

Kentucky

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 Kentucky

FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
\$10,986,565	\$10,963,089	\$11,100,869

Title V Administrative Agency:
Kentucky Department for Public Health

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Kentucky's Families

Children with Special Needs — Kentucky's priority is to assure the availability of care and services provided in the community, through partnership and programs. Families may access services through 11 regional offices and 6 satellite locations across the state. Gap-filling direct medical services are provided to children with certain conditions. Nurses and pediatric specialty physicians provide services in clinics organized by diagnosis. Families receive financial support to assist with travel and lodging to attend these clinics or receive hospital services.

Newborn Metabolic Screening — Kentucky currently screens for 52 disorders on the metabolic screen. Kentucky is in alignment with the current recommendations from the American College of Medical Genetics and the March of Dimes.

Home Visiting — The Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS) provides home visiting to overburdened first-time families to help them meet the challenges of parenting during the prenatal period and during the child's first three years of life. HANDS is operational in all 120 Kentucky counties and over 10,000 families have participated each year.

Newborn Hearing Screening — Over 96.7 percent of Kentucky's infants receive hearing tests before hospital discharge, regardless of risk factor status.

Local Health Departments — The majority of Title V funding is allocated directly to local health departments to support activities benefiting women and children. In addition to preventive services, local health departments implement evidence-informed strategies to address priority health needs in Kentucky.

Percentage Served by the Kentucky MCH Program*

21.0%	Pregnant women
99.0%	Infants under one
99.0%	Children and adolescents
35.0%	Children with special health care needs
8.0%	Others

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

Health Needs in Kentucky

- Reduce maternal morbidity
- Reduce infant mortality
- Reduce child abuse and neglect
- Reduce overweight and obesity among teens
- Improve oral health
- Reduce substance abuse
- Improve transition services for CSHCN
- Improve access to Care and Services for CSHCN
- Promote adequate insurance for CSHCN
- Increase data capacity for CSHCN

State Selected National Performance Measures

- Low-risk cesarean delivery
- Breastfeeding
- Safe Sleep
- Physical Activity
- Transition
- Preventive Dental Visit
- Smoking

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Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)
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