

Massachusetts

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 Massachusetts

FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
\$11,042,652	\$11,038,348	\$11,142,070

Title V Administrative Agency:

Bureau of Family Health and Nutrition
Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH)

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Massachusetts' Families

Maternal and Infant Health — Title V provides technical assistance to statewide efforts to address maternal substance use and treatment of substance-exposed newborns. Title V supports implementation of state Perinatal Oral Health Guidelines and supports hospitals to establish Baby Friendly designations. In collaboration with the Perinatal and Neonatal Quality Collaborative, funded through the CDC, Title V plays a key role in developing and implementing quality improvement projects to promote infant safe sleep practices and support families with infants with NAS. Title V also supports postpartum home visiting programs and partners closely with the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program and other state and community initiatives focused on strengthening early childhood systems of care. Other initiatives include sudden unexpected infant death bereavement counseling, safe sleep promotion, postpartum depression screening, rape crisis centers, support to families affected by substance use, and systematic maternal mortality reviews.

Child and Adolescent Health — The Title V partnership supports hospitals, community health centers and local health departments operating school-based health centers, which function as satellite outpatient clinics located in school buildings. The partnership also funds comprehensive school health services that support the existing required baseline of school health services. The state has developed and implemented medication administration guidelines and policies for the management of allergic reactions. School health efforts are expanding to address healthy weight, head injury regulations, and mental health. Primary and secondary youth violence prevention programs are implemented using a positive youth development approach. MDPH administers clinical and non-clinical family planning services, including evidenced-based models for teen pregnancy prevention that support youth in strengthening decision-making, communication and advocacy skills. Population-based services include a poison control center, childhood lead poisoning screening and medical case management, child passenger safety, and child fatality reviews.

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)

— The Title V partnership provides care coordination and family support; early intervention services to 50,000 children ages birth to three years; and other specialized services for families and children with special needs, including pediatric palliative care. Families are offered multifaceted outreach and assistance to obtain benefits and services for which they are eligible. A system of regional services includes care coordination, advocacy, referral, insurance enrollment, and Parent-to-Parent matching. Regional Consultation Programs for CSHCN offer assistance to early intervention programs, school systems, and birth-to-three child serving agencies to provide care to children with complex medical and technology needs. A toll free hotline provides information, technical assistance and resources for families with CYSHCN and providers serving these families. To support youth transition to adult health care, the Title V program offers information, resources, and support to families and to pediatric, adolescent, and adult medicine practices throughout the transition process. Title V provides newborn hearing screening to 99% of all births in the state and develops and implements integrated data systems to ensure follow-up and identify inequities in care. Families participate in leadership development opportunities and serve in advisory capacities to Title V programs.

Racial Equity – Promoting health and racial equity is a priority across all programs and population domains. The Title V program is committed to eliminating structural and institutional racism by equipping staff with the knowledge and skills to promote racial equity in their work. Training is offered to MDPH staff to develop a shared understanding of and support for a public health framework centered on racial equity and to increase staff capacity to address racism in the development, implementation, and evaluation of their programs, policies, and practices. Title V aims to strengthen the core elements of its work – including program planning, policy development, data collection, budgeting, and procurement – to meaningfully address structural and institutional racism.

Data Systems and Analyses — The Office of Data Translation (ODT) oversees the development and implementation of surveillance activities, program evaluations, statistical analyses, and dissemination of results to support decision making for MCH programs and policies. ODT directs several major MCH data projects including the Pregnancy to Early Life Longitudinal (PELL) data system, the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), and the State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI) program.

Health Priorities in Massachusetts

- Promote health and racial equity across all MCH domains by addressing racial justice and reducing disparities
- Promote equitable access to preventive health care including sexual and reproductive health services
- Address substance use among women of reproductive age to improve individual and family functioning
- Improve environments, systems, and policies to promote healthy weight, nutrition, and active living
- Promote safe, stable, nurturing environments to reduce violence and the risk of injury
- Reduce the impact and burden of environmental contaminants on children and their families
- Increase connections to Medical Home for all children, including those with special health needs.
- Support effective health-related transition to adulthood for adolescents with special health care needs
- Promote equitable access to dental care and preventive measures for pregnant women and children
- Promote emotional wellness and social connectedness across the lifespan

State Selected National Performance Measures

- Well Woman Visit
- Breastfeeding
- Safe Sleep



- Injury Hospitalization
- Adolescent Well-Visit
- Medical Home
- Transition
- Preventive Dental Visit

Percentage Served by the Massachusetts MCH Program*

The MCH Block Grant provided direct, enabling, and population-based services to the following individuals:

100.0%	pregnant women
98.0%	infants under one
68.0%	children and adolescents
68.0%	children with special health care needs
2.0%	others

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

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Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program
HOLYOKE HEALTH CENTER
Holyoke, MA

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program
THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CORPORATION
Boston, MA

State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Boston, MA

MCH Research
THE BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL, INC.
Boston, MA

MCH Research
TRUSTEES OF BOSTON UNIVERSITY
Boston, MA

MCH Research
TRUSTEES OF TUFTS COLLEGE INC
Boston, MA

MCH Research
THE BASSUK CENTER ON HOMELESS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN & YOUTH, INC.
Needham, MA

Children's Oral Healthcare Access Program
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Boston, MA

Strategic Approaches to Improving Access to Quality Healthcare for Children and Youth with Epilepsy (CYE)
BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER CORPORATION
Boston, MA

Epidemiological MCH/SPH Institute
TRUSTEES OF BOSTON UNIVERSITY
BOSTON, MA

Epidemiological MCH/SPH Institute
PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS OF HARVARD COLLEGE
Boston, MA

Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH)
THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CORPORATION
Boston, MA

Maternal and Child Health Public Health Training Program
HARVARD UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Boston, MA

Maternal and Child Health Public Health Training Program
TRUSTEES OF BOSTON UNIVERSITY
Boston, MA

The National Network to Advance Systems of Services for CSHCN
TRUSTEES OF BOSTON UNIVERSITY
Boston, MA

Children's Safety Network
EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Waltham, MA

MCH Collaborative Office Rounds
BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER CORPORATION
Boston, MA

MCH Collaborative Office Rounds
THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CORPORATION
Boston, MA

National Action Partnership to Promote Safe Sleep Program
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CHILDREN'S HEALTH QUALITY, INC.
Boston, MA

Supporting Healthy Start Performance Project
JSI RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE, INC.
Boston, MA

