

Virgin Islands 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 U.S. Virgin Islands

FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
\$1,464,800	\$1,473,657	\$1,488,491

Title V Administrative Agency:
U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Health

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of U.S. Virgin Islands' Families

Infant Health- The Virgin Islands Department of Health serves as the safety net for the most vulnerable and at-risk populations in the Territory. The MCH clinic partners with WIC to educate moms and provide support in continuing to breastfeed postpartum. Nurses counsel parents on safe sleep habits to reduce the risk of SIDS/SUIDS. Integrated newborn genetic/metabolic and hearing Screening, Limited Subspecialty Care Services, Audiology, Speech and Physical Therapy Services.

Child Health – The MCH & CSHCN Program focuses on the well-being of the MCH populations of women and infants, children and adolescents, and children with Special Health Care needs (CSHCN) and their families. The program places an emphasis on developing core public health functions and responding to changes in the health care delivery system. The program continues to provide services for the population of children ages birth to 21.

Children with Special Health Care Needs-

The program serves as a medical home for children with special health care needs. Public health nurses continue to provide care coordination. Interventions include advocacy, education, case management, counseling, and nursing procedures. Services were provided in a variety of locations including in the home, by phone and in other locations such as hospitals, clinics, schools, or childcare settings. Program nurses, physicians and allied health staff continued to work with families to make decisions about care and services for children. Meetings and case conferences attended during this period focused on transition from early intervention programs to school; children with special needs in the foster care system; and collaborations between public health nurses and families.

Cross-Cutting/Life Course – MCH is working towards developing a comprehensive system and coordinated response aimed at building capacity for oral health services, oral health surveillance and addressing the oral health workforce needs of the Virgin Islands as a Dental Health Professional Shortage Area. Program focus areas will include: 1) Developing a Dental program to expand or establish oral health services and facilities to include services for children with special health care needs, 2) Developing community-based prevention services for oral health, and 3) establishing a dental office to coordinate services, and the implementation of evaluation and surveillance activities for oral health

Percentage Served by the Virgin Islands MCH Program*

47.0%	Pregnant women
71.0%	Infants under one
24.0%	Children and adolescents
18.0%	Children with special health care needs
4.0%	Others

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

Health Needs in the Virgin Islands

- Increase access to comprehensive primary and preventative health care for adolescents and pre-adolescents.
- Increase the percentage of families that participate in transition planning
- Decrease the percentage of teenage pregnancy
- Increase the number of women still breastfeeding until 6 months
- Increase access to oral health care for the maternal and child population
- Decrease the number of children with BMI >85%
- Increase the number of families educated on safe sleep practices
- Increase the percent of developmental screenings done in the territory
- Increase the number of women that have well women visits

State Selected National Performance Measures

- Well Woman Visit
- Breastfeeding
- Safe Sleep
- Developmental Screening
- Physical Activity
- Adolescent Well-Visit
- Transition
- Preventive Dental Visit

Current Special Programs of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)
VIRGIN ISLANDS DEPT OF HEALTH GROUP
St. Thomas, VI

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