Tennessee

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 Tennessee

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<th>FY 2017</th>
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<td>$11,714,889</td>
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Title V Administrative Agency:
Division of Family Health and Wellness
Tennessee Department of Health

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Tennessee’s Families

Maternal Mortality Review — A multidisciplinary committee reviews all deaths of women who died while pregnant or within one year of pregnancy. Through these comprehensive reviews, the team identifies specific opportunities for prevention of maternal mortality and promotion of women’s health. A report with the incidences and causes of maternal mortality, along with recommendations for prevention is created annually.

Children with Special Health Care Needs — Services for children with special health care needs are provided by the Children Special Services (CSS) Program through the Community Health Access and Navigation (CHANT) care coordination process. Children up to age 21 who meet medical and financial criteria are eligible to receive reimbursement for medical care, treatment, supplies, pharmaceuticals and therapies. Care coordination and social determinants of health resource and referral services are also available to the client and their families.

Newborn Screening Follow-Up Services — State law requires that every newborn be screened for certain genetic, metabolic, and congenital conditions. Newborn Screening Follow-Up staff receive approximately 87,000 screens per year and provide time-sensitive case management to infants with presumed positive screens. A network of tertiary specialty care centers provides urgent consultative and management services for these infants, their families, and their community primary care providers.

Tennessee Breastfeeding Hotline — Staffed by International Board-Certified Lactation Consultants 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, the hotline provides lactation information and support to anyone at no cost. Lactation professionals address concerns or questions about human milk over the phone and refer to local resources as needed. Direct support is available in Mandarin and Spanish.

Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention — Health education staff across the state work with community partners to provide tailored information on healthy relationships, adolescent health, and positive youth development.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program — Screening tests, as well as diagnostic follow-up tests for those with abnormal screening results, are provided to low income uninsured or underinsured women and men. Clients diagnosed with breast or cervical cancers are enrolled in the state’s Medicaid program to cover treatment expenses.

Child Fatality Review — Local teams have been established in the 31 judicial districts of Tennessee to review all deaths of children 17 years of age or younger. The state child fatality team reviews reports from the local teams, analyzes statistics of the incidences and causes of child deaths, and makes recommendations to the governor and General Assembly to promote the safety and well-being of children.
**Family Planning** — The Family Planning Program provides educational and clinical services to men and women of reproductive age to maintain their reproductive health and achieve healthy pregnancies if/when desired. The program has a special emphasis on serving low-income women, men, and teens. Family Planning Services are available statewide. All services are confidential and no one will be turned away regardless of ability to pay.

**Health Needs in Tennessee**

- Improve utilization of preventive care for women of childbearing age.
- Reduce infant mortality.
- Increase the number of infants and children receiving a developmental screening.
- Reduce the number of children exposed to adverse childhood experiences.
- Reduce the number of children and adolescents who are overweight or obese.
- Reduce the burden of injury among children and adolescents.
- Increase the number of children (both with and without special health care needs) having a medical home.
- Increase the number of children (both with and without special health care needs) who receive services necessary to make transitions to adult care.
- Reduce exposure to tobacco among the MCH population (pregnancy smoking and secondhand smoke exposure for children).

**Percentage Served by the Tennessee MCH Program**

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<tr>
<td>100.0%</td>
<td>Pregnant women</td>
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<td>Infants under one</td>
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<td>61.0%</td>
<td>Children and adolescents</td>
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<td>Children with special health care needs</td>
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<td>12.0%</td>
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*2019 State/Jurisdiction Annual Reports Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau

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

**State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)**
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Nashville, TN

**Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program**
EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
Johnson City, TN

**Maternal and Child Health Nutrition Training Program**
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
Knoxville, TN

**Maternal and Child Environmental Health Network**
(formerly Reproductive Environmental Health Network)
ORGANIZATION OF TERATOLOGY INFORMATION SPECIALISTS
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