INCRASE FUNDING FOR CDC’S SET-NET

CDC’s Surveillance for Emerging Threats to Mothers and Babies Network (SET-NET)

The Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) calls on Congress to fund the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC’s) SET-NET Program at $100 million for FY2025.

CDC’s novel surveillance system, SET-NET aims to improve rapid response to emerging threats, guide clinical and preventative measures against threats to mothers and infants, and inform efficient public health action. $100M for SET-NET would continue to advance preparedness nationally to save the lives of mothers and infants during public health emergencies.

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**Program Details**

The Surveillance for Emerging Threats to Mothers and Babies program (SET-NET) is an innovative data collection system that leverages existing data sources to enable CDC and health departments to detect the impact of new and emerging health threats on mothers and their babies. Currently, CDC funds 29 state, local, and territorial health departments to monitor the health outcomes of mothers and babies exposed to Zika virus, syphilis, hepatitis C, COVID-19, MPox, and congenital cytomegalovirus (CMV). Findings from SET-NET help families, health care providers, public health professionals, and policymakers take action to save lives, reduce risk, and improve the health of mothers and infants.

**Funded as of August 2023**

**Data to Action**

Insights from SET-NET:

- Inform the development of prevention and treatment guidelines for mothers and infants;
- Shed light on the immediate and prolonged impacts, prevention strategies, and outcomes for infants affected by infectious threats;
- Link families to medical and social services; and
- Contribute to the enhanced preparedness of public health officials, policymakers, healthcare providers, and the public, during an emerging threat and beyond.

**Select State Success Stories**

SET-NET funding has allowed Pennsylvania to increase staffing, increase expertise in medical record review, and monitor Hepatitis C infection in the pregnant population amid increases in substance use and has improved access to Hepatitis C treatment following delivery.

Data collected in Tennessee using SET-NET funding demonstrated an increased risk of COVID-19 in Hispanic pregnant women compared to other pregnant populations. Using SET-NET funding, Tennessee's Health Disparity Task Force collaborated with health officials to release a public service announcement in Spanish on their website.

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**AMCHP’s Role**

The Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP) leads and supports programs nationally to protect and promote the optimal health of women, children, youth, families, and communities. For over 75 years, AMCHP has served as a national resource, partner, and advocate for state public health leaders and others working to improve maternal and child health. AMCHP’s members include directors of state maternal and child health programs, directors of state programs for children and youth with special health care needs, state adolescent health coordinators, family leaders, community-based organizations, and academic institutions and researchers focused on a common goal of healthier children, healthy families, and healthy communities. For additional information, contact: Sherie Lou Santos, MPH, Chief of Policy and Government Affairs at ssantos@amchp.org.