

Louisiana

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 Louisiana

FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
\$12,061,454	\$12,054,384	\$12,248,060

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

Title V Administrative Agency:

Louisiana Department of Health - Office of Public Health – Bureau of Family Health

Protecting and Improving the Health of Louisiana’s Families

The Bureau of Family Health (BFH) works to promote the health of all Louisiana women, children, teens, and families through the provision of reliable data; preventive and educational services that are grounded in best practices to promote optimal health; policy and educational initiatives to improve access to services; and partnerships with communities, government, and academia to advance common goals. **BFH and Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Programs have now merged as a new, integrated BFH.** Programs with CYSHCN focus include the Children’s Special Health Services (CSHS), the Louisiana Birth Defects Monitoring Network, Hearing, Speech, and Vision, and Genetics. The programs provide:

- Newborn hearing and metabolic screening/ follow-up
- Care coordination services and transportation assistance
- Technical assistance to embed medical home concepts into practices and resident training programs
- Parent support and resource information
- Active surveillance program for birth defects
- Subspecialty clinics for CYSHCN in healthcare provider shortage areas

Data to Support Action and Quality Improvement

Louisiana’s BFH epidemiologists link, analyze, and interpret vital records, health, morbidity, and socio-demographic data to assist with program planning, evaluation, policy and other decision support. They translate data through fact sheets, issue briefs, and reports. Advanced analyses inform the programmatic and policy approaches needed for population impact. In addition, Title V supports surveillance of sentinel events such as fetal demise and infant mortality, child deaths, birth defects, and pregnancy associated mortality. Title V also supports screening and linkage to care for children with abnormal newborn genetic screening results (28 conditions), abnormal hearing screening, and lead.

Policy and Systems-Change Efforts

Tapping staff with specific content expertise, Louisiana’s Title V program promotes best-practices within public health and across systems. Their knowledge includes perinatal and pediatric clinical practice, early childhood development, grief and trauma, sexual violence, injury prevention, obesity prevention, breastfeeding, health communications, health promotion theory and practice, and data measurement and analysis.

Health Education and Promotion

Health education and communication activities include population health promotion campaigns, training and education of providers, and working with communities and systems such as medical care, supportive services, and early care and learning to strengthen the important environments where people live, work, play and get care.

Supportive Services

Supportive services include infant mental health consultation, partial financing of the Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program, limited crisis intervention for children who have experienced violence or trauma, and resources linkage for families of CYSHCN.

Clinical Services

Title V in Louisiana supports clinical services in health care provider shortage areas for CYSHCN. The CSHS Program performs regular assessments of need for its services and closes clinics where comparable services are available in the private sector. Title V also partners with the Louisiana Title X Program to provide quality reproductive health and family planning services to adolescents, women, and men in order to promote the future health of the MCH population.

Percentage Served by the Louisiana MCH Program*

100.0%	Pregnant women
99.0%	Infants under one
42.0%	Children and adolescents
42.0%	Children with special health care needs
34.0%	Others

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

Health Needs in Louisiana

- Ensure high performing essential MCH screening and surveillance systems
- Improve access to and quality of primary care, reproductive health, and specialty clinical services including care coordination
- Improve social and behavioral health supports, with a focus on child and family well-being and resiliency.
- Improve the ability of care systems to serve and support children, adolescents, and CYSHCN through transitions
- Bolster local level capacity to promote and protect health and well-being of children, caregivers, and families
- Advance understanding of drivers of disparities in MCH and CSHCN outcomes and boldly work toward equity
- Actively and meaningfully engage youth and families, building local level leaders across the state

Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)

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Baton Rouge, LA

Epidemiological MCH/SPH Institute

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Maternal and Child Health Nutrition Training Program

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State Selected National Performance Measures

- Well-Woman Visit
- Breastfeeding
- Safe Sleep
- Developmental Screening
- Adolescent Well-Visit
- Medical Home
- Transition
- Adequate Insurance

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