South Dakota
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 Dakota

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Title V Administrative Agency:
Division of Family Health, State Department of Health

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of South Dakota’s Families

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs — The MCH program serves families whose children have a coverable chronic medical condition. Staff can assist families by providing support, connecting them to needed resources, assisting with transitions, and by offering financial assistance to families that qualify according to family size and income.

Newborn Screening — Infants born in South Dakota are screened for metabolic diseases and hearing loss prior to hospital discharge and receive referrals to follow-up services as needed. South Dakota screens for 30 of the 31 core conditions listed in the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel of the Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children. The metabolic long-term follow-up program consists of education, communication, tracking health and development, and collecting data to assess availability of resources and helps to ensure infants receive appropriate care.

Tobacco Control Program — Coordinates state efforts to prevent youth and young adults from starting to use tobacco products, help current tobacco users quit, reduce exposure to second-hand smoke and eliminate tobacco-related disparities among population groups. South Dakota enacted a clean indoor air law in 2010 and utilizes federal and tobacco tax dollars dedicated to the tobacco control program. As a result, the program provides programming such as SD QuitLine services, which offer free coaching and cessation medications, public education/messaging, surveillance and evaluation, community/school partnership grants, and K-12 mini grants to implement evidence-based prevention and cessation programs.

Bright Start Home Visits — Nurses in twelve counties offer home visits to low-resource pregnant women, infants, and toddlers. The areas served include three American Indian reservation areas, as well as other counties that have been identified as having high infant mortality rates. The typical client is a single first time mom under the age of 19, with limited education and resources, and who has limited family or other support systems. The visits help improve health status of women and children and support the mothers’ ability to care for their children. Additionally, the nurses support the mothers in meeting their life course goals for education and work. During the visits, activities are demonstrated to stimulate child development, to promote attachment and bonding, and to provide a safe and nurturing home environment.

Child Obesity Prevention — MCH has many DOH programs that work on prevention of child obesity. fitCare empowers children to make healthy lifestyle choices toward prevention of obesity. The components in the program include nutritional fitness, physical fitness, emotional fitness and behavioral fitness. Munch Code is a color coded labeling program that promotes healthy food and beverage concession choices and has a model policy that defines the guidelines. DOH & DOE started a data surveillance system in 1998 of school aged children to identify the prevalence of obesity in SD students. School specific data is returned to the participating schools and ideas to reverse the increasing trend in obesity are offered in the annual report.
**Immunization** — Nurses administer a large number of publicly funded vaccines and coordinate activities to raise public awareness about the importance of immunizations.

**Injury Prevention** — The MCH program coordinates with other agencies to promote injury prevention activities for infants, children and adolescents such as car and bike safety, poison prevention, drinking and drug use, and intentional and unintentional injuries including sexual assault and domestic violence.

**Bright Start Toll-Free Number** — This toll-free number provides referrals for service, answers questions and offers general information regarding early childhood issues.

**People Served by the South Dakota 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:

- 9,686 pregnant women
- 12,926 infants under one
- 17,648 children and adolescents
- 16,348 children with special health care needs
- 10,505 others
- 67,113 total served

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

**Health Needs in South Dakota**

- Improve adolescent health and reduce risk-taking behaviors (i.e., intentional and unintentional injuries, dietary habits, tobacco use, drug and alcohol use)
- Improve and assure appropriate access to health services that are focused on families, women, infants, children, adolescents, and CYSHCN
- Reduce childhood obesity
- Improve the health of, and services for, children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) through comprehensive services and support
- Improve state and local surveillance and data collection and evaluation capacity
- Reduce morbidity and mortality among children and adolescents
- Reduce infant mortality
- Improve pregnancy outcomes
- Reduce unintended pregnancies

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**Grants to South Dakota**

**State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN**
SOUTH DAKOTA PARENT CONNECTION INC
Sioux Falls, SD
$287,678
(State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN)

**STATE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SSDI)**
SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Pierre, SD
$100,000
(State Systems Development Initiative)

**Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders Training Program**
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA
Vermillion, SD
$567,824
(Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders Training Program)

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