

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH UNIT OVERVIEW

Maternal and Child Health



QUICK FACTS

\$1,195,544

The State of Wyoming received \$1,195,544 in Title V funding in Federal Fiscal Year 2018.

\$2,375,591

The State of Wyoming provides \$2,375,591 in state matching funds.

The MCH Unit's work is organized across five population health domains:

Women/Maternal, Perinatal/Infant, Child, Adolescent, and Children with Special Health Care Needs

Vision

The Wyoming Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Unit envisions a Wyoming where all families and communities are healthy and thriving.

Mission

The mission of the Wyoming MCH Unit is to improve the health and well-being of Wyoming families and communities by supporting and collaborating on public health activities that benefit the health of mothers, infants, children, youth, and young adults, including those with special health care needs, and their families.

Core Values

The MCH Unit developed its core values in 2015 with revisions in 2018 and 2020. The Unit considers these core values in programmatic decision making.

Data-Driven

Utilize data, evidence, and continuous quality improvement

Engagement

Cultivate authentic collaboration and trust with families and community partners

Health Equity

Integrate an understanding of how differences in social, economic, cultural, and environmental factors impact health

Life Course Perspective

Integrate an understanding of how risk and protective factors influence health across the lifespan and across generations

Systems-Level Approach

Prioritize work that addresses community structures, social norms, environment, and policies

Funding/Capacity

Annually, the MCH Unit receives \$1.2 million dollars in Title V MCH Services Block Grant funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration. Other funding includes state match dollars (comprised of state general funds (SGF) and newborn screening fees) and federal funding from Rape Prevention Education, Personal Responsibility and Education Program, State Systems Development Initiative, and Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System grants. The majority of SGF are granted to local public health offices to provide home visitation services and care coordination for children and youth with special health care needs. The MCH Unit employs nine staff members and the MCH Epidemiology Program employs an additional four staff members, including a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-assigned MCH Epidemiologist.

Title V MCH Services Block Grant Overview

Title V of the Social Security Act of 1935 established the MCH Services Block Grant, a formula grant awarded to 59 states and jurisdictions upon successful annual submission of a plan for addressing the health services needs of the state's target population of women, mothers, infants, children, and adolescents, including those with special health care needs. Title V legislation requires grantees to spend at least 30% of funding on services for children with special health care needs and at least 30% of funding on preventive and primary care services for children (ages 1-21). The remaining funding must align with state-identified priorities or capacity needs.

2016-2020 Wyoming MCH Priorities

- Prevent infant mortality
- Improve breastfeeding duration
- Improve access to and promote use of effective family planning
- Reduce and prevent childhood obesity
- Prevent injury in children
- Promote preventive and quality care for children and adolescents
- Promote healthy and safe relationships in adolescents

Every five years, grantees are required to complete a statewide needs assessment to set state MCH priorities and develop a five-year action plan. The last completed needs assessment in 2015 set seven Wyoming MCH Priorities. To view the most current State Action Plan for 2016-2020, please click [here](#).

Key Program Successes (2016-2020)

- The Youth and Young Adult Health Program partnered with the University of Michigan's Adolescent Health Initiative to improve health care environments for Wyoming's adolescents and young adults.
- The Wyoming Perinatal Quality Collaborative (WYPQC) launched in 2018. The WYPQC supports projects related to substance use during pregnancy, maternal mortality, and provider education.
- The Children's Special Health Program launched a transition toolkit in 2019 to build local public health capacity to assess and respond to transition needs of youth with special health care needs and their families.
- The Child Health Program led development of a mini-grant program focused on childhood injury prevention.
- The Newborn Screening and Genetics Program developed a telehealth component to its genetics clinics model.

Current MCH Needs Assessment

In 2020, the MCH Unit will complete a five-year needs assessment to establish new MCH priorities for 2021-2025.

Title V Needs Assessment Requirements

- Identify 7-10 priorities to guide work for five years
- Address 5 national performance measures (NPMs) with at least one from each of the five population domains
- Identify additional state performance measures (SPMs) to reflect priorities that are not addressed by NPMs
- Develop evidence-based strategies for each NPM
- Develop a five-year strategic plan

Check our website at <https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/mch/> for future updates.

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