New Jersey
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 New Jersey

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Title V Administrative Agency:
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*States must provide a three dollar match for every four Federal dollars allocated.

Protecting and Improving the Health of New Jersey’s Families

Healthy Women Healthy Families – The goal of the Healthy Women Healthy Families initiative is to reduce disparities and improve outcomes in preconception, interconception, pregnancy/birth, and infant mortality for all women in New Jersey and especially Black non-Hispanic women. Eight community-based grantees were selected to implement innovative maternal and child programs in twelve regions, covering the entire state of New Jersey. Six of the eight grantees will use a two-pronged approach in service delivery: 1) county level activities that will focus on providing high-risk families and/or women of childbearing age access to resource information and referrals to local community services that promote child and family wellness and 2) Black Infant Mortality (BIM) municipality level activities that will focus on Black NH women of child-bearing age by facilitating community linkages and supports, implementing specific BIM programs including doula support, breastfeeding support, fatherhood initiatives, and centering (an evidence based type of group prenatal care), and providing education and outreach to health providers, social service providers and other community level stakeholders.

Patient Satisfaction – The Specialized Pediatric Services Program serving children with special needs age birth to 21, in the New Jersey Title V Children with Special Health Care Needs Program initiated a patient satisfaction survey among 18 community based health service grantees. The survey is designed to address the Core outcomes related to families partnering in decision making, satisfaction with services they receive and transition to adult life. Families are given a brief written survey to complete following their clinic visit. Results are compiled and provided to each grantee to facilitate planning to improve family satisfaction with services and to promote family centered care.

Children with Special Health Care Needs – The Special Child Health and Early Intervention Services (SCEHIS) Program, with a combination of State and Federal funds, promotes early identification, evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of children with special health needs. SCEHIS is focused on providing family-centered, community-based services that are individualized and accessible. Individuals from birth to 21 years of age who have any of a broad range of disabilities or chronic illnesses may benefit from the available child health services, which include newborn screening and genetics, specialized pediatrics, case management, early identification and monitoring, and early intervention services.

Pediatric Mental Health Care Access - The New Jersey Department of Health (DOH) was recently awarded Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) funding to enhance primary, behavioral and mental health care for children and adolescents through telehealth consultation and new education programs. This new “New Jersey Family-Centered Mental Health Access Program” will add telehealth services to the existing Pediatric Psychiatry Collaborative (PPC), a network of nine regional hospital-based “hubs” that screen, identify and care for children with mental health concerns. The overarching goal of the New Jersey Family-Centered Mental Health Access Program is to promote behavioral health integration in pediatric primary care by supporting the development of a statewide pediatric mental health care telehealth access programs. The program is available to children up to age 18 and requires the child’s primary care provider to offer mental and behavioral health screenings, including for substance use, at each child’s well visit. Primary care physicians refer patients to their regional hub for mental/behavioral health services, including substance use.

Postpartum Mood Disorders — A statewide campaign Recognizing Postpartum Depression: Speak Up When You’re Down increases public awareness of Postpartum Mood Disorders (PPMD). The campaign includes a web page, professional education seminars, consumer education materials (brochures and video) in English and Spanish, a warmline for community resources and referral, and outreach that is coordinated at the Maternal Child Health Consortia.
Health Needs in New Jersey

• Reduction of Adolescent Risk Taking Behaviors
• Improving Access to Quality Care for CSHCN
• Improving Birth Outcomes
• Reducing Teen Pregnancy
• Improving and Integrating Information Systems
• Reducing Black Infant Mortality
• Promoting Youth Development
• Improving Nutrition and Physical Activity

State Selected National Performance Measures

• Well Woman Visit
• Breastfeeding
• Safe Sleep
• Developmental Screening
• Adolescent Well-Visit
• Medical Home
• Transition
• Preventive Dental Visit

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Percentage Served by the New Jersey MCH Program*

100.0% pregnant women
100.0% infants under one
10.0% children and adolescents
19.0% children with special health care needs
1.0% others

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

Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Trenton, NJ

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program
HENRY J. AUSTIN HEALTH CENTER
Trenton, NJ

Maternal and Child Health Public Health Training Program
THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY, RUTGERS
Piscataway, NJ

Maternal and Child Health Measurement Research Network (MRN)
THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY, RUTGERS
Piscataway, NJ

State Maternal Health Innovation Program
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Trenton, NJ