Montana
Maternal and Child Health Block Grant 2020

The Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant, Title V of the Social Security Act (Title V/MCHBG), 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 benefited from a Title V-supported service. To learn more, visit www.amchp.org.

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<th>Title V/MCHBG Funds to Montana*</th>
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*States must provide a three-dollar match for every four Federal dollars allocated.

Title V/MCHBG Administrative Agency:
The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services’ Family & Community Health Bureau (FCHB), administers the Title V/MCHBG. The 2015 Title V/MCHBG Statewide Needs Assessment identified access to public health services, family support, and health education as priority needs. FCHB partnerships with County Public Health Departments, and collaborations with State agencies and private entities, contributes to success in addressing the National and State Performance Measures (NPM/SPM).

Protecting and Improving the Health of Montana’s Families

Children & Youth with Special Healthcare Needs (CYSHCN): Children’s Special Health Services (CSHS) manages programs to support families, educate providers, and connect them to resources for CYSHCN. In 2019, the Parent Partner Program worked directly with 232 children’s families identifying their needs, providing family-to-family support and connecting them to resources. The Medical Home Portal received 8,594 inquiries from families, agencies, and providers looking for valuable diagnosis and treatment information and local and state resources. Over 1,000 resources were added or updated in the portal.

In 2019 CSHS launched the Montana Access to Pediatric Psychiatry Network (MAPP-Net) to provide valuable education and support to Primary Care providers treating CYSHCN with behavioral and mental health needs. In 2019, 130 providers were trained on identification and treatment and a consultation line was launched in December.

Access to Care and Public Health Services:
Montana’s 56 counties are all designated as medically underserved. Public health services are provided through County Public Health Departments (CPHDs), which are crucial to sustaining maternal and child health. In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019, nine CPHDs chose to focus their activities on this measure. Services were provided to 8,957 individuals. Examples of referrals include home visiting, WIC, dental services, Specialty Care Providers, adult education, and Medicaid. Health education topics included: Breastfeeding, Child Development and Safety, Family Planning, Infant Care and Development, Health Management, Parenting, and Smoking Cessation.

Focus on Suicide Prevention: CPHDs participating in the Title V/MCHBG all implement an injury-prevention activity in addition to their specific NPM/SPM activities. Montana has a very high rate of suicide. From 2017-2019, an average of 16 CPHDs per year have chosen adolescent suicide prevention, many in partnership with local schools. They used a variety of evidence-based programs, including: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST); Mental Health First Aid; PAX Good Behavior Game; and, Signs of Suicide (SOS).

Title V/MCHBG Success Story: In 2018, Rosebud CPHD partnered with the Family & Consumer Science teacher at Forsyth High School. This project involved the purchase of eight computerized infant models which simulate the 24-hour demands of a real infant. They offer real-life experiences for addressing education on multiple topics, such as: Shaken Baby Syndrome, co-sleeping, immunization, substance abuse, prenatal care, childcare, injury prevention, CPR, texting and driving, seatbelts and carseats, second-hand smoke, infant oral health, and family planning.

One class decided to educate their peers about SIDS and safe sleep procedures. Many students had never heard of SIDS, or ways to prevent unnecessary sleep-related death in infants. This peer education eventually reached the entire student body of 144 students. The class then made infant sleep-sacks for the CPHD to hand out wherever needed.
Percentage Served by the Montana MCH Program*

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<td>100.0%</td>
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<td>Infants under one</td>
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<td>Children with special health care needs</td>
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*2018 State/Jurisdiction Annual Report Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Health Needs in Montana

- Improve family support and health education
- Improve access to care for MCH populations
- Reduce child injuries
- Improve oral health care for pregnant women and children ages 1-17
- Increase percentage of teens receiving comprehensive preventive healthcare
- Promote infant safe sleep
- Increase percentage of children with special health care needs who have a medical home

State Selected National Performance Measures

- Infant Safe Sleep
- Child Injury
- Adolescent Well-Visit
- Medical Home
- Oral Health

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Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

- State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)
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- State Maternal Health Innovation Program
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