American Samoa

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 American Samoa:

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Title V Administrative Agency:
American Samoa Department of Health

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of American Samoa’s Families

Immunization — Immunization services are provided by the MCH Program in partnership with the community health centers and the pediatric department of the LBJ Tropical Medical Center.

Oral Health — The MCH Dental Program focuses its services on 3rd grade children in American Samoa. In addition to providing dental sealants, the MCH Dental Team assesses the children for dental caries.

Well Baby/Child Services — Well Baby/Child clinics are held at four community based health centers. All Well Child Services are provided at no cost to clients. The Well Baby/Child population is the largest population served by MCH.

Children with Special Health Care Needs - The initial screening for Children with Special Health Care Needs (C SHCN) begins at birth, with the initial assessment at the nursery. Developmental screening and physical assessments continue through infancy at the Well Baby/Child clinics to rule out any chronic or developmental issues.

Teen Pregnancy — The MCH Program partners with the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition and Gear Up to promote adolescent health and education on reproductive health for young people. These efforts are coordinated through Gear Up wraparound services as well as outreach events in the community.

People Served by the American Samoa 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:

- 1,653 pregnant women
- 1,161 infants under one
- 8,651 children and adolescents
- 153 children with special health care needs
- 300 others
- 11,918 total served

*2013 State/Jurisdiction Annual Reports Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Selected National Performance Measures

- Well woman visit
- Perinatal regionalization
- Developmental screening
- Physical activity
- Bullying
- Adolescent well-visit
- Medical home
- Oral Health
Health Needs in American Samoa

- Increase awareness and access to prenatal care
- Reduce infant mortality rate
- Increase rate of breastfeeding
- Reduce childhood obesity
- Promote evidence based developmental screenings for children 0- years of age
- Increase immunization coverage rates
- Prevent adolescents from being bullied or bullying others
- Improve system of care for CYSHCN
- Promote oral health
- Reduce Acute Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease

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Grants to American Samoa*

**STATE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SSDI)**
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
PAGO PAGO, AS
$33,609
(State Systems Development Initiative)

*These grants were awarded in FY 2013.