Alabama

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant 2017

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 57 million people in the U.S. To learn more about Title V, visit www.amchp.org.

MCH Block Grant Funds to Alabama

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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. Also, CRS audiologists provide second-level screening and offer diagnostic and intervention services via evaluations, hearing aid dispensing, and hearing aid orientation.

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 case loads for education and guidance in planning for all aspects of adulthood. Further, CRS has Teen Transition Clinics across the state to address issues and problems such as adult healthcare, functional independence, mobility and independent living. CRS is using strategies from the Six Core Elements of Health Care Transition 2.0 to improve the quality of its transition program. 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.
People Reached by the Alabama MCH Program*

- 886 Pregnant women
- 58,325 Infants under one
- 30,737 Children and adolescents
- 18,139 Children with special health care needs
- 88,931 Others
- 197,081 Total

*2015 State/Jurisdiction Annual Reports Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau

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**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

Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

**State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)**
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Montgomery, AL

**MCH Pipeline Training Program**
ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY
Montgomery, AL

**Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH)**
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM
Birmingham, AL

**Pediatric Pulmonary Care Centers**
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM
Birmingham, AL

**MCH Public Health Catalyst Program**
Centers of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health Education Science and Practice Program (COE)
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM
Birmingham, AL

**Maternal and Child Health Nutrition Training Program**
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM
Birmingham, AL