Missouri

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 Missouri

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Title V Administrative Agency:
Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS), Division of Community and Public Health (DCPH)

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Missouri’s Families

Home Visiting — Title V funds support home visiting through the Healthy Families Missouri Home Visiting and Building Blocks of Missouri Home Visiting programs. These programs implement the evidence-based Healthy Families America (HFA) and the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) home visiting models serving twenty-two counties. HFA model services begin prenatally or within 3 months of the birth of the baby through age 3 and up to age 5. The NFP model serves first-time mothers less than 28 weeks gestation who are at risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes and through the first two years of the child’s life. The goals of these programs are to engage low income families in home visiting services to improve pregnancy outcomes; cultivate and strengthen nurturing parent-child relationships; promote healthy childhood growth and development; improve economic self-sufficiency by continuing education and job finding assistance; and enhance family functioning by reducing risk and building protective factors. To learn more visit: http://health.mo.gov/living/families/homevisiting/index.php

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs — Title V and state funds support the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program, which provides service coordination for individuals from birth to age 21 who meet medical eligibility guidelines and limited funding for medically necessary diagnostic and treatment services for individuals whose families also meet financial eligibility guidelines. Title V funding also supports the Kids Assistive Technology Program which provides assistive technology and vehicle and home access modifications that enhance health care for eligible children while promoting independence.

Special Health Care Needs (SHCN) Family Partnership — The SHCN Family Partnership provides an opportunity for families of individuals with special health care needs to build a support network and to provide the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services with input regarding special needs issues. The initiative also increases public awareness of the unique needs of individuals with disabilities. Family Partnership members include parents, legal guardians, and family members of individuals with special needs.

Local MCH Agency Contracts — Title V funds support a statewide MCH network through community-based contracts with local public health agencies (LPHAs). The purpose of the contract is to support a leadership role for LPHAs to: build community-based systems and expand the resources those systems can use to respond to priority MCH issues; promote the health of mothers, infants and children and provide mothers, infants and children access to quality MCH services; and reduce health disparities for women, infants, and children. Based on focused local assessments and identification of the priority MCH needs in their community, LPHAs engage with their community and partner with stakeholders to implement a three-year work plan to address the identified priority MCH issue(s) and address risk and protective factors that influence health disparities within families and communities through the Life Course Perspective.

Child Care Initiatives — These projects enhance resource and referral services for families and children with special health care needs. Families receive technical assistance to find appropriate child care for their child with special health care needs, and child care providers receive technical assistance and training to ensure the child is fully integrated into the child care program. Title V funds support a statewide child care health consultation program which provides health and safety consultation, health issue training, and technical assistance for child care providers and health promotion activities for children in the child care setting.
Maternal Mortality Review – Title V funds support Maternal/Infant Mortality Program and Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review efforts to reduce maternal mortality. Missouri was selected as a recipient of a 5-year grant awarded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Enhancing Reviews and Surveillance to Eliminate Maternal Mortality (ERASE MM) program. Maternal overdoses were identified as a leading cause of death for PAMR in the June 2020 “Missouri Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review: 2017 Annual Report”. Missouri became an Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) state in 2019 and is currently implementing the “Obstetric Care for Women with Opioid Use Disorder” bundle.

Adolescent Suicide Prevention – Suicide is the second leading cause of death among adolescents 10-19 years old, and the suicide rate among Missouri adolescents increased 56.0% from 2009 to 2019. According to Missouri’s Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), the percentage of high school students who say they seriously considered attempting suicide increased from 15.4% in 2009 to 17.4% in 2019. The percentage of high school students who say they have made a plan about how they will commit suicide increased from 11% in 2009 to 14% in 2019. DHSS was accepted for participation in the second cohort of the Children’s Safety Network Child Safety Learning Collaborative (CSLC) to reduce fatal and serious injuries among infants, children, and adolescents, specifically focused on Suicide and Self-Harm Prevention.

Percentage Served by the Missouri MCH Program*

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<td>53.0%</td>
<td>Pregnant women</td>
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<td>98.0%</td>
<td>Infants under one</td>
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<td>31.0%</td>
<td>Children and adolescents</td>
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*2019 State/Jurisdiction Annual Reports Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Health Needs in Missouri

State Selected Priorities for FFY 2021-2025

- Improve pre-conception, prenatal and postpartum health care services for women of childbearing age
- Promote safe sleep practices among newborns to reduce sleep-related infant deaths
- Reduce obesity among children and adolescents
- Reduce intentional and unintentional injuries among children and adolescents
- Ensure coordinated, comprehensive and ongoing health care services for children with and without special health care needs
- Enhance access to oral health care services for children
- Promote protective factors for youth and families (Youth Suicide & Self-Harm)
- Address social determinants of health inequities

Overarching Principles to be incorporated throughout all priorities, performance measures, and strategies –

- Ensure Access to Care, including adequate insurance coverage, for MCH population
- Promote partnerships with individuals, families, and family-led organizations to ensure family engagement in decision-making, program planning, service delivery, and quality improvement activities

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Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program
PARENTS AS TEACHERS NATIONAL CENTER, INC
Saint Louis, MO

State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES
Jefferson City, MO

Awareness and Access to Care for Children and Youth with Epilepsy
THE CHILDREN’S MERCY HOSPITAL
Kansas City, MO

Maternal and Child Health Public Health Training Program
SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
Saint Louis, MO