

Nebraska

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 Nebraska

| FY 2013 | FY 2014 | FY 2015 |
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| \$3,846,480 | \$3,982,922 | \$4,010,626 |

Title V Administrative Agency:
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Nebraska's Families

Statewide Initiatives and Partnerships – Nebraska subawards a portion of the MCH Block Grant to community-based organizations to address priority needs in Nebraska's local communities. These subawards include a non-competitive set aside for the four federally-recognized Native American Tribes headquartered in Nebraska - Omaha, Ponca, Santee Sioux and Winnebago. This support encourages a local community to assess its resources and capacity to address the health needs of Nebraska's mothers and children. The state agency provides technical assistance and financial resources to communities to implement work plans and evaluate outcomes.



Supporting State MCH Programs – The MCH Block Grant significantly supports state-level public health services and systems, often in conjunction with other funds (federal and state) to strengthen each separate investment. It helps support many of the programs or activities within Lifespan Health Services, a unit within the Division of Public Health, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). To learn more about Nebraska DHHS, visit <http://dhhs.ne.gov>.

Lifespan Health Services conducts the statewide MCH assessment, does planning, leads initiatives, and develops policies. This unit also administers programs to improve the health of women, infants, children, adolescents and families in Nebraska. Those programs with support from the MCH Block Grant include Newborn Screening & Genetics; Maternal Child & Adolescent Health; MCH Epidemiology for the Pregnancy, Risk, Assessment & Monitoring System (PRAMS) and Child and Maternal Death Review Team; Reproductive Health; Immunization; Title V / MCH Special Projects; and the Women's Health Initiative. For more information about Lifespan Health Services, visit <http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/lifespanhealth.aspx>.

In addition to the programs supported with Title V / MCH Block Grant funds, Lifespan Health Services also administers Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), Early Hearing Detection & Intervention, and the Nebraska Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (N-MIECHV).

Children/Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) - Other state-level programs within Nebraska DHHS supported in part by Title V / MCH Block grant include two exclusively focused on special health care needs: Birth Defects Registry (http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/vitalrecords_partners_birthdefects.aspx) and the Medically Handicapped Children's Program (MHCP). MHCP is located in the Division of Children and Family Services. Under the direction of the CYSHCN Director, and MHCP Program Coordinator, this Program also includes the Disabled Children's Program and the Genetically Handicapped Person Program. For more information, visit http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/hcs_programs.aspx.

People Served by the Nebraska MCH Program*

Title V Public Health Services and Systems benefit all women and children in the state. In addition, the MCH Block Grant provided direct services to the following individuals:

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| 1,881 | pregnant women |
| 27,037 | infants under one |
| 27,831 | children and adolescents |
| 2,274 | children with special health care needs |
| 25,454 | others |
| 84,477 | total served |

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

Health Needs in Nebraska

- Reduce infant mortality.
- Reduce obesity/overweight among women, youth, and children, and reduce food insecurity and physical inactivity.
- Reduce infant abuse and neglect.
- Address mental and behavioral health needs of children and youth with special health care needs.
- Reduce unintentional injury among children and youth, including motor vehicle crashes.
- Improve access to and adequacy of prenatal care.
- Increase breastfeeding of infants.
- Decrease sexually transmitted disease among youth and women of childbearing age.
- Access to preventive and early intervention mental health services for children.
- Increase access to medical homes for CSHCN, including empowerment for families to partner in decision making and access to additional family supports.

State Selected National Performance Measures

- Well Woman Visit
- Breastfeeding
- Safe Sleep
- Injury
- Physical Activity
- Adolescent Well-Visit
- Medical Home
- Adequate Insurance Coverage



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Grants to Nebraska*

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program
VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF THE MIDLANDS, THE
Omaha, NE
\$49,981

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program
SAINT ELIZABETH FOUNDATION
Lincoln, NE
\$47,111

STATE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SSDI)
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF
Lincoln, NE
\$100,000

MCH Continuing Education
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
Omaha, NE
\$71,986

Partnership for State Title V MCH Leadership Community
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
Omaha, NE
\$725,750

*These grants were awarded in FY 2013.