plays a major role in the development and implementation of quality improvement projects in the state, including the newly created Massachusetts Perinatal and Neonatal Quality Collaborative, being funded by CDC, and the Collaborative Innovation and Improvement Network (CollIN) to reduce infant mortality. The Department also conducts systematic maternal mortality and morbidity reviews.

**Primary and Preventive Care** — The Title V partnership provides family planning services, prenatal, pregnancy and post-partum home visiting services, school-based health centers, and oral health services through community-based providers and agencies; all direct care funding is state, not federal. In collaboration with the Office of Oral Health, ODT is leading the implementation of Perinatal Oral Health Guidelines for pregnant women and children in Massachusetts. Programs are designed to serve those without adequate insurance and to provide non-third party reimbursable services. Programs for homeless families include assessment, referral and care coordination. Health care workforce capacity efforts support access to health care and address disparate access to care.

### People Served by the Massachusetts 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:

- 15,856 pregnant women
- 58,002 infants under one
- 517,012 children and adolescents
- 175,747 children with special health care needs
- 92,862 others
- **859,497 total served**

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

### Health Needs in Massachusetts

- Reduce unintentional injury and promote healthy behavior choices for adolescents
- Promote emotional wellness and social connectedness across lifespan
- Improve the health and well-being of women in their childbearing years
- Improve data availability, access and analytical capacity
- Support reproductive and sexual health by improving access to education and services
- Enhance screening for and prevention of violence and bullying
- Expand medical home efforts to systems building and securing access & funding for children and youth
- Promote healthy weight
- Coordinate preventive measures and promote universal access to affordable dental care
- Support effective transitions from (1) early childhood to school and (2) adolescence to adulthood.

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Massachusetts State Profile 2015
Grants to Massachusetts*

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program
REACH OUT AND READ, INC.
Boston, MA
$50,000
(Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program)

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CORPORATION, THE
Boston, MA
$50,000
(Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program)

STATE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SSDI)
PUBLIC HEALTH, MASSACHUSETTS DEPT OF
Boston, MA
$100,000
(State Systems Development Initiative)

Epidemiological MCH/SPH Institute
TRUSTEES OF BOSTON UNIVERSITY
Boston, MA
$27,250
(Epidemiological MCH/SPH Institute)

Epidemiological MCH/SPH Institute
HARVARD COLLEGE, PRESIDENT & FELLOWS OF
Boston, MA
$27,250
(Epidemiological MCH/SPH Institute)

Leadership Education in Adolescent Health
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CORPORATION, THE
BOSTON, MA
$376,941
(Leadership Education in Adolescent Health)

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders Training Program
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CORPORATION, THE
Boston, MA
$702,020
(Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders Training Program)

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders Training Program
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, MA
$644,738
(Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders Training Program)

Maternal and Child Health Public Health Training Program
HARVARD COLLEGE, PRESIDENT & FELLOWS OF
Boston, MA
$338,548
(Maternal and Child Health Public Health Training Program)

Maternal and Child Health Public Health Training Program
TRUSTEES OF BOSTON UNIVERSITY
Boston, MA
$338,548
(Maternal and Child Health Public Health Training Program)

Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Training Program
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CORPORATION, THE
BOSTON, MA
$219,087
(Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Training Program)

Sickle Cell
BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER CORPORATION
Boston, MA
$343,202
(Sickle Cell)

Sickle Cell
National Initiative For CHILDREN'S Healthcare Quality, Inc.
Boston, MA
$771,583
(Sickle Cell)

Health Insurance and Financing/CSHCN
TRUSTEES OF BOSTON UNIVERSITY
Boston, MA
$473,000
(Health Insurance and Financing/CSHCN)

Integrated Community Service Systems /CSHCN
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
Dorchester, MA
$436,160
(Integrated Community Service Systems /CSHCN)

Oral Health
MEDICAID/SCHIP DENTAL PROGRAM
REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION
Sandwich, MA
$50,000
(Oral Health)

MCH Coop. Agrs. - Nat'l Child Fatality Review Resource Center
EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC.
NEWTON, MA
$850,000
(MCH Coop. Agrs. - Nat'l Child Fatality Review Resource Center)

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