Kentucky

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 Kentucky

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<th>FY 2017</th>
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<td>$10,963,089</td>
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Title V Administrative Agency:
Kentucky Department for Public Health

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Kentucky’s Families

Children with Special Health Care Needs — Kentucky’s priority is to assure the availability of care and services provided in the community, through partnership and programs. Families may access services through 11 regional offices and 6 satellite clinics across the state. Gap-filling direct medical services are provided to children with certain conditions. Nurses and pediatric specialty physicians provide services in clinics organized by diagnosis. Families receive financial support to assist with travel and lodging (if needed) to attend these clinics or receive hospital services.

Newborn Screening — Kentucky currently screens for 53 disorders on the dried blood spot screen per recommendations from the American College of Medical Genetics. Kentucky MCH provides short-term follow-up for critical congenital heart defects and for all 53 disorders on the dried blood spot screening until confirmatory diagnosis is complete and newborn is linked to long term follow-up in the community. Hearing screenings have follow-up provided by the Office for Children with Special Health Care needs.

Home Visiting — The Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS) provides home visiting to overburdened families to help them meet the challenges of parenting during the prenatal period and during the child’s first three years of life. HANDS is operational in all 120 Kentucky counties and over 10,000 families participate annually.

Newborn Hearing Screening — Over 96.7 percent of Kentucky’s infants receive hearing tests before hospital discharge, regardless of risk factor status.

Local Health Departments — The majority of Title V funding is allocated directly to local health departments to support activities benefiting women and children. In addition to preventive services, local health departments implement evidence-informed strategies to address priority health needs in Kentucky.

Percentage Served by the Kentucky MCH Program*

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<td>Pregnant women</td>
<td>60.0%</td>
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<td>Infants under one</td>
<td>98.0%</td>
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<td>Children and adolescents</td>
<td>26.0%</td>
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<td>Children with special health care needs</td>
<td>39.0%</td>
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<td>Others</td>
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*2019 State/Jurisdiction Annual Reports Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Health Needs in Kentucky

- Reduce maternal morbidity
- Improve women’s health
- Reduce infant mortality
- Reduce child maltreatment and neglect
- Prevent child injury
- Reduce overweight and obesity among teens
- Promote resiliency for Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Reduce substance abuse
- Integration of services for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
- Prevent Child/Adolescent Suicide
- Improve transition services for OSHCN
- Improve access to Care and Services for OSHCN
- Promote adequate insurance for OSHCN
- Increase data capacity for OSHCN
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**Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)**

**State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)**
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