Louisiana
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 Louisiana

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

**Title V Administrative Agency:**
Louisiana Department of Health - Office of Public Health – Bureau of Family Health

Protecting and Improving the Health of Louisiana’s Families

The Bureau of Family Health (BFH) works to promote the health of all Louisiana women, children, teens, and families through the provision of reliable data; preventive and educational services that are grounded in best practices to promote optimal health; policy and educational initiatives to improve access to services; and partnerships with communities, government, and academia to advance common goals. Programs with a CYSHCN focus provide:

- Newborn hearing and metabolic screening/ follow-up
- Care coordination services and transportation assistance
- Technical assistance to embed medical home concepts into practices and resident training programs
- Parent support and resource information
- Active surveillance program for birth defects
- Subspecialty clinics for CYSHCN in healthcare provider shortage areas

Data to Support Action and Quality Improvement
Louisiana’s BFH uses data to identify, inform, and respond to complex challenges. Data drives decision making for program planning, clinical quality improvement, evaluation, policy and more to assure population-level impact. BFH epidemiologists translate data and produce fact sheets, issue briefs, and reports. In addition, Title V supports surveillance of sentinel events such as fetal and infant mortality, child deaths, birth defects, and pregnancy associated and related mortality. Title V also supports screening and linkage to care for children with abnormal newborn genetic screening results, hearing screening, and elevated blood lead levels.

Policy and Systems-Change Efforts
Leveraging BFH staff with specific content expertise, Louisiana’s Title V program promotes best practices within public health and across systems. Their areas of expertise include perinatal, pediatric, and reproductive clinical practice, early childhood development and systems, grief and trauma, injury prevention, breastfeeding, health insurance systems, and health communications.

Health Education and Promotion
Health education and communication activities include population health promotion campaigns, training and education of providers, and market research to better understand how to best reach certain populations, such as fathers.

Supportive Services
Supportive services include perinatal, infant, early childhood mental health consultation, partial financing of the Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program, and resource linkage for families of CYSHCN.

Clinical Services
Title V in Louisiana supports clinical services in health care provider shortage areas for CYSHCN, including those with genetic conditions. Title V also partners with the Louisiana Title X Program to support outreach to adolescents, women, and men.
Health Needs in Louisiana

- Ensure high performing essential MCH screening and surveillance systems
- Improve access to and quality of primary care, reproductive health, and specialty clinical services including care coordination
- Improve social and behavioral health supports, with a focus on child and family well-being and resiliency.
- Improve the ability of care systems to serve and support children, adolescents, and CYSHCN through transitions
- Bolster local level capacity to promote and protect health and well-being of children, caregivers, and families
- Advance understanding of drivers of disparities in MCH and CSHCN outcomes and boldly work toward equity
- Actively and meaningfully engage youth and families, building local level leaders across the state

Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
New Orleans, LA

Epidemiological MCH/SPH Institute
THE ADMINISTRATORS OF THE TULANE EDUCATIONAL FUND
New Orleans, LA

Maternal and Child Health Public Health Training Program
THE ADMINISTRATORS OF THE TULANE EDUCATIONAL FUND
New Orleans, LA

Maternal and Child Health Nutrition Training Program
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New Orleans, LA

State Selected National Performance Measures

- Low-Risk Cesarean Delivery
- Breastfeeding
- Safe Sleep
- Developmental Screening
- Adolescent Well-Visit
- Medical Home

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Percentage Served by the Louisiana MCH Program*
97.0% Pregnant women
99.0% Infants under one
39.0% Children and adolescents
39.0% Children with special health care needs
29.0% Others

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

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