Arizona

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant 2020

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 FY2018, 91% of all pregnant women, 98.7% of infants, and 53.7% 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 Arizona

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Title V Administrative Agency:
Arizona Department of Health Services
Division of Public Health Services

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Arizona’s Families

Bureau of Women’s and Children’s Health -- Where the Title V Block grant is administered, is organized by office: Children’s Health, Women’s Health, Oral Health, Children with Special Health Care Needs, Primary Care and Assessment and Evaluation. The mission of the Bureau is to strengthen the family and the community by promoting and improving the health and safety of women and children. The Bureau utilizes the Title V, other federal funds and state funds to accomplish this mission: Increasing accessibility to affordable quality care, implementing evidence-based services, promoting best practices, supporting program and services that continue Arizona’s efforts to address priorities by populations.

Maternal Health – Title V funds Helplines providing information & referral to preventative health services, prenatal care, breastfeeding support & consultation, and reproductive health. Local county health departments provide reproductive health services, increase access to preconception health and connect pregnant women who smoke to the ASHLine. Arizona is 1 of 9 states nationally to have been awarded a Maternal Health Innovation Program (MHIP) Grant.

The MHIP collaborates with experts throughout the state to promote and execute innovation in maternal health service delivery with a focus on addressing health disparities in communities that lack access to maternal healthcare including American Indian women. A Task Force implements the strategic plan as outlined in the Governor’s Goal Council Action Plan on Maternal Mortality.

Perinatal/Infant Health – The High Risk Perinatal Program/Newborn Intensive Care Program and contract providers deliver comprehensive statewide services to ensure the most appropriate level of care surrounding birth is provided. Additionally, early identification and support services are provided to support the child’s developmental needs. The New Born Screening Program is funded by Title V to screen every child born in Arizona’s for certain inherited conditions and birth defect prevention efforts. Oral health is promoted for pregnant women and infants through online home visitor training resources.

Child Health – Services are provided directly and through contracts with local county health departments and community organizations. Projects include Children’s Information Helpline, home visitation; immunizations; safe sleep education; car seat safety training; nutrition and physical activity programs; tooth decay prevention and oral health education in schools, preschools and child care centers; identification of WIC clinics, immunization clinics and child care centers. Efforts also include support of a statewide early childhood home visiting system by implementing evidence based home visiting models and outreach; and services to pregnant women and children birth to 5 years old, or entering kindergarten.

Adolescent Health – The MCH Program supports teen pregnancy prevention programs, home visiting for teen mothers, preconception health support and professional development for individuals working with adolescents. In addition, the Bureau is currently focusing on bullying prevention and increasing the percentage of adolescent receiving wellness visits.

Children with Special Health Care Needs – OC SHCN partners with families, community leaders, and child-serving agencies help to promote best practices. These services include education and training for youth, families, and professionals on health care transition for adolescents and young adults to all aspects of adult life; respite services; metabolic pharmaceutical assistance; information and referral, and linking families to resources.

Other Notable Teams – The Office of Assessment and Evaluation (OAE) provides technical assistance on the collection, analysis, and interpretation of public health maternal and child health data. The Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), the Child Fatality Review, and Maternal Mortality Review Programs are housed in OAE. The Arizona Primary Care Office supports activities that help improve access to care in Arizona such as facilitating health professional shortage areas or medically underserved areas or population designations, providing loan repayment incentives for provider recruitment and retention, and implementing the sliding fee scale programs.
Percentage Served by the Arizona MCH Program*

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

*2018 State Jurisdiction Annual Reports Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Health Needs in Arizona

- Improve the health of women before and between pregnancies
- Reduce Infant Mortality and Morbidity
- Decrease the incidence of childhood injury
- Increase the early identification and treatment of developmental delays
- Promote the smooth transition through the life course of CYSHCN
- Support adolescents to make healthy decisions as they transition to adulthood
- Reduce the use of tobacco and other substances across the lifespan
- Improve the oral health of Arizona’s women and children
- Increase the percentage of women and children who are physically active
- Strengthen the ability of Arizona families to raise emotionally and physically healthy children

State Selected National Performance Measures

- Well-Woman Visit
- Breastfeeding
- Injury Hospitalization
- Developmental Screening
- Bullying
- Adolescent Well-Visit
- Transition
- Smoking
- Oral Health

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Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

**State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)**  
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
Phoenix, AZ

**State Maternal Health Innovation Program**  
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
Phoenix, AZ

**Pediatric Pulmonary Care Centers**  
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
Tucson, AZ

**Maternal and Child Health Nutrition Training Program**  
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY  
Tempe, AZ