Montana

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 Montana*

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

Title V Administrative Agency:
Family and Community Health Bureau (FCHB), Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

Protecting and Improving the Health of Montana’s Families

Partnership Addressing Immunization Rates: In 2008 Montana was near the bottom of the nation in regards to childhood immunization rates among children age 19 to 35 months. Montana rates improved to 67.1% in 2014. The 2015 Legislature passed legislation which added the 4th DTAP, Varicella, and HPV as required immunizations for preschool and school aged children. The 2015 MCH Needs Assessment demonstrated that statewide immunization rates are still an important public health issue in Montana. The FCHB and the Immunization Program are committed to supporting all vaccine providers in an effort to further continuing to improve vaccine coverage.

Newborn Screening Program: In 2015 Montana implemented newborn screening for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID). Nearly all of the 12,000 babies born in Montana each year are screened for 29 life-threatening metabolic conditions, hearing loss and critical congenital heart disease. As a result of these screenings, approximately 28 newborns were diagnosed with life-threatening, but treatable conditions. Newborns with identified conditions received follow-up services through partnerships between the Montana Public Health Laboratory, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind, primary care providers, and pediatric specialists. The newborn screening program continues to provide outreach and education to providers and parents on the importance of newborn screening.

Parent Mentoring: MCH Block Grant funds support a parent mentor program in Montana called the HALI Project Parent Partners. Parent Partners are parents of CYSHCN recruited in a physician practice setting. Parents are trained to mentor other parents of CYSHCN to help them navigate the ‘non-medical’ parts of the medical home. In addition to supporting families of CYSHCN, the program aims to reduce the amount of time the provider spends with families on non-medical issues so they can focus solely on the medical needs of the child. Montana continues to support multidisciplinary clinic services for CYSHCN with cleft/craniofacial anomalies, Cystic Fibrosis and metabolic conditions, throughout the state.

Fetal, Infant Child, and Maternal Mortality Review Program (FICMMR): The MCH Block Grant supports 29 local FICMMR teams serving all of Montana’s counties and American Indian reservations. Local teams examine and report the factors contributing to fetal, infant, child, and maternal deaths. The teams also provide recommendations, activities, and/or policy changes to reduce preventable deaths at the state and county-levels.
People Served by the Montana 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:

- Pregnant women: 3,761
- Infants under one: 5,560
- Children and adolescents: 28,693
- Children with special health care needs: 6,964
- Others: 53,498
- Total served: 98,476

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

Health Needs in Montana

- Improve family support and health education.
- Improve access to care for MCH populations.
- Increase immunization rates.
- Reduce child injuries.
- Decrease smoking during pregnancy and household smoking.
- Increase breastfeeding rates.
- Improve oral health.
- Improve teen pregnancy prevention.
- Reduce low-risk cesarean deliveries.
- Promote infant safe sleep.

State Selected National Performance Measures

- Low-risk Cesarean Delivery
- Breastfeeding
- Safe Sleep
- Injury
- Adolescent Well-Visit
- Transition
- Oral Health
- Smoking

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**Grants to Montana**

- **State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN**
  PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF
  Helena, MT
  $299,045

- **Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program**
  YELLOWSTONE CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
  Billings, MT
  $50,000

- **STATE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SSDI)**
  PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF
  Helena, MT
  $100,000

*These grants were awarded in FY 2013*