

state profile

A Snapshot of how the Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Works in Your State

Virgin Islands

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant 2024

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 2022, 93% of all pregnant women, 99% of infants, and 61% 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 Virgin Islands	
FY 2020	\$1,493,748
FY 2021	\$1,498,417
FY 2022	\$1,520,084

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

Virgin Islands Expenditures Funding by Source in FY 2022



Percentage Served by the Virgin Islands MCH Program*

96.3%	Pregnant women
77.6%	Infants under one
3.3%	Children and adolescents
3.3%	Children with special health care needs
1.2%	Others

*2022 State/Jurisdiction Annual Reports Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau



State spotlight: Children with Special Health Care Needs

The program serves as a medical home for children with special health care needs, with public health nurses maintaining their role in care coordination. Interventions encompass advocacy, education, case management, counseling, and nursing procedures. Services are provided in various settings, including homes, over the phone, and in locations such as hospitals, clinics, schools, or childcare facilities. MCH nurses, physicians, and allied health staff continue collaborating with families to make decisions regarding the care and services for children. Meetings and case conferences during this period have focused on transitions from early intervention programs to school, addressing the needs of children with special requirements in the foster care system, and fostering collaborations between public health nurses and families. Additionally, the program supports several outreach initiatives, including oral health screenings, breast cancer awareness walks, Nutrition Month activities, and gun violence prevention rallies.

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

Virgin Islands Department of Health, St. Thomas, VI (VI-At Large)

Additional links and ways to contact AMCHP:

The U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Health uses Title V funds to protect and improve the health of Virgin Islands' women, children, and families.

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

For additional information about AMCHP, visit www.amchp.org or contact Sherie Lou Santos, AMCHP Chief Government Affairs Officer, ssantos@amchp.org.

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