Maine

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.

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<th>MCH Block Grant Funds to Maine</th>
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**Title V Administrative Agency:** Division of Disease Prevention, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Maine’s Families, Children and Communities

**School-based Health Centers**— School-based health centers represent an excellent example of improved health care access through existing institutions, where children and youth are located. School-based health centers are an evidence-based practice for providing health care to hard to reach pediatric populations, particularly youth who are at risk for poor health outcomes. The Division of Disease Prevention utilizes school-based health centers as an avenue to reach underserved youth and to connect them with a primary care provider and medical home. All middle and high school students participating in a school-based health center receive a health risk assessment within their first 3 visits to the health center.

**Healthy Families**— The Maine Maternal, Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Panel works to reduce maternal, fetal and infant deaths and other risks such as premature births and low birth weight. It takes a broad, holistic approach to improving the quality of life for all of Maine’s women, infants and families. MFMR promotes collaboration among health care professionals and their communities.

**Healthy Children** – Newborn Screening in Maine includes screening infants for hearing loss, inborn errors of metabolism and other congenital birth defects; combined these programs screen 98% of babies born each year in Maine. Working collaboratively with the health care system, infants who screen positive receive treatment for serious and/or life threatening conditions within days of birth.

**Injury Prevention**— The program links people to data, resources and training specific to intentional and unintentional injury. It works with multiple stakeholders (state and non-governmental organizations) to plan and implement activities and initiatives that result in a reduction of injuries among people in Maine. The Program facilitated the development of a state injury prevention plan as well as a state suicide prevention plan.

**Percentage Served by the Maine MCH Program**

- 100.0% Pregnant women
- 100.0% Infants under one
- 83.0% Children and adolescents
- 83.0% Children with special health care needs
- 5.0% Others

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

- Improve reproductive health for women aged 15-44 years.
- Improve birth outcomes.
- Promote the safety and well-being of infants, children and youth.
- Reduce the risk of chronic disease among the MCH population.
- Improve systems of care for children and youth with and without special healthcare needs.
- Enhance access to high quality health care for the MCH population.
- Promote readiness to learn and succeed for children and youth.

Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)
MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Augusta, ME

Supporting Maternal and Child Health Innovation in States
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