Utah

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 Utah

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

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Protecting and Improving the Health of Utah’s Families

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Percentage Served by the Utah MCH Program*

98.0% Pregnant women
100.0% Infants under one
18.0% Children and adolescents
40.0% Children with special healthcare needs
1.0% Others

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

Health Needs in Utah

- Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders
- Breast feeding/Poor infant nutrition
- Developmental Delays
- Access to Care
- Oral Health
- Economic Stability
- Family Connectedness
- Care Coordination/Provider and Family Connectedness
- CYSHCN Transition to Adulthood/Adolescent Mental Health

Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Salt Lake City, UT

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