

American Samoa

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant 2019

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. In FY2017, 86% of all pregnant women, 99% of infants, and 55% of children nationwide benefitted from a Title V-supported service. To learn more about Title V, visit www.amchp.org.

MCH Block Grant Funds to American Samoa

FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
\$485,820	\$484,884	\$490,711

Title V Administrative Agency:
American Samoa Department of Health

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of American Samoa's Families

Immunization— Immunization services are provided by the MCH Program in partnership with the community health centers and the pediatric department of the LBJ Tropical Medical Center.

Oral Health — The MCH Dental Program focuses its services on 3rd grade children in American Samoa. In addition to providing dental sealants, the MCH Dental Team assesses the children for dental cavities.

Well Baby/Child Services— Well Baby/Child clinics are held at four community-based health centers. All Well-Child services are provided at no cost to clients. The Well Baby/Child population is the largest population served by MCH.

Children with Special Health Care Needs- The initial screening for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) begins at birth, with the initial assessment at the nursery. Developmental screening and physical assessments continue through infancy at the Well Baby/Child clinics to rule out any chronic or developmental issues.

Teen Pregnancy—The MCH Program partners with the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition and Gear Up to promote adolescent health and education on reproductive health for young people. These efforts are coordinated through Gear Up wraparound services as well as outreach events in the community.

Percentage Served by the American Samoa MCH Program*

98.0%	Pregnant women
100.0%	Infants under one
45.0%	Children and adolescents
100.0%	Children with special health care needs
5.0%	Others

*2017 State/Jurisdiction Annual Reports Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Selected National Performance Measures

- Well woman visit
- Breastfeeding
- Developmental screening
- Physical activity
- Bullying
- Adolescent well-visit
- Medical home
- Oral Health

Health Needs in American Samoa

- Increase awareness and access to prenatal care
- Reduce infant mortality rate
- Increase rate of breastfeeding
- Reduce childhood obesity
- Promote evidence based developmental screenings for children 0-5 years of age
- Improve system of care for CYSHCN
- Promote oral health
- Reduce Acute Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease
- Reduce preterm births by abstaining from smoking during pregnancy
- Promote preventative medical visits for women including preconception health, prevention and control of NCD.
- Prevent adolescents including CYSCN from being bullied
- Promote preventative medical screening for adolescents, annually

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