Oklahoma

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 Oklahoma

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Title V Administrative Agency:
Maternal and Child Health Service, OK Dept. of Health

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Oklahoma’s Families

Child and Adolescent Health — The Oklahoma Maternal and Child Health Services gap-filling child and adolescent services through county health departments, schools, and contract providers. Services include outreach, physical examination and treatment, anticipatory guidance, social work, nutrition, and health education.

Perinatal and Reproductive Health — County health departments and contract providers provide clinical family planning statewide and gap-filling maternity services, including outreach, prenatal risk assessment, physical examination and treatment, social work, nutrition, and health education. The Maternal Mortality Review Committee also meets and reviews maternal death cases regularly to make necessary recommendations, reduce maternal deaths and improve maternal health in Oklahoma.

Preparing for a Lifetime: It's Everyone's Responsibility Initiative — a state-wide infant mortality initiative. This initiative has over 40 partners throughout the state working together to address top issues in infant mortality in Oklahoma, such as being healthy before becoming pregnant, carrying babies to full-term when possible, maternal mood disorders, tobacco prevention/cessation and secondhand smoke exposure during pregnancy, breastfeeding, safe sleep, abusive head trauma and encouraging and supporting pregnant women’s healthy choices. Since beginning this initiative in 2007, infant mortality has decreased by over 20% allowing many more Oklahoma babies to celebrate their first birthdays with their families.

Education and Training — The MCH program provides education and training for health care providers, communities, schools, children and parents on a variety of health issues. These issues include the Life Course, healthy behaviors, preconception, prematurity, safe sleep, breastfeeding, fatherhood, shaken baby syndrome, teen pregnancy prevention, school health, injury prevention, suicide prevention, and adolescent transition.

Data and Technical Assistance — State-wide surveillance systems focused on health and health behaviors (e.g. PRAMS, TOTS, YRBS) are supported with MCH Block Grant funds. Funds also support a statewide registry for monitoring of birth defects, Fetal and Infant Mortality Review projects and a statewide Maternal Mortality Review project. The MCH Program provides technical assistance for use of Fetal and Infant Mortality Review, Maternal Mortality Review and Child Death Review data.

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs — The Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program provides specialty services to this population through contracted providers. These services include respite care, metabolic formula, services for children with autism or sickle cell anemia, and services to high risk neonates.
Percentage Served by the Oklahoma MCH Program*

100.0% Pregnant women
100.0% Infants under one
30.0% Children and adolescents
20.0% Children with special health care needs
1.0% Others

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

Health Needs in Oklahoma

- Reduce infant mortality
- Improve the health of reproductive age individuals
- Improve access to social workers and support systems throughout the state
- Improve quality health education for children and youth
- Improve access to family-centered programs via family support navigators
- Increase quality health care access for the MCH population
- Increase health equity for the MCH population
- Improve the mental and behavioral health of the MCH population.

Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children
COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL OF GREATER TULSA
Tulsa, OK

State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)
OKLAHOMA STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Oklahoma City, OK

State Maternal Health Innovation Program
OKLAHOMA STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Oklahoma City, OK

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