Montana

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.

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<th>MCH Block Grant Funds to Montana</th>
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<td>FY 2013</td>
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<td>$2,234,196</td>
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**Title V Administrative Agency:**
Family and Community Health Bureau (FCHB), Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Montana’s Families

**Partnership Addressing Immunization Rates:** In 2008 Montana was near the bottom of the nation in regards to childhood immunization rates among children age 19 to 35 months. The 2010 MCH Needs Assessment pinpointed two primary areas of concern: varicella and the 4th DTaP rates. Montana developed two State Performance which focused on increasing the state rates for these important preventive measures.

Montana’s public health agencies and immunization providers have been working hard to increase childhood immunization rates. Their effort is showing results with the state rate and ranking improving. In 2012, 67% of Montana children were considered up-to-date; near the national average of 68%. Montana rates in 2013 showed that Montana was remaining somewhat stable at 65.4%. The FCHB and the Immunization Program are committed to supporting all vaccine providers in an effort to further continuing to improve vaccine coverage.

**Newborn Screening Program:** There are approximately 12,000 live births each year in Montana. Nearly all newborns are screened for 28 life-threatening metabolic conditions and hearing loss. As a result of these screenings, from 2012 thru 2014, 18 newborns were diagnosed with life-threatening, but treatable metabolic conditions. In calendar year 2013, 5 newborns were diagnosed with hearing loss. All of these newborns received follow-up services through partnerships between the Montana Public Health Laboratory, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind, primary care providers, and pediatric specialists. In 2014 Montana implemented newborn screening for critical congenital heart disease (CCHD). The newborn screening program continues to provide outreach and education to providers and parents on the importance of newborn screening.

**Regional Pediatric Clinics:** The MCH Block Grant supports the infrastructure for three regional pediatric clinics and their outreach sites. The regional clinics provide a location for in and out-of-state pediatric providers to see children and youth with special health care needs and their families. Clinics provide care coordination to community-based services for families. Regional clinics support multidisciplinary Cystic Fibrosis and metabolic team clinics allowing families not only to stay in Montana for care but also reduce time away from school and jobs. Physicians and health care providers served 4,091 children with special health care needs in calendar year 2014 at these locations.

**Fetal, Infant Child, and Maternal Mortality Review Program (FICMMR):** The MCH Block Grant supports 28 local FICMMR teams serving all of Montana’s counties and American Indian reservations. The Montana FICMMR act was amended by the 2013 Legislature to require the review of all maternal deaths. Local teams examine and report the factors contributing to fetal, infant, child, and maternal deaths. Data is summarized into quarterly topic-specific surveillance reports. The teams also provide recommendations, activities, and/or policy changes to reduce preventable deaths at the state and county-levels.
## People Served by the Montana MCH Program*

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<td>Pregnant women</td>
<td>3,178</td>
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<td>Infants under one</td>
<td>12,326</td>
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<td>Children and adolescents</td>
<td>21,031</td>
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<td>Children with special health care needs</td>
<td>7,786</td>
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<td>Others**</td>
<td>53,253</td>
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<td>Total served</td>
<td>97,574</td>
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*2013 State/Jurisdiction Annual Report Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau

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## Health Needs in Montana

- Increase the number of children who receive the recommended varicella vaccine.
- Increase the number of children who receive the recommended DTaP series.
- Reduce the proportion of children with unmet need for dental care.
- Increase the percent of children with cleft lip and/or palate receiving care at the CSHS clinics.
- Decrease the prevalence of smoking during pregnancy.
- Increase the number of Medicaid clients with an identified risk factor during a previous live birth (gestational diabetes, preconception obesity) who receives follow up care.
- Reduce the deaths caused by unintentional injuries.

## Grants to Montana*

**State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN**  
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
Helena, MT  
$299,045  
(State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN)

**Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program**  
YELLOWSTONE CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
Billings, MT  
$50,000  
(Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program)

**STATE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SSDI)**  
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
Helena, MT  
$100,000  
(State Systems Development Initiative)

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