South Carolina

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 South Carolina

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Title V Administrative Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of South Carolina’s Families

**Home Visitation Programs** — South Carolina continues to provide Postpartum Newborn Home Visits to high risk mothers and infants regardless of insurance provider. Evidence-based home visitation programs such as Nurse Family Partnership are also implemented throughout the state. Currently there are nine Nurse Family Partnership sites, serving 26 counties.

**Children with Special Health Care Needs** — Services for children with special health care needs and their families are centered on information and referral; financial assistance for selected medical services, supplies, equipment, and prescription drugs; care coordination; and parent-to-parent support. Parent services have been expanded through a contract with the state Family Voices and Family-to-Family Information Center grantee.

**Immunizations** — Through extensive outreach efforts and working in tandem with partners in the private sector, South Carolina maintains a high level of childhood immunization. Additionally, MCH programs continue to partner on high priority issues such as influenza vaccines for pregnant women and pertussis vaccines for families and infants.

**Birth Defects Surveillance** — The South Carolina Birth Defects Program provides surveillance on 42 of the 45 defects recommended for surveillance. Data from the program drives primary prevention efforts, such as the partnership with Greenwood Genetic Center to facilitate Folic Acid awareness and Neural Tube Defect prevention. The Birth Defects Program also has an outreach component, which partners with providers and other programs to assure that families of children with birth defects are aware of services available to them.

**Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention** — South Carolina has a strong centralized structure to oversee the blood lead-screening program. A statewide lead advisory committee provides direction for targeting program efforts and the MCH program offers technical assistance to local health departments, which provide screening and follow-up services.

**Newborn Screening** — The MCH program maintains a statewide registry of patients with congenital metabolic disorders, monitors laboratory tests, makes recommendations for follow-up services and refers clients to determine eligibility for genetic testing and treatment. The program continues to provide a high level of short-term follow-up services to infants who screen positive for one of the conditions on the test panel.

**Perinatal Regionalization** — South Carolina’s MCH program continues to maintain an efficient and effective Perinatal Regionalization System to ensure that high-risk deliveries occur in Level III facilities and that infants receive risk-appropriate care. Key components of this system include: obstetric and neonatal outreach education, transport coordination, and physician consult and follow-up.
Health Needs in South Carolina

- Increase the degree to which MCH is actively engaged in ongoing assessment and assurance activities
- Reduce the number of infant deaths due to SIDS/positional asphyxiation
- Improve systems for obtaining parental involvement in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of DHEC programs and services for CSHCN
- Promote and support regional based planning of MCH programs/initiatives
- Improve planning and coordination of activities related to existing national performance measures
- Invest in building existing MCH workforce leadership competencies and skills related to data analysis and program evaluation
- Increase knowledge of appropriate child social-emotional development among parents and early childhood service providers
- Improve overall pre/inter-conception health status of South Carolina women

Grants to South Carolina*

STATE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SSDI)
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
Columbia, SC
$74,835
(State Systems Development Initiative)

Family Professional Partnership/CSHCN
FAMILY CONNECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC.
Columbia, SC
$95,700
(Family Professional Partnership/CSHCN)

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders Training Program
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Charleston, SC
$486,440
(Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders Training Program)

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