Pennsylvania

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 Pennsylvania

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Title V Administrative Agency:
Bureau of Family Health, Pennsylvania Department of Health

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Pennsylvania’s Families

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs — The Bureau of Family Health continues to outreach to families of children with special health care needs through the PA Medical Home and Special Kids Network Programs. The PA Medical Home Program improves care to children and youth, including those with special health care needs, by utilizing the model “Educating Practices in Community Integrated Care (EPIC IC).” The goal is to enhance the quality of life through effective community-based coordination, communication, and improved primary health care.

The Special Kids Network addresses families’ need for access to information and resources through three primary components: 1) a toll-free helpline; 2) in-home individualized service coordination; and 3) outreach through a network of Regional Coordinators, all of whom are parents of children/youth with special health care needs.

Pennsylvania’s commitment to improving the lives of women, children, and families requires the ability to effectively communicate with a diverse population. The Bureau of Family Health is developing a five-year plan to increase cultural and linguistic competence throughout its programs and stakeholder networks.

Through Title V funding, the Bureau of Family Health supports a new program called the TBI Child and Adolescent School Re-entry Program. The School Re-entry Program, based on a best practice model called Brain STEPS, employed in seven other states, ensures that those who provide educational support to children with brain injury have a good understanding that will help students achieve optimal educational success.

The Program includes training, consultation for teachers and other school personnel, accurate identification of brain injury, Individualized Educational Plan development and long term monitoring of students with brain injury. The program also assists parents and families’ understanding of how brain injury impacts on the child’s ability to be successful in the classroom and in social settings with peers.

Title V and other state funds support comprehensive specialty care clinics for certain conditions within hospitals across the state and supplemental activities such as psycho-social assessments, treatment planning and transportation being provided by community based organizations.

Maternal and Infant Health Needs - Local Title V agencies have developed home visiting programs with a goal of improving birth outcomes, reducing low birth weight rates and reducing infant and neonatal mortality by increasing the number of women who receive prenatal care in the first trimester. Most home visiting programs through the local county/municipal health departments focus on serving at-risk women which can include women living in poverty, pregnant or parenting adolescents, women with mental health or substance abuse issues, or women with very little support in the community.

Newborn Screening – The MCHSBG funds screening for all newborns and provide follow-up services to infants and children diagnosed with any of 3028 tested metabolic conditions. In 2011, approximately 50,000 newborns were served.
Collaborative efforts are targeted to hospitals, metabolic disease treatment centers, other specialty centers, a host of medical and allied health providers, laboratories, and others. The Newborn Screen and Follow-Up (NSFP) contracts for case management and follow-up with four Metabolic Disease Treatment Centers, and 6 Cystic Fibrosis Treatment Centers and 10 University and Community Centers for Sickle Cell Disease.

The NSFP also provided funding to assist with Cystic Fibrosis (CF) referrals, as the Department has grants with all six centers for confirmatory testing, intervention, and medical management of CF. This is a result of the CF Foundation guidelines, which recommends that newborns with abnormal screens be referred to an accredited CF center.

In 2013, the NSFP added follow-up for Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) and Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Disease (SCID).

In October 2014, Act 148 was signed into law by the Governor, which adds “certain lysosomal storage disorders (LSDs), including: Globoid Cell Leukodystrophy (Krabbe), Fabry, Pompe, Niemann-Pick, Gaucher and Hurler Syndrome (MPS I)” to the mandatory panel of screening tests for newborn children. The program has begun the necessary work to implement this Act and will continue to provide updates to stakeholders throughout the process.

People Served by the Pennsylvania 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:

- 3,603 pregnant women
- 145,394 infants under one
- 31,900 children and adolescents
- 36,793 children with special health care needs
- 20,614 others
- 238,304 total served

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

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**Health Needs in Pennsylvania**

- Improve the transition of children and youth with special health care needs from child to adult medical, educational, and social services.
- Expand injury prevention activities (including suicide prevention), for infants, children and adolescents
- Increase screening for mental health issues among infants, children and adolescents
- Increase behavioral health (mental health and substance abuse) screening, diagnosis and treatment for pregnant women and mothers (this includes post partum depression)
- Decrease teen pregnancy through comprehensive sex education
- Decrease barriers for prenatal care for at-risk/uninsured women through implementation of best practices
- Expand access to physical and behavioral health services for high risk youth such as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning (LGBTQ), runaway/homeless
- Identify strategies for increasing respite care for caregivers
- Reduce infant mortality rate for minorities
- Increase awareness of and access to comprehensive information about services and programs for CSHCN
Grants to Pennsylvania*

**State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN**
HEALTH, PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF
Harrisburg, PA
$86,500
(State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN)

**Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program**
ALBERT EINSTEIN HEALTHCARE NETWORK
Philadelphia, PA
$50,000
(Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program)

**Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program**
TO OUR CHILDRENS FUTURE WITH HEALTH INC
PHILADELPHIA, PA
$50,000
(Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program)

**STATE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SSDI)**
HEALTH, PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF
Harrisburg, PA
$100
(State Systems Development Initiative)

**Hemophilia Treatment Centers (SPRANS)**
CHILDRENS HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA
Philadelphia, PA
$500,000
(Hemophilia Treatment Centers (SPRANS))

**Leadership Training in Social Work**
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH THE
Pittsburgh, PA
$85,484
(Leadership Training in Social Work)

**Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders Training Program**
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH THE
Pittsburgh, PA
$576,311
(Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders Training Program)

**Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders Training Program**
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA
Philadelphia, PA
$719,675
(Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders Training Program)

**Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Training Program**
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA
Philadelphia, PA
$179,517
(Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Training Program)

**Sickle Cell Treatment Demonstration Program**
PRIMARY CARE HEALTH SERVICES INC
PITTSBURGH, PA
$356,618
(Sickle Cell Treatment Demonstration Program)

**Sickle Cell**
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH THE
Pittsburgh, PA
$343,202
(Sickle Cell)

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