Nebraska

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 Nebraska

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Title V Administrative Agency: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Nebraska’s Families

Statewide Initiatives and Partnerships – Nebraska commits approximately 25 percent of the MCH Block Grant to community-based organizations, such as local health departments, community action programs, and academic institutions and hospitals to address priority needs in Nebraska’s local communities. A portion of the funds is set aside for the four federally-recognized Native American Tribes headquartered in Nebraska - Omaha, Ponca, Santee Sioux and Winnebago. This support encourages a local community to assess its resources and capacity to address the health needs of Nebraska’s mothers and children. The state agency provides technical assistance and financial resources to communities to implement work plans and evaluate outcomes.

Supporting State Programs – The MCH Block Grant significantly supports state-level public health infrastructure and statutory requirements, often in conjunction with other funds (federal and state) to strengthen each separate investment. It helps support many of the programs or activities within Lifespan Health Services, a unit within the Division of Public Health, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/lifespanhealth.aspx). Lifespan Health Services conducts the statewide MCH assessment, does planning, leads initiatives, and develops policies. This unit also administers programs to improve the health of women, infants, children, adolescents and families in Nebraska. Those programs with support from the MCH Block Grant include Newborn Screening & Genetics; Maternal & Child & Adolescent Health; MCH Epidemiology for the Pregnancy, Risk, Assessment & Monitoring System (PRAMS) and Child Death Review Team; Reproductive Health; Immunization; Title V / MCH Special Projects; and the Women’s Health Initiative.

In addition to the programs supported with Title V / MCH Block Grant funds, Lifespan Health Services also administers Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), Early Hearing Detection & Intervention, and the Nebraska Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (N-MIECHV). Other state-level programs within the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services supported in part by Title V / MCH Block grant include: Oral Health and Dentistry; Birth Defects Registry; Office of Health Disparities and Health Equity; and Medically Handicapped Children’s Program. For more information, visit http://dhhs.ne.gov.

Medically Handicapped Children’s Program – The Medically Handicapped Children’s Program (MHCP) serves children with special health care needs (CSHCN) and is located in the Division of Children and Family Services. Under the direction of the CSHCN Administrator, and MHCP Program Coordinator, this Program also includes the Disabled Children’s Program and the Genetically Handicapped Person Program. For more information, visit http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/hcs_programs.aspx.
People Served by the Nebraska 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:

- 479 pregnant women
- 26,334 infants under one
- 31,125 children and adolescents
- 2,283 children with special health care needs
- 25,207 others
- 85,428 total served

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

Health Needs in Nebraska

- Increase access to oral health care for children and CSHCN.
- Increase access to Medical Homes for CSHCN particularly for those with functional limitations.
- Reduce the health disparities gap in infant health status and outcomes.
- Reduce the rates of abuse and neglect of infants and CSHCN.
- Reduce alcohol use and binge drinking among youth.
- Improve the reproductive health of youth and women by decreasing the rates of STD’s and unintended pregnancies.
- Increase the prevalence of infants who breastfeed exclusively through six months of age.
- Increase quality of and access to perinatal health services, including pre/interconception health care, prenatal care, labor and delivery services, and postpartum care.
- Reduce the impact of poverty on infants/children including food insecurity.
- Increase the prevalence of the MCH/CSHCN population who are physically active, eating healthy, and are at a healthy weight.

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Grants to Nebraska*

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program
VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF THE MIDLANDS, THE
Omaha, NE
$49,981
(Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program)

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program
SAINT ELIZABETH FOUNDATION
Lincoln, NE
$47,111
(Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program)

STATE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SSDI)
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF
Lincoln, NE
$100,000
(State Systems Development Initiative)

MCH Continuing Education
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
Omaha, NE
$71,986
(MCH Continuing Education)

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders Training Program
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
Omaha, NE
$586,501
(Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders Training Program)

Partnership for State Title V MCH Leadership Community
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
Omaha, NE
$725,750
(Partnership for State Title V MCH Leadership Community)

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