

Pennsylvania

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 Pennsylvania

FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
\$24,147,277	\$22,147,277	\$23,296,703

Title V Administrative Agency:

Bureau of Family Health, Pennsylvania Department of Health

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Pennsylvania's Families

Children and Youth with Special Health

Care Needs —The Bureau of Family Health continues to outreach to families of children with special health care needs through the PA Medical Home and Special Kids Network Programs. The PA Medical Home Program improves care to children and youth, including those with special health care needs, by utilizing the model "Educating Practices in Community Integrated Care (EPIC IC). The goal is to enhance the quality of life through effective community-based coordination, communication, and improved primary health care.

The Special Kids Network addresses families' need for access to information and resources through three primary components: 1) a toll-free helpline; 2) in-home individualized service coordination; and 3) outreach through a network of Regional Coordinators, all of whom are parents of children/youth with special health care needs.

Pennsylvania's commitment to improving the lives of women, children, and families requires the ability to effectively communicate with a diverse population. The Bureau of Family Health is developing a five-year plan to increase cultural and linguistic competence throughout its programs and stakeholder networks.

Through Title V funding, the Bureau of Family Health supports a new program called the TBI Child and Adolescent School Re-entry Program. The School Re-entry Program, based on a best practice model called Brain STEPS, employed in seven other states, ensures that those who provide educational support to children with brain injury have a good understanding that will help students achieve optimal educational success.

The Program includes training, consultation for teachers and other school personnel, accurate identification of brain injury, Individualized Educational Plan development and long term monitoring of students with brain injury. The program also assists parents and families' understanding of how brain injury impacts on the child's ability to be successful in the classroom and in social settings with peers.

Title V and other state funds support comprehensive specialty care clinics for certain conditions within hospitals across the state and supplemental activities such as psycho-social assessments, treatment planning and transportation being provided by community based organizations.

Maternal and Infant Health Needs - Local Title V agencies have developed home visiting programs with a goal of improving birth outcomes, reducing low birth weight rates and reducing infant and neonatal mortality by increasing the number of women who receive prenatal care in the first trimester. Most home visiting programs through the local county/municipal health departments focus on serving at-risk women which can include women living in poverty, pregnant or parenting adolescents, women with mental health or substance abuse issues, or women with very little support in the community.

Newborn Screening – The MCHSBG funds screening for all newborns and provide follow-up services to infants and children diagnosed with any of 3028 tested metabolic conditions. In 2011, approximately 50,000 newborns were served.

Collaborative efforts are targeted to hospitals, metabolic disease treatment centers, other specialty centers, a host of medical and allied health providers, laboratories, and others. The Newborn Screen and Follow-Up (NSFP) contracts for case management and follow-up with four Metabolic Disease Treatment Centers, and 6 Cystic Fibrosis Treatment Centers and 10 University and Community Centers for Sickle Cell Disease.

The NSFP also provided funding to assist with Cystic Fibrosis (CF) referrals, as the Department has grants with all six centers for confirmatory testing, intervention, and medical management of CF. This is a result of the CF Foundation guidelines, which recommends that newborns with abnormal screens be referred to an accredited CF center.

In 2013, the NSFP added follow-up for Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) and Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Disease (SCID).

In October 2014, Act 148 was signed into law by the Governor, which adds “certain lysosomal storage disorders (LSDs), including: Globoid Cell Leukodystrophy (Krabbe), Fabry, Pompe, Niemann-Pick, Gaucher and Hurler Syndrome (MPS I)” to the mandatory panel of screening tests for newborn children. The program has begun the necessary work to implement this Act and will continue to provide updates to stakeholders throughout the process.

People Served by the Pennsylvania 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 direct services to the following individuals:

4,093	pregnant women
142,949	infants under one
42,656	children and adolescents
54,860	children with special health care needs
40,643	others
285,201	total served

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



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Health Needs in Pennsylvania

- MCH populations reside in a safe and healthy living environment.
- Appropriate health and health related services, screenings, and information are available to the MCH populations.
- MCH populations are able to obtain, process, and understand basic health information needed to make health decisions.
- Protective factors are established for adolescents and young adults prior to and during critical life stages.
- Families are equipped with the education and resources he need to initiate and continue breastfeeding their infants.
- Adolescents and women of child-bearing age have access to and participate in preconception and inter-conception health care and support.
- Safe sleep practices are consistently implemented for all infants.
- Title V staff and grantees identify, collect, and use relevant data to inform decision-making and evaluate population and programmatic needs.
- Women receiving prenatal care or home visiting are screened for behavioral health and referred for assessment if warranted.



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State Profile

A SNAPSHOT OF HOW THE TITLE V MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BLOCK GRANT WORKS IN YOUR STATE

State Selected National Performance Measures

- Well Woman Visit
- Breastfeeding
- Safe Sleep
- Injury
- Bullying
- Adolescent Well-Visit
- Medical Home
- Smoking

Grants to Pennsylvania*

State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN
HEALTH, PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF
Harrisburg, PA
\$86,500

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program
ALBERT EINSTEIN HEALTHCARE NETWORK
Philadelphia, PA
\$50,000

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program
TO OUR CHILDRENS FUTURE WITH HEALTH INC
PHILADELPHIA, PA
\$50,000

STATE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SSDI)
HEALTH, PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF
Harrisburg, PA
\$100

Hemophilia Treatment Centers (SPRANS)
CHILDRENS HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA
Philadelphia, PA
\$500,000

Leadership Training in Social Work
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH THE
Pittsburgh, PA
\$85,484

Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Training Program
CHILDRENS HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA
Philadelphia, PA
\$179,517

Sickle Cell Treatment Demonstration Program
PRIMARY CARE HEALTH SERVICES INC
PITTSBURGH, PA
\$356,618

Sickle Cell
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH THE
Pittsburgh, PA
\$343,202

*These grants were awarded in FY 2013. For a complete list of Title V Grantees:

<https://mchdata.hrsa.gov/tvisreports/Snapshot/SnapShotMenu.aspx>