

Vermont

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 Vermont

FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
\$1,624,845	\$1,646,142	\$1,648,819

Title V Administrative Agency:

Vermont Department of Health, Division of MCH

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Vermont's Families

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs — CSHN programs provide direct and enabling services through multidisciplinary clinics, in Child Development, Craniofacial Disorders, and Pediatric Physiatry, statewide. In addition, CSHN supports expanded care coordination, capacity building, and systems development through its own community based staff and through a contract to a family support organization, Vermont Family Network. CSHN is expanding its direct care coordination, by linking its community-based CSHN medical social workers to medical homes, helping to coordinate the collaborative work of state public health staff, including nurses, medical social workers, and developmental pediatricians, university- and community-based specialties, through pediatric primary care providers.

Through systems development and capacity building, CHSN is instrumental in improving outcomes for broad population of children with special health needs who need both care coordination and direct clinical services. Collaboration in systems development and in individual patient care, with Part C early intervention and Title XIX Medicaid, as well as primary care thought medical homes and the AAP and AAFP Vermont chapters.

The Child Development clinics network coordinates with the ongoing effort to improve developmental and ASD screening in primary care practices, through the Vermont Department of Health supported practice improvement initiative at the Vermont Children's Health Improvement Program at the University of Vermont.

Palliative Care, Hi-Tech Nursing, and Personal Care Services—CSHN directs the specialized in-home supports for children who need intensified daily health-related services, in collaboration with their public health funding stream, Vermont Medicaid.

Newborn Screening —The VT Newborn Screening Program achieves a high level of public health assurance for newborn bloodspot screening and follow-up, with only 0.2 percent of parents declining screening for their newborns. Intensive tracking for each baby is provided by the Newborn Screening Unit. Both metabolic clinic follow-up and genetics services are provided through a contract with the Vermont Children's Hospital at Fletcher Allen Health Care and their statewide clinics. Vermont is currently considering the addition of screening for Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD) and Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID). Universal Newborn Hearing Screening is implemented at all birth hospitals. VT works collaboratively and successfully with midwives to assure hearing and metabolic screening for home-birther babies as well. Expanded follow-up screening is supported by the efforts of the VT EHDI program and primary care and Head Start programs.

Oral Health — A fluoride mouthwash program is offered at no charge to schools that do not benefit from fluoridated water systems. The Tooth Tutor Dental Access Program funds dental hygienists to work in schools to link children with a local dental home. Public Health Dental Hygienists work in certain regions in WIC clinics doing oral health risk assessments, fluoride varnish applications, and connecting families with dental homes. Outreach to physicians and dentists promotes evidenced based practice regarding oral health during pregnancy and early childhood.

Perinatal Care — The perinatal program at the University of Vermont is partially funded by Title V and provides professional education, transport conferences and statistical analysis for individual hospitals and providers who treat medically high-risk pregnant women and newborns. Developmental follow-up is provided by Child Development Clinic in collaboration with Vermont children's Hospital/UVM Medical Center.

People Served by the Vermont 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:

7,051	pregnant women
6,015	infants under one
160,264	children and adolescents
21,790	children with special health care needs
1	others
195,121	total served

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

Health Needs in Vermont

- Pregnant women and young children thrive
- Youth choose healthy behaviors and thrive
- Women lead healthy and productive lives
- Youth successfully transition to adulthood
- All children, including CSHN, receive continuous and comprehensive oral health care within a dental home.
- Children and families live in healthy environments
- Communities provide safety and support for families
- All children, including CSHN, receive continuous and comprehensive health care within a medical home.
- Children live in stable and supported families
- Children and families are emotionally healthy.



State Selected National Performance Measures

- Well Woman Visit
- Breastfeeding
- Developmental Screening
- Injury
- Adolescent Well-Visit
- Medical Home
- Oral Health
- Smoking

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Grants to Vermont*

State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN

BI-STATE PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION, INC.
 Montpelier, VT
 \$86,500

STATE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SSDI)

HUMAN SERVICES, VERMONT AGENCY OF
 Burlington, VT
 \$100,000

*These grants were awarded in FY 2013.