Puerto Rico
Maternal and Child Health Block Grant 2017

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 57 million people in the U.S. To learn more about Title V, visit www.amchp.org.

MCH Block Grant Funds to Puerto Rico

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Title V Administrative Agency: Puerto Rico Department of Health
Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division
Children with Special Medical Needs Division

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Puerto Rico’s Families

Health Care for Women and Children — Title V funding helps care for women of reproductive age, pregnant women, and children. Increased prenatal care has led to a decrease in the prevalence of neural tube defects. Another accomplishment of the program is the establishment of the Hard Stop Policy for elective inductions as a requirement for all birthing hospitals in Puerto Rico in close collaboration with the Hospital Association.

Services for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) — The CYSHCN Program is coordinating and providing services through the Regional Pediatric Centers (RPCs) operating at different levels of service. Areas of focus include increasing the number of CYSHCN who receive regular ongoing comprehensive health care within a medical home, and increasing the number of CYSHCN aged 12 to 17 years who received adequate support and services for their transition to adult health care.

Adolescent Health — The Positive Youth Development is the leading strategy for youth health promotion and prevention of risk behaviors and incorporated into all initiatives related to adolescents. The strategy used to address teen suicide prevention is to provide life-skill tools to the adolescents emphasizing four areas: self-esteem, handling emotions, interpersonal relationships and conflict resolution.

Perinatal and Infant Health — The development and establishment of the Fetal Infant Mortality Review Committee by law, presents a challenge but accomplishing it will provide the legal tools for the evaluation of data pertaining to fetal and infant mortality in the Ob-Gyn offices that contribute to the identification of protective and risk factors. The identification of these factors will improve the capacity to propose public policies and system changes geared to improve pregnancy outcomes and the survival of infants and fetuses.

Health Needs in Puerto Rico

- Improve Women of Reproductive Age’s (WRA) health and wellbeing.
- Improve birth outcomes.
- Decrease infant mortality.
- Improve children’s health and wellbeing.
- Improve adolescent’s health and wellbeing.
- Increase the number of CYSHCN who receive regular ongoing comprehensive health care within a medical home.
- Increase the number of CYSHCN aged 12 to 17 years who receive adequate support and services for their transition to adult health care.
- Decrease the age when children at risk for Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) receive their first diagnostic evaluation.
- Improve CYSHCN Program data capacity.
- Reduce the prevalence at birth of neural tube defects.
People Reached by the Puerto Rico MCH Program*

57,557 Pregnant women
31,233 Infants under one
594,861 Children and adolescents
15,062 Children with special health care needs
1,335,452 Others
2,034,165 Total

*2015 State/Jurisdiction Annual Reports Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau

State Selected National Performance Measures

- Well Woman Visit
- Perinatal Regionalization
- Breastfeeding
- Physical Activity
- Adolescent Well-Visit
- Medical Home
- Transition
- Oral Health

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**Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)**

**State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)**

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