

Georgia

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 Georgia

FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
\$16,611,128	\$16,438,560	\$16,838,159

Title V Administrative Agency:

Maternal and Child Health Section, Department of Public Health

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Georgia's Families

Developmental Screening and Assessment — The MCH section coordinates the Children 1st system for early identification and referrals. Children 1st provides developmental screening and assessments for nearly 12,000 children. Through the Electronic Birth Certificate and physician referrals all children born in Georgia are identified for conditions that would otherwise result in poor health and/or developmental delay (approximately 20% of all births per year). Identified families are linked with intervention or support services.

Newborn Screening — In accordance with Georgia law, every infant is tested for 31 conditions including hearing impairment. The MCH section supports two comprehensive, coordinated, statewide systems to ensure that newborns receive screening, follow-up, diagnosis and intervention. In 2014, 100% of infants who screened positive through bloodspot screening received follow-up to definitive diagnosis and clinical management. Approximately, 98% of all newborns in Georgia were screened for hearing loss prior to hospital discharge in 2014.

Care Coordination — Every child enrolled in Children's Medical Services (CMS) benefits from receiving care coordination services and supports. Georgia's Care Coordination model is a team-based approach, which includes the development of health outcome goals and a comprehensive plan of care based on needs and challenges identified by the patient and family. The Care Coordination team works closely with the child's primary care providers and healthcare vendors to facilitate timely access to comprehensive services, and serves as payor of last resort for direct services. The team also assist families in identifying and linking to culturally competent community-based resources and service systems. Many families in CMS receive periodic home visits to promote family participation and improve the support system.

Oral Health — The MCH section prevents oral disease among Georgia's children through education, promotion of healthy behaviors, preventive interventions and early treatment. The Oral Health program also provides training to organizational stakeholders on oral health, when to refer to preventive oral health services for children. Services include fluoride varnish, dental sealants, prevention education and comprehensive restorative treatment. School-based/linked prevention programs targeting high-risk school children are also provided.

Breastfeeding — The MCH section has several breastfeeding initiatives including Educating Physicians In Their Communities (EPIC) breastfeeding, a physician peer-to-peer training program, and coordination of a project to increase breastfeeding through supportive hospital policies and practices, staff education and post-discharge community referrals. The MCH section is also partnering with WIC to develop a statewide breastfeeding plan.

Maternal Mortality Review — The MCH section provides funding and data support for the Georgia Maternal Mortality Review Committee. The review committee is administered by the Georgia Obstetrical and Gynecology Society and funded by MCH. MCH staff members participate in the reviews. The committee reviews cases to determine causes of the death and provide recommendations for maternal mortality reduction. MCH takes the lead on data analysis for the review committee by managing the maternal mortality database and developing annual reports. Translation activities stemming from the committee's recommendations are carried out within MCH in collaboration with community partners.

Improving Birth Outcomes —The MCH section provides a number of local programs promoting preconception and interconception health, promoting early access to prenatal and postpartum women, and identifying issues to help reduce health disparities among maternal and child health populations.

Injury Prevention — The MCH section provides infrastructure support to the Office of Injury Prevention. This infrastructure allows for coordination of all safety issues such as Safe to Sleep within the Department of Public Health, the development of policies, and development of partnerships to address child fatality.

People Served by the Georgia MCH Section*

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:

12,906 pregnant women
128,426 infants under one
1,131,237 children and adolescents
21,912 children with special health care needs
1,294,481 total served

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

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Health Needs in Georgia

- Prevent maternal mortality.
- Improve access to family planning services.
- Prevent infant mortality.
- Promote developmental screenings among children.
- Promote physical activity among children.
- Reduce suicide among adolescents.
- Improve systems of care for children and youth with special health care needs.
- Promote oral health among all populations.



State Selected National Performance Measures

- Well Woman Visit
- Perinatal Regionalization
- Breastfeeding
- Developmental Screening
- Physical Activity
- Bullying
- Transition
- Oral Health

Grants to Georgia*

STATE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SSDI)
PUBLIC HEALTH, GEORGIA DEPT OF
Atlanta, GA
\$94,836

Hemophilia Treatment Centers
HEMOPHILIA OF GEORGIA, INC.
Atlanta, GA
\$500,000

GENETICS SERVICES
EMORY UNIVERSITY
Atlanta, GA
\$599,368

Epidemiological MCH/SPH Institute
EMORY UNIVERSITY
Atlanta, GA
\$27,250

*These grants were awarded in FY 2015.