

Arkansas

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 Arkansas

FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
\$6,620,316	\$6,628,562	\$6,830,595

Title V Administrative Agencies:

- Arkansas Department of Health, Center for Health Advancement, Family Health Branch
- Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, Children's Medical Services

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Arkansas' Families

Medical Home Training —

With a new grant, the MCH program will provide training on the medical home concept to pediatricians and family practice physicians in target sites over the next year.



Toll-free Information Line — MCH supports a 1-800 telephone line, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Callers receive a wide range of information about specific campaigns and programs within the Department of Health.

Family Education — The program surveys all children with special needs when they turn 14 to help focus the youths' and families' attention on planning for the child's transition into adult care. The program also distributes a quarterly newsletter to over 15,000 families with special needs.

Prenatal Care — Local health units provide prenatal care services, assist physicians with Medicaid enrollment and offer nutrition education.

Medical Services for Special Needs Children — The CSHCN program is managed by the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Developmental Disabilities Services- Children's Medical Services section. The MCH program pays for direct medical services for over 600 children with special health care needs who do not receive Medicaid benefits. For eligible Medicaid recipients, it also pays for some services, like van lifts and wheelchair ramps for homes. By paying for these services, the program enables families to care for their children and youth at home, decreasing hospitalizations. The program also provides case management services for special needs families who request this assistance.

People Served by the Arkansas 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 in 2013:

48,956	pregnant women
49,194	infants under one
651,239	children and adolescents
14,942	children with special health care needs
106,625	other
870,956	total served

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

Health Needs in Arkansas

- Reduce substance abuse among families, including alcohol, tobacco and drugs.
- Increase access and preventative health care services to Arkansans and their families.
- Increase healthy relationships.
- Increase access to reproductive health services that adhere to national best practice guidelines.
- Improve the system of care for families with children and youth with special healthcare needs.
- Reduce the rate of child maltreatment.
- Increase evidence based screening for all MCH populations for behavioral and mental health problems.

State Selected National Performance Measures

- Well Woman Visit
- Perinatal Regionalization
- Breastfeeding
- Safe Sleep
- Injury
- Physical Activity
- Transition
- Adequate Insurance Coverage



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Grants to Arkansas*

State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN

AR CHILDRENS HOSPITAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE
Little Rock, AR
\$299,867

STATE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SSDI)

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Little Rock, AR
\$99,777

GENETICS SERVICES

AR CHILDRENS HOSPITAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE
Little Rock, AR
\$593,000

*These grants were awarded in FY 2013.