



ASSOCIATION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS

# State Profile

A SNAPSHOT OF HOW THE TITLE V MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BLOCK GRANT WORKS IN YOUR STATE

## Florida

### 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 Florida

FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
\$19,195,065	\$19,186,417	\$19,603,562

#### Title V Administrative Agency:

Department of Health, Bureau of Family Health Services and the Division of Children’s Medical Services

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

### Protecting and Improving the Health of Florida’s Families

**Children with Special Health Care Needs** – The Office of Children’s Medical Services Managed Care Plan (CMS Plan) & Specialty Programs, offered by the Department of Health for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN), serves in-part as a specialty health plan option for Medicaid and the State Children’s Health Insurance Plan. The CMS Plan provides CYSHCN a family-centered, comprehensive and coordinated system of care.

Through its Specialty Programs, Title V funding is used to support public health population approaches. This includes community outreach, education and resource linkage for the state’s priority needs of increasing access to patient centered medical homes, improving health care transition for adolescents and young adults, improving access to appropriate mental health services and workforce development. In addition, the program is implementing Regional and Statewide Networks for Access and Quality (RNAQ & SNAQ). These community integrated networks focus on population health strategies to link resources and bridge gaps in addressing health outcomes, including social determinates of health, for CYSHCN. The Title V CYSHCN Technical Advisory Panel, convened by the State’s Surgeon General, released recommendations for quality of life

outcomes for CYSHCN that can be found at:

[www.FloridaHealth.gov/CMSSpecialtyPrograms/Title-V-TAP](http://www.FloridaHealth.gov/CMSSpecialtyPrograms/Title-V-TAP) and will be included in future planning for the CMS Plan, RNAQ and SNAQ.

**Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review** — The review team monitors trends in pregnancy associated deaths and identifies clinical, system, individual and community factors that impact receipt and delivery of care and maternal outcomes. *Urgent Maternal Mortality Messages* have been developed to assist with moving recommendations to actions on Placental Conditions-Hemorrhage and Peripartum Cardiomyopathy.

**Interconception Care** — Title V is funding interconception care (ICC) and early entry into prenatal care through Florida’s Healthy Start program. ICC education is offered to Healthy Start prenatal and postnatal clients who are capable of becoming pregnant in the future and who have risk factors that may lead to a poor pregnancy outcome. In an effort to improve prenatal and infant outcomes, Healthy Start Coalitions are also responsible for assisting pregnant women in obtaining early access to prenatal care to mitigate risk factors.

**Florida Life Course Indicator Report** — The Florida Life Course Indicator Report is a state-level report that provides baseline measures for the established 59 Life Course Indicators and provides a knowledge base about the Life Course Theory. The report is available online for public health practitioners statewide. [www.flhealth.gov/floridalifecourse](http://www.flhealth.gov/floridalifecourse)

**Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative (FPQC)** — The MCH program contracts with the FPQC to support efforts to improve Florida’s maternal and infant health outcomes through the delivery of high quality, evidence-based perinatal care through quality improvement efforts including addressing prevention and management of hemorrhage and hypertension in pregnancy.

**Public Health Dental Program (PDHP)** — Title V funding supported primary dental care services, including preventive, restorative, surgical care, or other needed treatment for uninsured or underinsured pregnant or postpartum women at or below 200% of the federal poverty level who were referred by WIC, Florida’s Healthy Start, or Florida schools. The PDHP also provided oral health education and prevention services to promote optimal well-being for both mother and child, especially as it relates to improving birth outcomes, preventing early childhood caries, and keeping children healthy.

**Universal Prenatal and Infant Risk Screening** — Florida law requires that providers and birthing facilities offer universal risk screening to all pregnant women at their first prenatal visit and to all newborns at birth. The screening identifies women and newborns with environmental, medical, nutritional, or behavioral factors that may contribute to poor birth

outcomes or developmental delay. Women and newborns at risk may be eligible for Florida's Healthy Start care coordination and additional services such as breastfeeding and parenting support, nutrition, psychosocial and interconception counseling and education, based on individual need and local resources.

## Percentage Served by the Florida MCH Program\*

79.0%	Pregnant women
93.0%	Infants under one
60.0%	Children and adolescents
12.0%	Children with special health care needs
0.0%	Others

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

## Health Needs in Florida

- Promote safe and healthy infant sleep behaviors and environments improving support systems, and daily living conditions that make safe sleep practices challenging.
- Promote activities to improve the health of children and adolescents in extracurricular and/or out-of-school activities in a safe and healthy environment
- Promote tobacco cessation to reduce adverse birth outcomes and secondhand smoke exposure to children
- Promote breastfeeding to ensure better health for infants and children and reduce low food security
- Improve access to health care for women, specifically women who face significant barriers to better health, to improve preconception health
- Increase access to medical homes and primary care for children with special health care needs
- Improve health care transition for adolescents and young adults with special health care needs to all aspects of adult life
- Improve dental care access for children and pregnant women
- Improve access to appropriate mental health services to all children
- Address the social determinants of health that influence the relationship between health status and biology, individual behavior, health services, social factors and policies

## State Selected National Performance Measures

- Well-Woman Visit
- Breastfeeding
- Safe Sleep
- Physical Activity
- Bullying
- Medical Home
- Transition
- Smoking



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

### Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program

ORLANDO HEALTH, INC.  
 Orlando, FL

### State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
 Tallahassee, FL

### Epidemiological MCH/SPH Institute

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA  
 Tampa, FL

### MCH Pipeline Training Program

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA  
 Tampa, FL

### Pediatric Pulmonary Care Centers

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA  
 Gainesville, FL

### Maternal and Child Health Public Health Training Program

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA  
 Tampa, FL

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FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
 Miami, FL

