

Tennessee

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 Tennessee

FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
\$11,695,492	\$11,714,889	\$11,887,756

Title V Administrative Agency:

Division of Family Health and Wellness
Tennessee Department of Health

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Tennessee's Families

Child Health Care — Well child exams are available in all 95 county health departments for children and adolescents, birth to 21; referrals are made for any suspected physical or developmental problem. Intensive home visiting services, provided through several programs, emphasize parent support, infant stimulation and periodic assessment to assure eligible children are healthy, free from child abuse and ready for school.

Children with Special Health Care Needs — Services for children with special health care needs are provided through two components of the Children's Special Services Program. The first component is for medical services and provides reimbursement for medical care, supplies, pharmaceuticals and therapies for children up to age 21 years who meet medical and financial criteria. The second component, care coordination, provides case management services to the client and their families.

Newborn Screening Follow-Up Services — State law requires that every newborn be screened for a comprehensive panel of genetic, metabolic, and other congenital conditions. Newborn Screening Follow-Up staff review approximately 80,000 screens per year and provide time-sensitive case management to infants with presumed positive screens. A network of tertiary specialty care centers provides urgent consultative and management services for these infants, their families, and their community primary care providers.

Tennessee Breastfeeding Hotline — Staffed by International Board-Certified Lactation Consultants 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year the hotline provides lactation information and support to anyone at no cost. Lactation professionals address breastfeeding concerns over the phone and refer to local resources as needed. They also follow up at 4 weeks post initial call.

Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention — Health education staff across the state work with community partners to provide tailored information on healthy relationships, adolescent health, and youth development.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program — Screening tests, as well as diagnostic follow-up tests for those with abnormal screening results, are provided to low income uninsured or underinsured women. Women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancers are enrolled in the state's Medicaid program to cover treatment expenses.

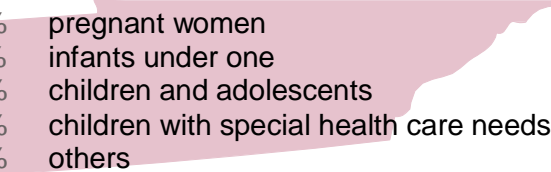
Child Fatality Review — Local teams have been established in the 31 judicial districts of Tennessee to review all deaths of children 17 years of age or younger. The state child fatality team reviews reports from the local teams, analyzes statistics of the incidences and causes of child deaths, and makes recommendations to the governor and General Assembly to promote the safety and well-being of children.



Health Needs in Tennessee

- Improve utilization of preventive care for women of childbearing age.
- Reduce infant mortality.
- Increase the number of infants and children receiving a developmental screening.
- Reduce the number of children exposed to adverse childhood experiences.
- Reduce the number of children and adolescents who are overweight or obese.
- Reduce the burden of injury among children and adolescents.
- Increase the number of children (both with and without special health care needs) having a medical home.
- Increase the number of children (both with and without special health care needs) who receive services necessary to make transitions to adult care.
- Reduce exposure to tobacco among the MCH population (pregnancy smoking and secondhand smoke exposure for children).

Percentage Served by the Tennessee MCH Program*



86.0%	pregnant women
100.0%	infants under one
7.0%	children and adolescents
2.0%	children with special health care needs
8.0%	others

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

Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Nashville, TN

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program
EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
Jonson City, TN

Maternal and Child Health Nutrition Training Program
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
Knoxville, TN

Maternal and Child Environmental Health Network (formerly Reproductive Environmental Health Network)
ORGANIZATION OF TERATOLOGY INFORMATION SPECIALISTS
Brentwood, TN

State Selected National Performance Measures

- Well Woman Visit
- Safe Sleep
- Developmental Screening
- Injury Hospitalization
- Physical Activity
- Medical Home
- Transition
- Smoking

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