

Arkansas

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 Arkansas

FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
\$6,895,733	\$6,883,968	\$6,972,695

Title V Administrative Agencies:

Arkansas Department of Health, Center for Health Advancement, Family Health Branch
 Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, Children's Medical Services

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Arkansas' Families

Medical Home Training — With a new grant, the MCH program will provide training on the medical home concept to pediatricians and family practice physicians in target sites over the next year.

Toll-free Information Line — MCH supports a 1-800 telephone line, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Callers receive a wide range of information about specific campaigns and programs within the Department of Health.

Family Education — The program surveys all children with special health care needs (CSHCN) when they turn 14 to help focus the youths' and families' attention on planning for the child's transition into adult care. The program also distributes a quarterly newsletter to over 15,000 CSHCN families.

Prenatal Care — Local health units provide prenatal care services, assist physicians with Medicaid enrollment and offer nutrition education.

Medical Services for Special Needs Children — The CSHCN program is a division of the Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services. The Title V CSHCN program, called the Children with Chronic Health Conditions Program (CHC) paid for direct medical services for over 600 children with special health care needs who do not receive Medicaid benefits.

Title V continues to pay for some services for children and youth who have AR Medicaid that does not fully meet their needs. Services were covered for 168 children and youth, including purchase of hearing aids, physical therapy or occupational therapy, orthotics and braces, medical supplies, special formulas, medications, clinic visits, lifts for vehicle and homes, wheel chair ramps, adaptive strollers and overhead track systems.

The program enables families to care for their children and youth at home, decreasing hospitalizations. The program also provided care coordination services for 2,801 special needs families who requested this assistance.

Percentage Served by the Arkansas MCH Program*

96.0%	Pregnant women
100.0%	Infants under one
52.0%	Children and adolescents
52.0%	Children with special health care needs
11.0%	Other

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

Health Needs in Arkansas

- Reduce substance abuse among families, including alcohol, tobacco and drugs
- Increase access and preventative health care services to Arkansans and their families
- Increase healthy relationships
- Increase access to reproductive health services that adhere to national best practice guidelines
- Improve the system of care for families with children and youth with special health care needs
- Reduce the rate of child maltreatment
- Increase evidence-based screening for all MCH populations for behavioral and mental health problems

State Selected National Performance Measures

- Well-Woman Visit
- Risk-Appropriate Perinatal Care
- Breastfeeding
- Safe Sleep
- Injury Hospitalization
- Physical Activity
- Transition to Adult Health Care for CSHCN
- Adequate Insurance Coverage

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Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)

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