Kentucky

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant 2023

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 Fiscal Year 2021, 92% of all pregnant women, 98% of infants, and 58% of children nationwide benefitted from a Title V-supported service. To learn more about Title V, visit [www.amchp.org](http://www.amchp.org).

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<th>MCH Block Grant Funds to Kentucky</th>
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<td>FY 2020</td>
<td>$11,217,257</td>
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<td>$11,391,252</td>
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*States must provide a $3 match for every four Federal dollars allocated.

Kentucky Expenditures Funding by Source in FY 2021

![Pie chart showing funding sources] $71,595,567

- Program Income (38.32%)
- Federal Allocation (5.96%)
- State MCH Funds (55.72%)

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<th>Percentage Served by the Kentucky MCH Program*</th>
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<td>9.5%  Pregnant women</td>
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<td>96.3% Infants under one</td>
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<td>54.9% Children and adolescents</td>
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<td>26.7% Children with special health care needs</td>
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*2021 State/Jurisdiction Annual Reports Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau
State spotlights: Evidence Informed Strategies

Kentucky continues with its Maternal and Child Health (MCH) initiative of promoting its evidence-informed strategies (EIS) or packages for the local health departments (LHDs) to receive allocations from Title V. LHDs have the autonomy to select packages based on local health priorities informed through their community needs assessments. Recommendations for EIS relate to infant mortality, perinatal health, well woman, child maltreatment, child injuries, child mortality, child/adolescent mental health, obesity, oral health, and school health. Through these packages, LHDs can focus on population health, prevention measures, and services transforming local policies and ultimately improve community and state health measures.

- **Newborn Screening** - Kentucky screens for 53 disorders and MCH provides short-term follow-up until confirmatory diagnosis is complete and newborn is linked to long-term follow-up in the community. Additionally, infants receive hearing tests before hospital discharge and the **Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs (OCSHCN)** provides follow-up and intervention. Kentucky’s priority for CSHCN is the availability of care through partnerships, programs, and gap filling services.

- **Pediatric Mental Health Care Access** - Kentucky has kicked off its PMHCA Initiative in collaboration with the Kentucky Academy of Pediatrics, the tertiary Health Regional Referral Centers, Early Childhood Mental Health Centers, The OCSHCN Regional Autism Centers, and many other partners.

Current Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)

Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS) funding complements the formula funding each state receives and helps ensure the success of state Title V, Medicaid, and CHIP programs by driving innovation, responding to emerging and entrenched issues, and building capacity for integrated systems of care for women, children, and families.

**State Systems Development Initiative**

Kentucky Cabinet for Health & Human Services, Frankfort, KY (KY-6)

Additional links and ways to contact AMCHP:

The Kentucky Department for Public Health uses Title V funds to protect and improve the health of Kentucky’s women, children, and families.

For additional information about the Title V MCH Block Grant in your state, visit [https://mchb.tvisdata.hrsa.gov/](https://mchb.tvisdata.hrsa.gov/).

For additional information about AMCHP, visit [www.amchp.org](http://www.amchp.org) or contact Amy Haddad, AMCHP Chief Government Affairs Officer, [ahaddad@amchp.org](mailto:ahaddad@amchp.org).

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