Kansas

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 Kansas

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Title V Administrative Agency:
Bureau of Family Health
Kansas Department of Health and Environment

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Kansas Families

Maternal Mortality Review – In response to increasing national and state trends in maternal mortality, Kansas formally launched the Kansas Maternal Mortality Review Committee (KMMRC) in 2018. The purpose of the review is to determine the factors contributing to maternal and pregnancy-associated mortality in Kansas and identify public health and clinical interventions to improve systems of care. The first two years of cases reviewed (2016 and 2017) revealed that approximately 36% (10/28 cases) of pregnancy-associated (not pregnancy-related) deaths were the result of a motor vehicle accident. Frequently, the women were not wearing seat belts and were ejected from the vehicle. An action alert was created and disseminated. The KMMRC in partnership with the Kansas Maternal and Child Health Council (KMCHC), state Title V program, and Kansas Perinatal Quality Collaborative (KPQC) are closely monitoring emerging patterns or trends identified as a result of death case reviews in order to identify a patient safety bundle for statewide adoption. The first report with information about the issue and summary data from the KMMRC case reviews is expected to be released in 2020.

Perinatal Behavioral Health – Title V is leading the Communities Supporting Perinatal Behavioral Health Community Collaborative, a partnership between local MCH programs and Title V. The goal of the Community Collaborative is to support local programs and communities in their efforts to develop an MCH Leader in Perinatal Behavioral Health Recognition Award by implementing perinatal behavioral health screenings, brief interventions, and referrals to treatment into clinical practice.

Infant Mortality & Birth Outcomes – In partnership with local agencies, primary care, hospitals, and Medicaid, Title V promotes and supports coordinated, quality systems of care for all pregnant women. Established community collaboratives that bring prenatal education and clinical care together are utilizing the March of Dimes Becoming a Mom® curriculum. The Kansas Perinatal Community Collaborative Model targets communities with disparities and integrates activities related to state priorities (safe sleep, smoking cessation, oral health, breastfeeding, mental health, nutrition, physical activity). Significant areas of impact include fewer preterm births and low birthweight infants, increased breastfeeding initiation, and reduced infant mortality. The Infant Mortality Rate* for one of the longest-running programs dropped from 11.9 to 5.7 comparing two 5-year periods 2005-2009 and 2013-2017. *deaths/1000 live births

Early Childhood System & Children’s Health – Title V has been a leader in building and sustaining state and community-level infrastructure that connects a constellation of tools and practices that identify available resources, drive referrals, and coordinate care and navigation of services for families within the Help Me Grow framework. In partnership with state agencies, Title V invests in 1-800-CHILDREN as a statewide centralized access point for providers and families seeking support and resources. Title V also supports the theory and evidence-based Bright Futures™ (BF) Guidelines for all preventive care screenings and child visits, incorporating BF for the standard of care for infants, children, and adolescents. Title V purchased a statewide license which grants local agencies access to BF forms, guidance, a toolkit and training via webinars.

Peer-to-Peer Support – Supporting You, a peer-to-peer support network, provides individuals the opportunity to gain support from a peer who has experienced a similar situation and/or circumstance in life and who can share ideas, resources, and provide a listening ear during a time of need. Participants gain emotional support from a compassionate peer who share a connection and is willing to tell their own personal story, while supporting someone as they tell theirs.
Adolescent Suicide Prevention – Suicide is the second leading cause of death for people ages 10-24 in Kansas. The KMCHC created an action alert to engage partners and families in suicide prevention efforts. The alert, #BeThe1To, focuses on five action steps for communicating with someone who may be suicidal (ask, keep them safe, be there, help them, connect, follow up). Title V also convened a cross-sector workgroup focused on building stronger partnerships and a unified voice for suicide prevention. Tip sheets for teens, parents, schools, and communities were created through this partnership (available online at http://www.kansasmch.org/default.asp). If you or someone you know is struggling with life, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

Care Coordination – The Kansas Special Health Care Needs Program (KS-SHCN) assists families of children with special health care needs in navigating the systems of care to achieve optimal health. Using a holistic approach to care coordination, program staff partner with families to find, understand, and access services and resources across medical, school, and community systems for needed services. This free program empowers families to feel confident in navigating services and supports and through goal setting and action planning, care coordinators meet families where they are and address their greatest needs.

Family & Consumer Engagement – All Title V MCH population domains are involved in the ongoing review of state data, monitoring of state priorities, and the development and implementation of the state action plan. Families and consumers are engaged at all levels and stages (design, planning, implementation, evaluation) in an ongoing, continuous manner through the Family Advisory Council (FAC), KMCHC, and special projects. Opportunities are provided to support growth and participation as council members, professionals, and experts. The alumni program supports ongoing involvement to outgoing FAC members and allows for mentorship opportunities for new members.

Health Needs in Kansas

State Selected Priorities for the Period 2016-2020

- Women have access to and receive coordinated, comprehensive care and services before, during, and after pregnancy
- Developmentally appropriate care and services are provided across the lifespan
- Families are empowered to make educated choices about infant health and well-being
- Communities and providers support physical, social, and emotional health
- Professionals have the knowledge and skills to address the needs of maternal and child health populations
- Services are comprehensive and coordinated across systems and providers
- Information is available to support informed health decisions and choices

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Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)
KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT
Topeka, KS

SPRANS Research Networks including AYAH, Word Gap, Life course, Measurement, Pediatric, Pregnancy Related Care, CYSHN
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CENTER FOR RESEARCH
Lawrence, KS

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