Louisiana 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 Louisiana

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<th>FY 2017</th>
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<td>$12,054,384</td>
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*States must provide a three dollar match for every four Federal dollars allocated.

Title V Administrative Agency:
Louisiana Department of Health - Office of Public Health – Bureau of Family Health

Protecting and Improving the Health of Louisiana’s Families

The Bureau of Family Health (BFH) – works to elevate the strengths and voices of individuals, families, organizations, and communities to catalyze transformational change to improve population health and achieve equity. The vision for Louisiana to be a state where all people are valued to reach their full potential, from birth through the next generation. BFH aims to fulfill this work through the following organizational strategies:

- Identify, understand, and respond to complex challenges and opportunities
- Align resources and efforts to improve health outcomes in the populations BFH serves
- Build coordinated partnerships toward action
- Test, scale, and spread solutions for impact
- Contribute to public health evidence-base
- Foster a positive organizational culture grounded in BFH values

Data to Support Action – Louisiana’s BFH uses data to identify, inform, and respond to complex challenges. Data drives decision making for program planning, clinical quality improvement, evaluation, policy and more to assure population-level impact. In addition, Title V supports surveillance of sentinel events such as fetal and infant mortality, child deaths, birth defects, and pregnancy associated and related mortality. BFH epidemiologists and health communications specialists translate data and produce fact sheets, issue briefs, and reports designed to support action.

Policy and Systems-Change Efforts – In partnership with communities, government, and academia, Louisiana’s Title V promotes best practices within public health and across systems to improve population health outcomes. Title V leverages BFH staff with specific content expertise to drive systems-change efforts. Areas of expertise include perinatal, pediatric, and reproductive clinical practice, early childhood development and systems, health equity, trauma and resilience, injury prevention, breastfeeding, health insurance systems, legislative boards and commissions, and health communications.

Supportive Services – Title V links caregivers, families, and health professionals to community health resources to help mothers, babies, young children, and CYSHCN. Title V also provides capacity-building consultation services to healthcare and social service providers around Perinatal, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health. By providing partial financing for the Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting program, Title V expands access to evidence-based pregnancy and parenting support services.

Clinical Quality Improvement – Title V supports quality improvement initiatives to improve perinatal outcomes and reduce health disparities. BFH works with birthing facilities across the state to increase breastfeeding rates, reduce maternal mortality and morbidity, and improve outcomes associated with Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome. Title V also facilitates evidence-based quality improvement in 60 Louisiana school-based health centers.
Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs – Title V in Louisiana supports clinical services in health care provider shortage areas for CYSHCN, including those with genetic conditions. Title V also supports screening and linkage to care for children with abnormal newborn genetic screening results, hearing screening, and elevated blood lead levels. In partnership with regional Families Helping Families organizations, Title V provides resources and peer support to families of CYSHCN throughout the state. Title V also works to build the capacity of pediatric healthcare and social service providers, health plans, and other health professionals across Louisiana to implement a medical home approach in their clinics and organizations. In particular, Title V provide resources and support to providers around identification of high-need populations, developmental screening, care coordination, and youth health transition services.

Percentage Served by the Louisiana MCH Program*

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<tr>
<td>96.0%</td>
<td>Pregnant women</td>
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<td>99.0%</td>
<td>Infants under one</td>
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<td>39.0%</td>
<td>Children and adolescents</td>
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<td>Children with special health care needs</td>
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*2019 State/Jurisdiction Annual Reports Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Health Needs in Louisiana

- Improve birth outcomes for birthing persons and infants
- Promote healthy development and family resilience through policies and practices rooted in core principles of development
- Reduce child injury and violence
- Improve adolescent mental health and well-being.
- Ensure all CYSHCN receive care in a well-functioning system
- Boldly work to undo systemic drivers of disparities and institutionalize equitable policies and practices
- Ensure equitable access to high quality and coordinated clinical and support services
- Ensure Title V strategies are outcomes-focused and rooted in Essential Public Health Services
- Partner with families, youth, and communities at all levels of systems change

Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

**State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)**
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
New Orleans, LA

**Maternal and Child Health Public Health Training Program**
TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA
New Orleans, LA

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