

Alabama

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant 2016

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. Title V provides funding to state maternal and child health (MCH) programs, which serve 42 million women and children in the U.S. To learn more about Title V, visit www.amchp.org.

MCH Block Grant Funds to Alabama

FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
\$10,794,735	\$10,807,018	\$11,257,910

Title V Administrative Agency:

Bureau of Family Health Services
Alabama Department of Public Health

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Alabama's Families

Health Care for Women and Children — By helping to pay for salaries, supplies and equipment in county health departments (CHDs), Title V helps provide physical assessment, immunizations, hearing screening, nutritional assessment, developmental appraisal, and dental care for children.

Services for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) — Through 14 community-based offices, with the help of Title V funds, Children's Rehabilitation Service (CRS) provides medical and evaluation clinic services to CYSHCN with an emphasis on care coordination. Care coordinators, including nurses and social workers, travel to their assigned counties to meet families, arrange services, and maintain working partnerships with local service programs and providers. CRS provides many other services including information and referral, therapy services and family/youth support.

Newborn Screening — Two statewide newborn screening programs are administered by the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), in partnership with public and private providers. One program provides population-based screening for PKU, hypothyroidism, galactosemia, hemoglobinopathies, adrenal hyperplasia, and several other disorders. The other program offers hearing screening through Alabama's 49 birthing hospitals.

Care Coordination at County Health Departments (CHDs) — Care coordination provided in CHDs helps patients to access and obtain maximum benefit from needed health-related services. The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Care Coordination Program, implemented under the Alabama Medicaid Agency's primary care case management program, is the main channel through which ADPH provides care coordination for children.

Transition Planning for Youth with Special Needs — CRS promotes transition planning for youth with special health care needs and their families via care coordination and other activities. At 14-16 years of age, CRS youth are transferred to Social Work Transition Specialist caseloads for education and guidance in planning for all aspects of adulthood. Further, CRS has Teen Transition Clinics in four locations across the state to address issues and problems such as adult healthcare, functional independence, mobility and independent living. CRS is located in the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services which also serves adults through its Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program. A continuum of services is encouraged through a transition task force composed of CRS transition social workers and VR counselors.

State Perinatal Program — The State Perinatal Program operates under the State Board of Health and the State Perinatal Advisory Council (SPAC). SPAC represents the Regional Perinatal Advisory Councils and advises the State Health Officer in the planning, organization, and implementation of the Perinatal Program. State Perinatal Program staff are located in the state's Title V Program and engage in activities, including fetal and infant mortality review, education, and collaboration, to address concerns of SPAC and the Regional Perinatal Advisory Committees.

MCH Priority Needs in Alabama

- Lack of or inadequate access to comprehensive reproductive and well woman health care
- Lack of awareness of and trust in safe sleep recommendations
- Desire to maintain and strengthen regionalized perinatal care
- Low rates of preventive health and developmental screening for children
- Low rates of preventive health and developmental screening for adolescents
- Inadequate and insufficient health education and outreach pertaining to oral health
- Inadequate health and dental insurance for all Title V populations
- Lack of or inadequate access for CSHCN to family-centered, coordinated, ongoing comprehensive care within a medical home
- Lack of or inadequate access to services necessary for CSHCN to transition to all aspects of adult life

State Selected National Performance Measures

- Well Woman Visit
- Perinatal Regionalization
- Safe Sleep
- Oral Health
- Adolescent Well-Visit
- Medical Home
- Transition
- Developmental Screening

People Served by the Alabama MCH Program*

Title V population-based preventive and systems building services benefit all women and children in the state. In addition, the MCH Block Grant provided services to the following individuals:

908	pregnant women
57,584	infants under one
30,389	children and adolescents
10,162	children with special health care needs
93,697	others
192,740	total served

*2014 State/Jurisdiction Annual Reports Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau



Grants to Alabama*

State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN

REHABILITATION SERVICES, ALABAMA DEPT OF Montgomery, AL
\$300,000

STATE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SSDI)

PUBLIC HEALTH, ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF Montgomery, AL
\$95,374

MCH Pipeline Training Program

ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY MONTGOMERY, AL
\$163,877

Leadership Education in Adolescent Health

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM Birmingham, AL
\$316,267

Pediatric Pulmonary Centers

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM Birmingham, AL
\$373,642

Maternal and Child Health Public Health Training Program

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM Birmingham, AL
\$405,948

Leadership Training in Pediatric Nutrition

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM Birmingham, AL
\$176,800

Leadership Training in Nursing

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM Birmingham, AL
\$35,638

These grants were awarded in FY 2013.

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