

West Virginia

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 West Virginia

| FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 2018 |
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| \$6,056,584 | \$6,055,641 | \$6,117,166 |

Title V Administrative Agency:

Office of Maternal Child and Family Health,
Bureau for Public Health

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of West Virginia's Families

Early Intervention – West Virginia has a unique population-based screening instrument which is used by all licensed birthing facilities to identify newborns who are at risk of death in the first year of life, have a developmental delay, and/or hearing loss. This unique screening is supported by Title V funds with subsequent intervention provided to the infants by the Right From The Start Program or West Virginia Birth to Three (Part C). Infants who are identified with risks receive one-on-one support through licensed personnel in the community. Children who are identified as high risk are eligible to receive an accelerated number of medical visits in their first six months of life, which is paid for by private carriers, Medicaid, etc.

Ensuring Accessible, Quality Care – The Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health (OMCFH) establishes partnerships with federally qualified health centers, private practicing physicians, local health departments

and hospital-based clinics to ensure access to acceptable and available medical services for all West Virginians. The OMCFH has not provided direct services for more than 30+ years except in the case of children with special health care needs. We do, however, recruit and train practitioners, and establish care guidelines to ensure use of nationally approved medical standards for multiple programs. The provider networks are strong, and resources from Title V, Title X and state appropriation support the purchase of health services for more than 57,000 persons of childbearing age yearly. The OMCFH has established guidelines for care of specific populations, including children eligible for the EPSDT program and pregnant women.

Right From the Start – is WV's perinatal home visiting program, staffed by licensed nurses and social workers employed by a network of community agencies. This program provides comprehensive perinatal services to low income women and infants up to one year of age. The project provides a range of services including: recruitment and credentialing practitioners to care for Medicaid and Title V patients; financial assistance for pregnant adolescents ineligible for Medicaid; and, patient assistance to access health care and nutrition counseling and health education programs.

Newborn Metabolic Screening – This program works with the Office of Laboratory Services to ensure that every newborn is screened for all disorders as recommended by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Secretary's Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders and Genetic Diseases. State nursing personnel within MCFH provide follow-up in collaboration with the child's primary care physician. Children with inborn metabolic errors receive consultation through the West Virginia University Department of Pediatrics-Genetics Program, also supported by Title V and service generated revenue.

Parent Network Specialists System –Through an agreement with the West Virginia University Center for Excellence in Disabilities parents are employed to serve as parent-to-parent supports for children and families participating in CSHCN. These parents hold public forums, provide specific information about a diagnosis, and participate in policy development with the OMCFH. A similar parent network is also available through Birth to Three/Part C with their salaries supported by monies that flow through the OMCFH to agencies in the community where the parent resides.

Adolescent Health – The OMCFH supports an Adolescent Health network that is locally administered. Staff works with schools, churches, and civic groups to develop programs to meet the needs of youth such as injury prevention, parent-child communication, conflict resolution, etc. In addition, there is a network of adolescent pregnancy prevention specialists who focus on adolescent sexuality, decision making, as well as discouraging early sexual engagement. For those young persons who are sexually active, there are discussions about prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and the availability of contraceptive care.

Percentage Served by the West Virginia MCH Program

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| 80.0% | Pregnant women |
| 98.0% | Infants under one |
| 72.0% | Children and adolescents |
| 66.0% | Children with special health care needs |
| 17.0% | Others |

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

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Health Needs in West Virginia

- Decrease adult smoking, particularly among pregnant women.
- Decrease substance abuse, particularly drug abuse during pregnancy.
- Increase oral health care among children and adults.
- Decrease infant mortality, with emphasis on SUID.
- Decrease unintentional injury and teen suicide.
- Reduce obesity among adults and children.
- Increase medical home for children both in and out of CSHCN.
- Decrease preterm and low birthweight infants.
- Increase breastfeeding.

State Selected National Performance Measures

- Low-risk Cesarean Delivery
- Breastfeeding
- Safe Sleep
- Physical Activity
- Bullying
- Medical Home
- Oral Health
- Smoking

Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES
Charleston, WV

Rural Integration Models for Parents and Children to Thrive

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CORPORATION
Morgantown, WV

