

Massachusetts

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant 2023

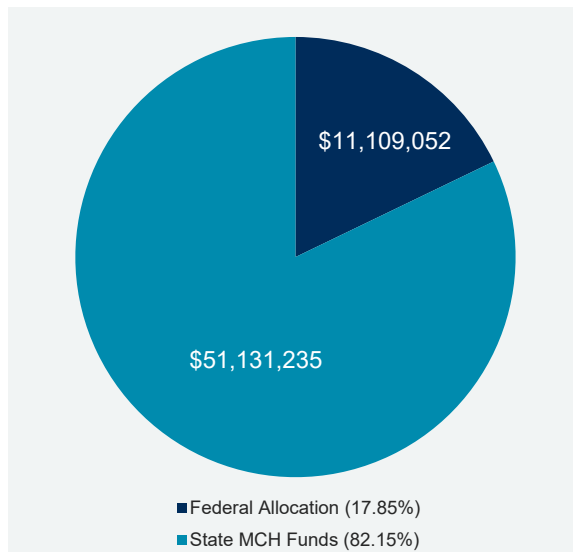
The Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant, Title V of the Social Security Act, is the only federal program devoted to improving the health of all women, children, and families. In Fiscal Year 2021, 92% of all pregnant women, 98% of infants, and 58% of children nationwide benefitted from a Title V-supported service. To learn more about Title V, visit www.amchp.org.

MCH Block Grant Funds to Massachusetts

FY 2020	\$11,151,272
FY 2021	\$11,137,523
FY 2022	\$12,469,248

*States must provide a \$3 match for every four Federal dollars allocated.

Massachusetts Expenditures Funding by Source in FY 2021



Percentage Served by the Massachusetts MCH Program*

100.0%	Pregnant women
98.9%	Infants under one
65.0%	Children and adolescents
65.0%	Children with special health care needs

*2021 State/Jurisdiction Annual Reports Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau

State spotlight: Maternal and Infant Health

The Massachusetts Title V priorities for maternal and infant health include mental health and emotional well-being; substance use prevention; maternal morbidity and mortality; and nutrition and physical activity. Title V supports legislative efforts on postpartum depression screening and treatment, supports perinatal mental health training, technical assistance, and data analysis, and screens for depression and social connectedness in home visiting programs serving pregnant and parenting people to facilitate connections to services. Title V leverages the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring Systems (PRAMS) survey to improve measurement of tobacco, marijuana and alcohol use during pregnancy and partners with other clinical and community programs (e.g., Perinatal Neonatal Quality Improvement Network, MA Tobacco Cessation Program) to raise awareness of the risks of substance use during pregnancy and resources for quitting. Title V also provides technical assistance to statewide efforts to address perinatal opioid use. Title V conducts systematic reviews of pregnancy-associated deaths and leverages collaborative partnerships to inform practice and policy changes and disseminate findings. Title V works to reduce inequities in rates of COVID-19 infection among birthing and lactating people of color, and partners with WIC, hospitals, and others to support breastfeeding through equitable system and policy improvements.

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.

Adolescent Health Training Program

Children's Hospital, Boston, MA (MA-07)

Awareness and Access to Care for Children and Youth with Epilepsy

Boston Medical Center, Boston Center (MA-07)

Building Systems of Services for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

Boston University, Boston, MA (MA-07)

Child and Adolescent Injury and Violence Prevention Resource Centers

Education Development Center, Waltham, MA (MA-05)

Family Voices Network of Family-to-Family Health Information Centers

Family Voices, Lexington, MA (MA-05)

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program

Children's Hospital, Boston, MA (MA-07)

Maternal and Child Health Training Grant

Harvard College, Boston, MA (MA-07)

Maternal and Child Health Leadership Education Program

Boston University, Boston, MA (MA-07)

State Maternal Health Innovation Program

MA Dept. of Public Health, Boston, MA (MA-08)

State Systems Development Initiative

MA Dept. of Public Health, Boston, MA (MA-08)

Support for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Prevention, Identification, and Intervention

Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA (MA-07)

Transforming Pediatrics for Early Childhood

MA Dept. of Public Health, Boston, MA (MA-08)

Additional links and ways to contact AMCHP:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Family Health and Nutrition uses Title V funds to protect and improve the health of Massachusetts' women, children, and families.

For additional information about the Title V MCH Block Grant in your state, visit <https://mchb.tvisdata.hrsa.gov/>.

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