

## South Carolina

### 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](http://www.amchp.org).

#### MCH Block Grant Funds to South Carolina

FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
\$10,910,780	\$11,392,214	\$11,405,088

**Title V Administrative Agency:**  
Department of Health and Environmental Control

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

### Protecting and Improving the Health of South Carolina's Families

**Home Visitation Programs** — South Carolina continues to provide Postpartum Newborn Home Visits to high risk mothers and infants regardless of insurance provider. Evidence-based home visitation programs such as Nurse Family Partnership are also implemented throughout the state. Currently there are nine Nurse Family Partnership sites, serving 26 counties.

**Children with Special Health Care Needs** — Services for children with special health care needs and their families are centered on information and referral; financial assistance for selected medical services, supplies, equipment, and prescription drugs; care coordination; and parent-to-parent support. Parent services have been expanded through a contract with the state Family Voices and Family-to-Family Information Center grantee.

**Immunizations** — Through extensive outreach efforts and working in tandem with partners in the private sector, South Carolina maintains a high level of childhood immunization. Additionally, MCH programs continue to partner on high priority issues such as influenza vaccines for pregnant women and pertussis vaccines for families and infants.

**Birth Defects Surveillance** — The South Carolina Birth Defects Program provides surveillance on 42 of the 45 defects recommended for surveillance. Data from the program drives primary prevention efforts, such as the partnership with Greenwood Genetic Center to facilitate Folic Acid awareness and Neural Tube Defect prevention. The Birth Defects Program also has an outreach component, which partners with providers and other programs to assure that families of children with birth defects are aware of services available to them..

**Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention** — South Carolina has a strong centralized structure to oversee the blood lead-screening program. A statewide lead advisory committee provides direction for targeting program efforts and the MCH program offers technical assistance to local health departments, which provide screening and follow-up services.

**Newborn Screening** — The MCH program maintains a statewide registry of patients with congenital metabolic disorders, monitors laboratory tests, makes recommendations for follow-up services and refers clients to determine eligibility for genetic testing and treatment. The program continues to provide a high level of short-term follow-up services to infants who screen positive for one of the conditions on the test panel.

**Perinatal Regionalization** — South Carolina's MCH program continues to maintain an efficient and effective Perinatal Regionalization System to ensure that high-risk deliveries occur in Level III facilities and that infants receive risk-appropriate care. Key components of this system include: obstetric and neonatal outreach education, transport coordination, and physician consult and follow-up.

## People Served by the South Carolina 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:

15,944	pregnant women
54,510	infants under one
194,762	children and adolescents
3,941	children with special health care needs
18,097	Others
<b>287,254</b>	<b>total served</b>

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

## Health Needs in South Carolina

- Improve health promotion among the maternal and child health population, including preventive health visits and screenings.
- Improve access to risk-appropriate care through evidence based enhancements to the perinatal regionalization system.
- Increase implementation of safe sleep environment practices.
- Improve breastfeeding initiation, continuation, and support.
- Reduce the prevalence of preterm birth through evidence-based programs and clinical interventions.
- Increase appropriate preventive and health development screenings and referral to early intervention services.
- Increase physical fitness among children and adolescents.
- Improve care coordination for children and youth with special healthcare needs.
- Reduce smoking and exposure to tobacco use among the maternal and child health population.
- Reduce racial/ethnic disparities in social determinants of health, including insurance coverage, other barriers to medical care, and employment.

## State Selected National Performance Measures

- Well Woman Visits
- Perinatal Regionalization
- Breastfeeding
- Safe Sleep
- Developmental Screening
- Physical Activity
- Medical Home
- Smoking



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## Grants to South Carolina\*

**STATE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SSDI)**  
 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF  
 Columbia, SC  
 \$74,835

**Family Professional Partnership/CSHCN**  
 FAMILY CONNECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC.  
 Columbia, SC  
 \$95,700

\*These grants were awarded in FY 2013.

