Arizona

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant 2021

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 FY2019, 92.1% of all pregnant women, 98.0% of infants, and 59.6% 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 Arizona:

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<th>FY 2017</th>
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Title V Administrative Agency:
Arizona Department of Health Services
Division of Public Health Services
*States must provide a $3 match for every four Federal dollars allocated.

Protecting and Improving the Health of Arizona’s Families

Bureau of Women’s and Children’s Health – Arizona’s Title V Block Grant is administered through the Arizona Department of Health Services’ Bureau of Women’s and Children’s Health, which aims to strengthen the family and community by promoting and improving the health and wellbeing of women and children. The Bureau uses Title V and other federal and state funds to reduce mortality and morbidity among women and children, eliminate health disparities in outcomes and access to services, and increase access to quality care; supporting programs and activities that address Arizona’s maternal and child health priorities.

Women’s/Maternal Health – These programs support families to choose if and when they would like to have children and improve the health and wellbeing of women before, during, and after pregnancy. County health departments use Title V funds to provide family planning and reproductive health services. The Maternal Mortality Review Program and Maternal Health Task Force, with funding from HRSA’s Maternal Health Innovation Program and CDC’s Preventing Maternal Deaths: Supporting Maternal Mortality Reviews, bring together statewide stakeholders to assess and reduce maternal mortality and morbidity through initiatives like the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM), a quality improvement collaborative implementing evidence-based practices and safety bundles in Arizona’s hospitals. The Oral Health Program provides statewide professional development to improve oral health care and outcomes among pregnant women and preschool children.

Perinatal/Infant Health – The High-Risk Perinatal Program delivers comprehensive statewide services to ensure the most appropriate level of care surrounding birth. The program also provides early identification of a child’s developmental needs and refers families to support services for those needs. The Newborn Screening Program is funded by Title V to screen every child born in Arizona for certain inherited conditions and birth defects to identify and link families to care. The Title V Program is working to reduce the incidence of substance exposed newborns (SEN)/neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) through better surveillance and decreased stigma. Home visiting programs promote oral health for pregnant women and infants through online training and other resources. Toll-free helplines provide breastfeeding support, health information, and referrals. County health departments provide safe sleep education and car seat safety training.

Children’s Health – Statewide, evidence-based, early childhood home visiting programs funded through MIECHV provide outreach & services to pregnant women and children birth to 5 years old (or entering kindergarten), screen for developmental delays, and link families to services (e.g., WIC, immunization clinics, child care) provided through local county health departments and community organizations. Other activities include: Children’s Information Helpline; immunizations; household injury prevention; nutrition and physical activity programs; tooth decay prevention & education in schools, preschools, and child care centers. The Child Fatality Review Program identifies and reviews all childhood deaths in Arizona.

Adolescent Health – The Title V Program supports teen pregnancy prevention programs, preconception health support, and professional development for individuals working with adolescents. Title V funds school-based
training to identify & reduce bullying at the state & county level. The program works with providers to implement the Adolescent Champion Model to drive health centers to become adolescent-centered medical homes to increase the percentage of adolescents receiving preventative care visits and behavioral health services.

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) – The CYSHCN Program partners with families, youth, community leaders, and child-serving agencies to promote best practices around accessible and equitable systems of care. This includes trainings for families, youth, and professionals on the coordination of care & transition through the life course; family and young adult engagement; and targeted gap filling services.

Other Notable Teams – The Office of Assessment and Evaluation (OAE) supports the collection, analysis, and interpretation of maternal and child public health data. The Primary Care Office works to improve access to care and strengthen the public health workforce in Arizona through the identification of health provider shortage areas (HPSAs; MUA/Ps), loan repayment programs (for provider recruitment and retention), and sliding fee scale programs.

Percentage Served by the Arizona MCH Program*  

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*2019 State/Jurisdiction Annual Reports Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Health Priorities in Arizona

- Reduce and eliminate barriers to ensure equitable and optimal health for women.
- Reduce disparities in infant and maternal morbidity and mortality.
- Promote equitable and optimal care and protective factors for mothers and infants before, during, and after pregnancy.
- Strengthen emotional, physical, and social services to achieve equitable and optimal development for children.
- Strengthen systems of care to advance inclusivity and promote equitable and optimal outcomes for children and youth with special health care needs.
- Engage individuals, families, and communities as partners in the development and implementation of programs and policies to create people-centered programs that promote health equity.
- Enhance equitable and optimal initiatives that positively impact the emotional, physical, and social wellbeing of adolescents.

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Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)  
ARIZONA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
Phoenix, AZ

Maternal Health Innovation Program  
ARIZONA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
Phoenix, AZ

Pediatric Pulmonary Care Centers  
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
Tucson, AZ

Pediatric Obesity CoILN 2.0  
ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION  
Tucson, AZ