

Rhode Island

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant 2013

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. Title V provides funding to state maternal and child health (MCH) programs, which serve 44 million women and children in the U.S. To learn more about Title V, visit www.amchp.org.

MCH Block Grant Funds to Rhode Island

FY 2012	FY 2013 (Estimate)	Difference in Federal Funds*
\$1,725,038	\$1,627,190	-\$97,848

Title V Administrative Agency:

Division of Community Family Health & Equity, Rhode Island Department of Health

Estimated State Funds, FY 2013: \$2,035,853

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

Protecting and Improving the Health of Rhode Island's Families

Watch Me Grow – Developmental and Autism Screening

— As part of Successful Start, the RI Early Childhood Systems Plan, evidence-based early childhood developmental screening is being used in pediatric practices, and in nearly 30 child care centers. This initiative will also serve as the initial component of RI's plan to screen young children for autism spectrum disorders.

Youth In Transition - Rhode Island has produced and makes available to youth, parents, physicians, educators and other professionals a cadre of resources to support Youth In Transition. Although designed for youth with special healthcare needs, many of the youth and parent resources directed at self-determination, goal setting and adolescent development are widely used by all youth in RI!

Newborn Screening —

The MCH program provides universal screening and follow-up for a growing list of metabolic, endocrine and blood disorders and other serious diseases of infancy. It also provides clinical services and special diets for infants with disorders.



Parent Consultants – Parent Consultants - Rhode Island has pioneered the use of Parent Consultants in developing programs, policies, and quality improvement for RI families and especially children and youth with special health care needs. There are more than 150 current and former Parent Consultants, who were recruited from MCH and CYSHCN programs, trained and supported to improve outreach, quality, and performance of our programs and the entire system of care in RI. Some current Parent Consultants initiatives include medical home enhancements, healthy housing, nutrition, and youth engagement.

Women's Health Screening — This program provides women's health screening in primary care settings. The program's goal is to prevent unintended pregnancies and improve pregnancy and birth by identifying health risks and ensuring appropriate referrals, both prenatally and during the pre-conception period.

Home Visiting — This outreach program provides developmental screening, home assessments, connection to community services, and help with child development for about one third of all families with new babies each year. The program provides nurses, social workers and trained parent visitors to help expectant mothers and serve as the follow-up staff for newborn screening, early intervention, lead poisoning and immunization programs.

Family Health Information Hotline — The MCH program supports a statewide toll-free telephone resource for all families in Rhode Island. Bilingual information specialists answer families' questions on a wide variety of topics and refer them to appropriate community resources. The program also distributes culturally and linguistically appropriate consumer materials.

People Served by the Rhode Island MCH Program*

Title V population-based preventive and systems building services benefit all women and children in the state. In addition, the MCH Block Grant provided direct services to the following individuals:

8,257	pregnant women
11,841	infants under one
34,290	children and adolescents
11,047	children with special health care needs
14,832	others
80,267	total served

*2010 State/Jurisdiction Annual Reports Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Health Needs in Rhode Island

- Increase the percentage of adolescents who have a preventive “well care” visit each year.
- Reduce tobacco initiation among middle school students.
- Increase the social and emotional health of children and youth with special health care needs.
- Increase the percentage of women who have a preventive care visit in the last year.
- Initiate prenatal home visiting program.
- Expand capacity and access to parent education and family support programs.
- Promote use of evidence based programs to support parents and families
- Adopt the social determinants of health into public health practice.



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Grants to Rhode Island*

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program

State of Rhode Island Department of Health
Providence, RI
\$49,124
(Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program)

LINKING DATA AND COMMUNITIES

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Providence, RI
\$93,697
(MCHB State Systems Development Initiative)

Family Professional Partnership/CSHCN

Rhode Island Parent Information Network, Inc.
Cranston, RI
\$95,700
(Family to Family Health Information Centers)

Training CED/COR Pediatric and Child Psychiatry

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF RHODE ISLAND
PAWTUCKET, RI
\$15,000
(Collaborative Office Rounds (COR))

Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Training Program

RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL
PROVIDENCE, RI
\$192,467
(MCH Leadership Education in Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics)

*These grants were awarded in FY 2010. For a complete list of Title V Grantees: <https://perfddata.hrsa.gov/mchb/TVISReports/Snapshot/SnapShotMenu.aspx>