Illinois

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 Illinois

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Title V Administrative Agency: Illinois Department of Public Health

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Illinois’ Families

Regional Perinatal Health – The provision of risk appropriate care for pregnant women and newborn infants was first proposed in 1976. Providing risk appropriate care means ensuring that babies are born in a hospital with the expertise and resources to meet their medical needs. Illinois’ framework for risk appropriate care is implemented through the Regional Perinatal Health Care Code, which requires every hospital to be designated at one of four levels of care based upon its functional capabilities and its capacity to serve pregnant women and newborns at risk for poor birth outcomes.

Infant Mortality Reduction – Reducing the racial disparities in Illinois’ infant mortality rate is a key objective in the State’s efforts to improve birth outcomes. Illinois is actively involved in collaborative efforts around Social Determinants of Health, and reducing infant mortality. Specifically, Illinois has established a Task Force in Infant and Maternal Mortality Among African Americans (IMMT) that is charged with reviewing research and programs and identifying best practices to decrease infant and maternal mortality among African Americans in Illinois. In addition, the State continues to support the establishment of Fetal and Infant Mortality Reviews (FIMR) throughout Illinois.

Adolescent Health – Illinois recently implemented its Adolescent Health Initiative which supports efforts to increase adolescents’ access to well-child visits through training, support, expanded access and awareness of adolescents’ unique healthcare needs.

Maternal Mortality – In October 2018 Illinois released its first report of the findings and recommendations the State’s Maternal Mortality Review Committees, which included data on the causes and disparities in Illinois’ Maternal Mortality rate and recommendations to improve maternal outcomes at the hospital, provider, State-Agency and family levels. Illinois continues this effort and will release its second report in early 2021. In addition, the State is participating in and collaborating with key stakeholders to address maternal mortality. More specifically, the State is collaborating with IMMT, the Task Force mentioned in the Infant Mortality Reduction section) as well as the Illinois Maternal Health Task Force established through the I PROMOTE-IL program (HRSA Maternal Health Innovation Grant) that is translating and building on findings and implementing recommendations from the Illinois Maternal Mortality Review Committees.

Severe Maternal Morbidity – Illinois has implemented the Severe Maternal Morbidity (SMM) Surveillance and Review Project, tracking the instances of SMM occurring during pregnancy or within forty-two days of the end of a pregnancy, and reviewing the circumstances surrounding the SMM in three cases per month. Data from the reviews will be analyzed to identify trends and establish plans for improving the quality of care.

Oral Health – Illinois’ Maternal and Child Health program partners with the State’s Division of Oral Health to provide dental sealant and oral health exams for nearly 12,000 uninsured children. The programs also collaborated to raise awareness around the importance of preventive oral health during pregnancy.

School-Based Health Services – Illinois’ MCH program certifies the State’s School Based Health Centers for Medicaid Reimbursement and provides education, training, support and workforce to development for the School Based Health Centers and the State’s School Nurses.

MCH Family Councils – Illinois’ Title V program collaborates with a community-based organization to facilitate Family Councils in the State’s seven geographic regions. The purpose of the MCH Family Councils is to provide feedback and recommendations related to Illinois’ MCH programming and perspective on critical consumer issues covering health across the lifespan.

Children with Special Needs – The University of Illinois at Chicago, Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) oversees Illinois’ program for children with special healthcare needs (CYSHCN). DSCC provides care coordination for children with chronic conditions. In addition, DSCC provides some financial assistance to eligible families with lower incomes. DSCC also coordinates in-home nursing and other services for children who are medically fragile or technology-dependent. The program has collaborated with many stakeholders statewide to increase awareness of the National Standards for Systems of Care for CYSHCN and to address systematic issues impacting CYSHCN and their families.
Health Needs in Illinois

- Assure accessibility, availability, and quality of preventive and primary care for all women, particularly for women of reproductive age
- Promote a comprehensive, cohesive, and informed system of care for all women to have a healthy pregnancy, labor and delivery, and first year postpartum
- Support healthy pregnancies to improve birth and infant outcomes
- Strengthen families and communities to assure safe and healthy environments for children of all ages and enhance their abilities to live, play, learn, and grow
- Assure access to a system of care that is youth-friendly and youth-responsive to assist adolescents in learning and adopting healthy behaviors.
- Strengthen transition planning and services for adolescents and young adults, including youth with special health care needs
- Convene and collaborate with community-based organizations to improve and expand services and supports serving children and youth with special health care needs.
- Strengthen workforce capacity and infrastructure to screen for, assess and treat mental health conditions and substance use disorders.
- Support an intergenerational and life course approach to oral health promotion and prevention.
- Strengthen MCH epidemiology capacity and data systems

Illinois Title V is committed to applying a health equity framework to all of its activities; gathering routine feedback from consumers, families and communities to help guide decision-making and program planning; and disseminating information to the general public.

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Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
Chicago, IL

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program
EGYPTIAN HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Eldorado, IL

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program
SHAWNEE HEALTH SERVICE
Carterville, IL

MCH Data Use Academy
ILLINOIS STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Springfield, IL

Supporting Providers and Families to Access Telehealth and Distant Care Services for Pediatric Care
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS
Elk Grove Village, IL

Vision Screening in Young Children
PREVENT BLINDNESS AMERICA
Chicago, IL

Awareness and Access to Care for Children and Youth with Epilepsy
ANN & ROBERT H. LURIE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL
Chicago, IL

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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS
Elk Grove Village, IL

Pediatric Research Network Program
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS
Elk Grove Village, IL

Maternal and Child Health Training Program
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO
Chicago, IL

Bright Futures Pediatric Implementation
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS
Elk Grove Village, IL

State Maternal Health Innovation Program
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO
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Percentage Served by the Illinois MCH Program*

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<td>Children with special health care needs</td>
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