Ohio
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 Ohio

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Title V Administrative Agency:
Division of Family and Community Health Services, Department of Health

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

Ohio Department of Health Strategic Plan

- Expand Patient-Centered Medical Homes Across Ohio
- Strengthen relationships with external stakeholders
- Enrich work climate at ODH
- Decrease Infant Mortality
- Reduce Obesity
- Curb Tobacco Use

Protecting and Improving the Health of Ohio’s Families

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs - The MCH Program serves as a safety-net for Ohio’s children with special health care needs through systems building, service co-ordination, and payment for direct services when appropriate. The program supports the medical home concept by requiring all children in the special needs program to have a managing physician and is supporting Ohio practices as they transform into medical homes. Every newborn in Ohio is screened for 36 metabolic diseases as well as critical congenital heart disease and hearing loss and ODH ensures that all newborns receive appropriate diagnostic testing and intervention. The Ohio Department of Health hired a full time, dedicated MCH Parent Consultant, who assists families with issues related to special health care needs, as well as assists with family/consumer engagement in all programs within MCH.

Early Childhood Screening – The MCH Program has developed and deployed a standardized, comprehensive early childhood screening protocol, supported by a statewide, web-based data platform. Beginning with a Social Determinants of Health Risk Screen, families are connected to services that best match their identified needs. Upon entering MCH home visiting, every family receives a comprehensive assessment and the following required validated screening tools: Adverse Childhood Experiences Questionnaire (ACES); Ages & Stages Questionnaire-3 (ASQ); Ages & Stages Questionnaire: Social Emotional-2 (ASQ:SE); Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS); Environmental Safety Checklist; Home Observation for Measurement of the Environment (HOME); Relationship Assessment Tool (RAT); Safe Sleep Assessment Tool.

Breastfeeding - ODH promotes and supports breastfeeding through statewide initiatives and partnerships. A full-time breastfeeding coordinator oversees statewide initiatives aimed at increasing breastfeeding initiation and duration rates while also decreasing the disparity gaps. The Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Designation Program includes a model policy, training, and resources for childcare providers in center and home-based settings. The Ohio First Steps for Healthy Babies hospital initiative supports maternity hospitals on implementing the Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding, one step at a time. Resources, materials, and trainings, including free nursing continuing education units, are available to all hospitals throughout Ohio. ODH is engaging worksites across the state to implement lactation accommodations and policies for breastfeeding employees. Ongoing partnerships with the WIC and Home Visiting programs ensure consistent messaging and continuity of care. A 24/7 breastfeeding hotline will soon be available to all Ohioans.
Infant Mortality — The MCH Program supports reproductive health and wellness, prenatal, child and adolescent health services throughout Ohio to improve access to care, improve birth outcomes and reduce infant mortality. Infant mortality is a key priority in the State Health Improvement Plan, including Ohio’s target to achieve fewer than 6.0 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in every racial and ethnic group which aligns with the national Healthy People 2020 objective. Ohio’s MCH Program supports the Ohio Equity Institute, nine targeted high-risk metropolitan areas to implement data-driven, evidence-based interventions to improve overall birth outcomes and reduce the disparities. Ohio continues to increase its capacity to serve parents at risk for infant mortality within high-risk communities through evidence-based home visiting. The MCH Program funds Moms & Babies First: Ohio’s Black Infant Vitality Program which addresses the racial disparity in birth outcomes through home visits by reducing barriers for African American women and children to access needed services. Understanding the impact of smoking is one of the most common preventable risk factors for infant mortality, the Moms Quit for Two program is implemented is targeted counties utilizing the “Baby and Me—Tobacco Free” model.

Health Disparities - The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is committed to the elimination of health disparities and health inequities. This is reflected in revisions to ODH’s grants-making process. ODH annually provides over $500 million dollars in grant funding for local public health interventions. In 2009 ODH implemented a policy requiring all Solicitation Requests to appropriately focus on health disparities and health inequities. This process was further enhanced in 2012 by requiring all programs developing solicitations to complete a consultation with the ODH Office of Health Equity. These consultations are designed to detect opportunities to better address health disparities and overcome programmatic silos which often limit the impact of public health activities. In 2017, these consultations enhanced the health equity focus in MCH-related solicitations by requiring and providing data sets at lower census geographies. This helped identify target audiences at risk for health inequities using advanced statistical techniques to identify root causes of local poor health outcomes.

Oral Health — The MCH Program improves the oral health of children and families by supporting population-based prevention. More than 9 million (92.5%) of Ohioans served by public water systems benefit from adequate water fluoridation. In CY2019, 18,793 children in Ohio received dental sealants through school-based sealant programs in 2016. Ohio far exceeds the Healthy People 2020 objective of 28% of third graders having sealants (48%). In SFYs 18019 funding to public dental clinics provided dental care to 6,700 unduplicated patients who have low incomes (≤ 200% of federal poverty guidelines) and are uninsured, improving access to dental care for children and their families. The MCH Program is integrating oral health into existing pathways of providing education to early childhood education providers (including Head Start), WIC clinic staff and parents by developing online training modules that will provide information on oral disease prevention, recognizing oral health problems and making referrals for dental care.

School and Adolescent Health — The MCH Program supports professional development, continuing education and training to community health professionals working with adolescent youth and school nurses throughout Ohio’s schools. School Nursing Consultation provides information on topics such as behavioral health, nutrition, physical activity as well as emergency preparedness and communicable disease. The Ohio Department of Health School Nursing program offers 43 Online Independent Study Opportunities for Nurses Working in Schools. All the courses are provided free of charge and most provide continuing nursing education contact hours. The school nursing program is constantly adding to the list as additional courses in the series Public Health Nurses: Successful Partnerships with Ohio Schools and other offerings are developed. Related to Adolescent Health, a partnership with the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics is working toward increasing adolescent well visits through training and quality improvement initiatives. In addition, the Ohio Adolescent Health Partnership (OAHP), a diverse group of adolescent health experts, works to address the needed policies and practice changes to improve: Behavioral Health, Injury & Violence Prevention, Reproductive Health, Nutrition & Physical Activity, and Sleep in Adolescents.

Percentage Served by the Ohio MCH Program*

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<td>99.0%</td>
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<td>100.0%</td>
<td>Infants under one</td>
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<td>68.0%</td>
<td>Children and adolescents</td>
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<td>62.0%</td>
<td>Children with special health care needs</td>
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*2018 State Jurisdiction Annual Reports Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Health Needs in Ohio

- Reduce the rate of Infant Mortality and disparities statewide
- Increase the prevalence of children receiving integrated physical, behavioral and mental health services
- Increase the prevalence of women receiving preconception care
- Reduce barriers, improve access and increase the availability of health services for all populations
- Increase access to care via PCMH for children with special healthcare needs
- Reduce the rate of maternal smoking by pregnant women
- Reduce the rate of childhood obesity
- Increase newborns screened for metabolic/bloodspot disorders, hearing impairment and critical congenital heart disease who receive diagnostic evaluation and follow-up for those with confirmed disorder
- Increase access to early infant care and wellness
State Selected National Performance Measures

- Well Woman Visit
- Developmental Screening
- Breastfeeding
- Safe Sleep
- Physical Activity
- Adolescent Well-Visit
- Medical Home
- Smoking

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Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

**State Maternal Health Innovation Program**
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Columbus, OH

**State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)**
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Columbus, OH

**Strategic Approaches to Improving Access to Quality Healthcare for Children and Youth with Epilepsy (CYE)**
THE CLEVELAND CLINIC FOUNDATION
Cleveland, OH