South Dakota
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 South Dakota

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Title V Administrative Agency:
Division of Family Health, State Department of Health

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

Promote, Protect and Improve the Health of Every South Dakotan

Guiding Goals for the Title V Program within the South Dakota Department of Health — Improve the quality, accessibility, and effective use of healthcare; support life-long health for South Dakotans; prepare for, respond to, and prevent public health threats; develop and strengthen strategic partnerships to improve public health; and maximize the effectiveness and strengthen infrastructure of the Department of Health

Newborn Screening — Infants born in South Dakota are screened for metabolic diseases and hearing loss prior to hospital discharge and receive referrals to follow-up services as needed. South Dakota screens for 29 core conditions listed in the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel of the Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children. All infants whose newborn screening test results are outside of the normal limits for a newborn screening disorder receive follow-up to ensure prompt and appropriate follow-up testing.

Tobacco Control Program — Coordinates state efforts to prevent tobacco use among youth and young adults, promote quitting of all tobacco products, eliminate all types of exposure to tobacco use, and strive for health equity in tobacco control. South Dakota enacted a clean indoor air law in 2010 and both federal and tobacco tax dollars are dedicated to the tobacco control program. As a result, the program provides public education/messaging, and surveillance and evaluation. Community/school partnership grants, disparities grants, and mini grants are offered to implement evidence-based prevention and cessation programs throughout the state. The program also offers SD QuitLine services, which include free coaching and tobacco cessation medications, as well as the SD QuitLine Postpartum program, which includes relapse prevention calls for new and expecting mothers.

Bright Start Home Visits — Registered nurses provide support to low-resource pregnant women, infants, and toddlers in seven sites around the state. The areas served include two American Indian reservation areas, as well as other counties that have been identified as having high infant mortality rates. Nurses implement the evidence-based Nurse Family Partnership model as well as a home-grown curriculum. Bright Start program goals are to improve pregnancy outcomes, improve infant and toddler health and development, prevent child abuse and neglect, and improve the family’s economic self-sufficiency. Nurses work with families to set health and life-course goals, make referrals to community partners, screen women for depression and anxiety, substance use and intimate partner violence and complete developmental screenings with infants and toddlers.

Child Obesity Prevention — MCH and DOH offer education and tools to identify best practices that support healthy lifestyle habits for children’s development. They have collaborated with the Department of Social Services and Sanford CHILD Service’s Physical Activity Technical Assistance (PATA) program. PATA assists in creating an environment where physical activity is incorporated into the program culture. The program offers assistance in writing a physical activity policy that is adopted in each child care program, offers on-site training to implement physical activities in the classroom, provides ideas for parents to engage in physical activity at home and offers resources with ideas on how to increase physical activity in the classroom. A common testimonial from teachers include “they have noticed a significant decrease in behavior problems with her consistent movement”.

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**Immunization** — Nurses administer publicly funded vaccines and coordinate activities to raise public awareness about the importance of immunizations. South Dakota implemented Tdap and MCV4 vaccine requirements for students entering the Sixth-grade beginning with the 2016-17 school year. South Dakota collects and analyzes immunization data for our Kindergarten and Sixth grade students annually.

**Injury Prevention** — The MCH program coordinates with other agencies to promote injury prevention activities for infants, children and adolescents. Prevention activities include car seat distribution and education, alcohol and drug use, and intentional and unintentional injuries including sexual assault and domestic violence and suicide.

**Infant Mortality** — The MCH program focuses on strategies to promote early recognition of pregnancy, early and comprehensive prenatal care, and awareness and implementation of safe sleep practices to decrease infant mortality. In 2012, the MCH program began funding a statewide infant death review to understand why infants are dying and to act to prevent other deaths. The Department of Health (DOH) partners with the National Cribs for Kids program to provide safe infant sleep environments for families in need. Three tribal partners and 76 WIC offices distribute the Safe Sleep kits provided by the DOH.

**Percentage Served by the South Dakota MCH Program**

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<tr>
<td>66.0%</td>
<td>Pregnant women</td>
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<td>Infants under one</td>
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<td>Children and adolescents</td>
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<td>51.0%</td>
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*2019 State Jurisdiction Annual Reports Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau

**Health Needs in South Dakota**

- Promote preconception/inter-conception health
- Reduce infant mortality
- Promote positive child and youth development to reduce morbidity and mortality (intentional/unintentional injuries, dietary habits, tobacco use, alcohol use, and other drug utilization)
- Improve early identification and referral of developmental delays
- Improve and assure appropriate access to health services that are focused on families, women, infants, children, adolescents, and CYSHCN
- Promote oral health of all populations
- Improve state and local surveillance, data collection, and evaluation capacity

**Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)**

**Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program**

**State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)**

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