Rhode Island

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 Rhode Island

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<th>FY 2013</th>
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<td>$1,725,040</td>
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Title V Administrative Agency: Health Equity Institute, Rhode Island Department of Health

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Rhode Island’s Families

RI LAUNCH: RI LAUNCH is a SAMHSA grant to RIDOH that supports communities to implement systems of screening, referral and response. Three RI communities receive funding to implement RI LAUNCH. In each of these communities primary care providers, early care and education providers and mental health consultants work together to create a system to support families who have children birth to age 8, and improve outcomes. All communities are supported to increase rates of developmental screening in primary care. Communities can choose to implement the intervention/s that best meets community needs 1) Incredible Years parent education and support groups; 2) Mental Health Consultation to primary care; 3) Mental Health Consultation to Early Care and Education. This work is integrated with the RIDOH Health Equity Zones.

Newborn Screening - The MCH program provides universal screening and follow-up for 30 conditions, including hearing loss and an assessment for developmental risk. All infants are screened because babies with these serious disorders often appear healthy at birth. Early detection, diagnosis, and intervention can prevent death or disability and enable children to reach their full potential. Ensuring screening and follow-up is a high priority for the Newborn Screening Program.

Peer Resource Specialists – Rhode Island has pioneered the use of parents, peers, and youth in developing programs, policies, and quality improvement initiatives. There are more than 350 current and former Peer Specialists, who were recruited from MCH and CYSHCN programs, trained and supported to improve outreach, quality, and performance of our programs and the entire system of care in RI. In 2016, over 100 Resource Specialists applied for and became Certified Community Health Workers in an effort to bridge the divide between community-clinical care.

Positive Youth Development – The Health Equity Institute coordinates positive leadership development initiatives for youth with special needs and youth of racial and ethnic minority groups throughout the state. Initiatives are designed to provide opportunities for youth to develop leadership, gain self-determination skills, participate in vocational and employment experiences, and then practice acquired skills at a peer to peer youth conferences such as Dare to Dream Conference and Turn Up RI.

Home Visiting —This program provides developmental screening, home assessments, connection to community services, and help with child development for about one third of families with new babies each year and implements evidence-based services through the Federal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. The program provides nurses, social workers and trained family visitors to help expectant mothers and serve as the follow-up staff for newborn screening, early intervention, lead poisoning and immunization programs.

RIDOH Information Line — The MCH program supports a statewide toll-free telephone resource for all families in Rhode Island. Bilingual information specialists answer families’ questions on a wide variety of topics and refer them to appropriate community resources. The program also distributes culturally and linguistically appropriate consumer materials.
Infant Mortality – Since 2014, Rhode Island has participated in the Infant Mortality Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (CoIIN). The initiative is a state-driven multi-sectorial collaboration to reduce infant mortality and disparities in birth outcomes by using the process of quality improvement, collaborative learning, and innovations to share and implement effective evidence-based approaches. RI has assembled a state team which includes key leaders, community based organizations, and providers who have committed to and have shared responsibility to assess data and develop strategies to reduce the state’s infant mortality rate. This team is coordinating activities to reduce infant mortality closely with the Rhode Island Task Force to Reduce Premature Births and the Rhode Island Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Task Force. The goal of these combined efforts is to “Give all RI babies an equal opportunity to develop into healthy productive adults by ensuring an equal healthy start.”

Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) - With the increase in drug overdose deaths, the Governor has convened the Task Force on Drug Overdose, which includes the creation of the NAS Task Force. The NAS Task Force seeks to reduce the number of Rhode Island babies that are born exposed to substances and to improve a coordinated system for early identification and support of impacted mothers, children and families. The NAS Task Force will report findings to the Governor's Task Force on Drug Overdose, make recommendations for action and request resources, policy changes and guidance.

Health Equity Zones (HEZ) - Health Equity Zones are contiguous geographic areas that serve populations with measurable and documented health disparities, poor health outcomes, and identifiable social and environmental conditions to be improved. HEZ engage in MCH innovative and evidence-based public health programs and practices by addressing the social and environmental determinants of health; eliminating health disparities; promoting health equity; and ensuring access to quality health services for MCH vulnerable populations. MCH focused HEZ initiatives build on community collaborative, leverage resources to support innovative approaches to prevent chronic diseases, improve birth outcomes, and improve the social and environmental conditions of neighborhoods.

People Reached by the Rhode Island MCH Program*

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

Health Needs in Rhode Island

- Improving routine provision of preconception care and education (Women/Maternal)
- Increase breastfeeding awareness and social support (Perinatal/Infant)
- Address obesity/nutrition & physical activity for children (Child Health)
- Increase the capacity and efficiency of the adolescent systems of care (Adolescent Health)
- Support implementation of the Family Home Visiting Program.
- Improve the system of care of children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN)
- Improve access to dental services (Crosscutting/Life Course)
- Improve system coordination in communities and in the state to facilitate improves health outcomes (Crosscutting/Life course)
- Improve mental / behavioral health across the life course (Crosscutting/Life course)
- Adopt social determinants of health in public health planning and practice to improve health equity (Crosscutting/Life course)
Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)
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Perinatal & Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement (PIOHQI) Grant Program
Children's Oral Healthcare Access Program
National Support for the Title V/MCH Oral Health Services Grant Program
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Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN
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