

Delaware

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant 2022

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. In FY2020, 93% of all pregnant women, 98% of infants, and 60.0% of children nationwide benefitted from a Title V-supported service. To learn more about Title V, visit www.amchp.org.

MCH Block Grant Funds to Delaware

FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
\$1,993,981	\$1,992,794	\$2,027,826

Title V Administrative Agency:

Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Social Services

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Delaware's Families

Children with Special Needs — The Family Support and Healthcare Alliance Delaware (Family SHADE) is an alliance of 40+ organizations and agencies committed to working together to improve the quality of life of children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) by improving access to information and services in Delaware. Partners/member organizations include University of Delaware – Center for Disabilities Studies, Delaware Family Voices/Family to Family Health Information Center, Parent Information Center of Delaware, American Academy of Pediatrics (Delaware Chapter), Birth to Three Early Intervention, Easter Seals, Autism Delaware, small family support groups, parents of CYSHCN, self-advocates and many others. Family SHADE will focus on Title V MCH priorities identified in Delaware's Title V Five Year Needs Assessment.

Well Woman – Delaware CAN (Contraceptive Access Now) is a public/private partnership between the Division of Public Health (DPH) and Upstream USA, a nonprofit organization, and several other MCH stakeholders including Medicaid, designed to reduce unintended pregnancy in the state of Delaware. This comprehensive, statewide initiative increases access for all women to the full range of contraceptive methods, including the most effective methods, IUDs and implants. DPH now sustains this program to ensure a system is in place for uninsured and underinsured women of reproductive age.

Vision and Plan: All children are born to parents who plan for them and want them. To accomplish this, all women of reproductive age will have access to low or no cost effective methods of contraception through their provider of choice, providers will have both the training and supplies needed to offer all birth control methods.

Healthy Women, Healthy Babies — This program provides preconception and prenatal care to at-risk women and is based on a life course perspective. At-risk women include African-Americans and women with a history of poor birth outcomes. Services include preconception care, psychosocial care, prenatal care and nutrition. DPH works with several women's health providers using a performance based framework, whereby providers must meet or exceed several maternal and child health performance benchmarks.

Another area of focus for our at-risk women is addressing the social determinants of health, through Healthy Women Healthy Baby Zones (HWHBs Zones). HWHBs Zones aim to build state and local capacity, and test small scale innovative strategies in the community to shift the impact of social determinants of health tied to root causes related to infant mortality.

Medical Legal Partnership — As part of Delaware's work with the Infant Mortality COIIN, Delaware selected Medical Legal Partnership as a strategy. The Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP) model serves as a method for legal and health care professionals to work together to improve the health and wellbeing of vulnerable populations. The MLP model integrates lawyers into the network of care providers in the health care setting. This intervention is premised on the idea that a high proportion of low-income individuals face serious legal challenges that adversely affect their social, emotional, and financial well-being. Delaware is integrating an MLP model with

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Developmental Screening — ECCS Impact Grant: The award of the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Impact grant (ECCS) in 2016 has transformed Delaware’s developmental screening improvement work, which began more than five years ago. ECCS Impact grant identifies ways to improve early childhood systems, resources and coordination across sectors. It utilizes collaboration, innovation and quality improvement at the state and local level to achieve optimal and equitable early childhood developmental health outcomes.

In partnership with its local place-based community teams, the state’s ECCS program has been successful at the following:

- **Data integration and analysis** of the 2 preferred developmental tools used within the state. There’s now a departure from the siloed approach to an integrated and comprehensive view.
- **Strengthening early intervention referrals** by ensuring the children ineligible for Part C services receive care coordination services to assure they don’t fall between the cracks.
- **Partnership with maternity departments** in area hospitals to ensure discharge paperwork given to new moms include information on developmental screening.

Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF DELAWARE
Dover, DE

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program
THE NEMOURS FOUNDATION
Wilmington, DE

Percentage Served by the Delaware MCH Program*

100.0%	Pregnant women
100.0%	Infants under one
100.0%	Children and adolescents
3.0%	Children with special health care needs
100.0%	Others

*2020 State/Jurisdiction Annual Reports Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Health Needs in Delaware

- Increase the number of women who have a preventive visit to optimize the health of women before, between, and beyond pregnancies
- Improve breastfeeding rates
- Improve rates of developmental screening in healthcare setting using a validated screening tool
- Increase healthy lifestyle behaviors (healthy eating and physical activity)
- Increase the percent of children with and without special healthcare needs having a medical home
- Decrease rates of bullying by promoting development of social and emotional wellness
- Improve the rate of oral health preventive care in pregnant women and children
- Increase the percentage of children 0-17 who are adequately insured

For a full list of our Title V Action Plan priorities and strategies, please visit: <http://dethrives.com/title-v>

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