

## Arizona

### 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](http://www.amchp.org).

#### MCH Block Grant Funds to Arizona

| FY 2016     | FY 2017     | FY 2018     |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| \$7,281,597 | \$7,242,332 | \$7,407,455 |

**Title V Administrative Agency:**  
Arizona Department of Health Services  
Division of Public Health Services

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

### Protecting and Improving the Health of Arizona's Families

**Bureau of Women's and Children's Health**, where the Title V Block grant is administered, is organized by office: Children's Health, Women's Health, Injury Prevention, Oral Health, Children with Special Health Care Needs, Primary Care and Assessment and Evaluation. The mission of the Bureau is to strengthen the family and the community by promoting and improving the health and safety of women and children.

The Bureau utilizes the Title V, other federal funds and state funds to accomplish this mission: Increasing accessibility to affordable quality care, promoting best practices, supporting program and services that continue Arizona's efforts to address priorities by populations.

**Women/Maternal Health** – Title V funds Hotlines where women can receive information and referral to preventive health services, prenatal care, breastfeeding support and consultation, and reproductive health. Local county health departments are able to provide reproductive health services, increase access to preconception health and connect pregnant women who smoke to the ASHline.

Funds also support the Sexual Violence and Prevention Program, Domestic Violence services and a community health worker visitation program for pregnant and parenting women and their families.

**Perinatal/Infant Health** – The High Risk Perinatal Program/Newborn Intensive Care Program and contract providers deliver comprehensive statewide services to ensure the most appropriate level of care surrounding birth is provided. Additionally, early identification and support services are provided to support the child's developmental needs. The New Born Screening Program is funded by Title V to screen every child born in Arizona's for certain inherited conditions.

**Child Health** – Services are provided directly and through contracts with local county health departments and community organizations. Projects include community nursing home visitation; immunizations; safe sleep education; car seat safety training; birth defects prevention efforts; tooth decay prevention and oral health education in schools; WIC clinics, immunization clinics, and child care centers; inclusive nutrition and physical activity program; building a statewide early childhood home visiting system by implementing evidence based home visiting models and outreach; and services to pregnant women and children birth to 5 years old, or entering kindergarten.

**Adolescent Health** – The MCH Program supports teen pregnancy prevention programs, home visiting for teen mothers, preconception health support and professional development for individuals working with adolescents. In addition, the Bureau is currently focusing on bullying prevention and increasing the percentage of adolescent receiving wellness visits.

**Children with Special Health Care Needs** – OCSHCN partners with families, community leaders, and child-serving agencies help to promote best practices. These services include education and training for youth, families, and professionals on health care transition for adolescents and young adults to all aspects of adult life; respite services; metabolic pharmaceutical assistance; and linking families to resources and to Arizona's Family to Family Health Information Center.

**Other Notable Teams** – The Assessment and Evaluation team provides technical support on all matters concerning needs assessment, evaluation, data analysis, factsheets, reports, research briefs, and manuscripts related to maternal and child health in Arizona. The Injury Prevention team is responsible for coordinating and building state infrastructure for community injury prevention, such as safe sleep, opioid response, prescription drugs, and child fatality review.

**Other Notable Teams (cont'd)** – The Arizona Primary Care Team supports activities that help improve access to care in Arizona such as health professional shortage and medically underserved area designations, loan repayment programs for provider recruitment and retention, and sliding fee scale programs.

## Percentage Served by the Arizona MCH Program\*

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| 100.0% | Pregnant women                          |
| 97.0%  | Infants under one                       |
| 48.0%  | Children and adolescents                |
| 36.0%  | Children with special health care needs |
| 1.0%   | Others                                  |

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

## Health Needs in Arizona

- Improve the health of women before and between pregnancies
- Reduce Infant Mortality and Morbidity
- Decrease the incidence of childhood injury
- Increase the early identification and treatment of developmental delays
- Promote the smooth transition through the life course of CYSHCN
- Support adolescents to make healthy decisions as they transition to adulthood
- Reduce the use of tobacco and other substances across the lifespan
- Improve the oral health of Arizona's women and children
- Increase the percentage of women and children who are physically active
- Strengthen the ability of Arizona families to raise emotionally and physically healthy children

## State Selected National Performance Measures

- Well-Woman Visit
- Breastfeeding
- Injury Hospitalization
- Developmental Screening
- Bullying
- Adolescent Well-Visit
- Transition
- Smoking
- Oral Health

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## Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

### State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)

Arizona Department of Health Services  
Phoenix, AZ

### Children's Oral Healthcare Access Program

Northern Arizona University  
Flagstaff, AZ

### Pediatric Pulmonary Care Centers

University of Arizona  
Tucson, AZ

### Maternal and Child Health Nutrition Training Program

Arizona State University  
Tempe, AZ

