



ASSOCIATION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS

State Profile

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

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
\$22,742,953	\$22,764,692	\$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

Women/Maternal Health — The Bureau of Family Health (BFH) is shifting focus from prenatal care to preconception and interconception care to address behaviors and risk factors during this critical life stage in order to positively influence birth outcomes and maternal health. Home visiting programs including Bright Futures, Partners for a Healthy Baby and Nurse Family Partnership will continue to be supported and expanded and will be combined with Centering Pregnancy Programs, and innovative interconception care initiatives to increase discussions with professionals around birth spacing and family planning.

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

The BFH will continue its strong outreach and system building activities for children and youth with special health care needs by focusing funding on increasing the number of fully implemented medical homes across the state. Bullying and mentoring programming will also be inclusive of children with special health care needs.

Perinatal/Infant Health — Title V funding supports a variety of infant health programs and initiatives. The Newborn Screening and Follow-Up program is strong with established contracts with treatment centers, a recent expansion to the mandatory screening panel, and an integrated newborn metabolic screening tracking system in the final stages of development. Current emphasis is on decreasing the time between sample collection and receipt time at the lab. Breastfeeding initiation and duration continues to receive focus with the expansion of the Keystone 10 initiative for birthing hospitals, targeting underperforming counties, integrating breastfeeding information into other programming, and implementing breastfeeding promotion media opportunities. A combination of hospital initiatives and other safe sleep strategies will be used by the BFH to improve safe sleep practices and behaviors of infant caregivers.

Child Health — The BFH will focus Title V funding on addressing factors contributing to injuries during childhood that happen in or around the home. Through the Lead and Healthy Homes Program model, the BFH will work to increase home assessments, provide proven interventions and safety devices to address common home hazards, and integrate clear messaging about the dangers of prescription drug abuse. The BFH is continuing the implementation of TBI child and adolescent school re-entry program, Brain STEPS. The BFH is also participating in the Child Safety CoIIN, with focus areas of falls prevention and reducing interpersonal violence related to bullying.

Adolescent Health — The BFH's work in adolescent health will span a variety of areas including expanding the availability and use of Health Resource Centers; implementing mentoring programs to expand the developmental assets of adolescents; expanding bullying prevention and awareness; and implementing anti-bullying/harassment policies with vendors. Title V funds will also be used to expand health services, suicide prevention services and safe spaces for LGBTQ youth.

Cross-Cutting/Life Course — The BFH is emphasizing the dissemination of clear health messages and is exploring the integration of social media and text messaging options across all programming. Funding will also support behavioral health screening for all women receiving Title V home visiting services as a way to begin addressing smoking during and after pregnancy, prescription drug abuse, and intimate partner violence. Women will be referred for assessment if warranted.

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 they 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.

State Selected National Performance Measures

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

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 services to the following individuals:

929	pregnant women
141,044	infants under one
15,167	children and adolescents
13,937	children with special health care needs
3,034	others
174,111	total served

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

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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

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.