Maternal and Child Health Bureau: Opportunities for Collaboration

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HRSA Bureaus

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- Bureau of Health Workforce
- Bureau of Primary Health Care
- Healthcare Systems Bureau
- HIV/AIDS Bureau
- Maternal and Child Health Bureau
HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Mission:
Improve the health and well-being of America’s mothers, children, and families.

Key MCHB Support to States & Communities

- Title V/Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant to States
  - 55 million people in FY2018
    - 91% of all pregnant women, 99% of infants, 54% of children
    - Partial or complete funding support for birth defects and newborn screening programs

- Children with Special Healthcare Needs (CSHN) Programs
  - Advancing Quality Systems such as Medical Home and Transition Services
  - Screening: Newborn Screening, Newborn Hearing and Genetics
  - Condition Specific: Sickle Cell, Epilepsy, Autism
Title V MCH Services Block Grant to States

Flexibility
- Federal-state partnership
- Driven by state needs and priorities

Accountability
- Annual Reporting
- Performance Measurement System

The Role of Title V in Birth Defects Prevention

- Varies state to state
- 18 states fully or partially support birth defects surveillance with Title V funding
- 35 states fully or partially support a Newborn Screening Program
- When not funded, coordination with Title V CYSHN programs
  - Hand-off for referral to services

The Role of Title V in Birth Defects Prevention

- Title V staff serve on birth defects program advisory committees and vice versa
- Birth defects work incorporated into State Action Plans (8 states)
- MCH Epidemiologists support of birth defects surveillance system
- Collaboration and staff support of CDC-funded activities
  - Zika surveillance
  - Birth defects surveillance programs
Title V Information System (TVIS)
https://mchb.tvisdata.hrsa.gov

Division of Services for Children with Special Health Needs (DSCSHN)

• Vision: Optimal Health and quality of life for all CYSHCN & their families

• Mission: To improve access to systems of services for children and youth with special health care needs and their families across the life course

• Purpose: Provide national leadership and resources to expand and strengthen systems of services for CYSHCN & their families

DSCSHN: What are we trying to achieve?

• Comprehensive, family-centered systems of services for CYSHCN that meet six core outcomes
  • Children are screened early and continuously
  • Families are partners in decision-making
  • CYSHCN access coordinated and comprehensive care through the medical home
  • Community services are organized for easy use by families
  • CYSHCN have adequate insurance/financing to pay for services and
  • Youth with special health care needs successfully transition to adult health care, work, and independence
DSCSHN Snapshot: Programs

Systems
- Advancing evidence of practices
- Medical home, transitions, financing
- Family/Professional partnering
- Children with medical complexity
- Research network

Screening
- Newborn hearing screen
- Newborn licensing
- Genetics
- Environmental health
- Vision screening

Condition-specific
- Epilepsy
- Autism
- Sickle Cell
- Thalassemia
- Hemophilia

You’ve Interacted with MCHB if...

You’ve worked with Newborn Screening Programs

Newborn Screening Programs

- Goal to identify children early to initiate treatment
- Programs target state NBS programs, families, and stakeholders
- Areas for collaboration
  - Data, data, data!
  - Ensuring interoperability between data systems
Regional Genetics Networks Program

- Programs
  - Seven Regional Genetic Networks (RGN)
  - National Coordinating Center
  - Genetics Education and Family Support Center
- Goal
  - Improve access to genetic services, especially those who are rural or underserved
  - Activities include promoting the use of telemedicine, educating providers and families, and linking patients to services
- Areas for collaboration
  - Linking to the RGN in your region
  - [https://nccrcg.org/](https://nccrcg.org/)

Maternal Child Environmental Health Network

- Funds the Organization of Teratology Information Specialists (OTIS) service MotherToBaby
- Provides evidence-based information to mothers, health care professionals, and the general public about medications and other exposures during pregnancy and while breastfeeding
- Direct services through call, emails, texts, chats
- Website resources
- Areas for collaboration:
  - OTIS-run pregnancy studies
  - [https://mothertobaby.org/](https://mothertobaby.org/)

Family-to-Family Health Information Centers (F2F)

- 59 family-staffed organizations
- Provide
  - One-to-one services to families and peer support; help families navigate the health care system; and link families to services
  - Leadership training for families
  - Education for healthcare professionals
- Family Voices
  - [https://familyvoices.org/lfpp/f2fs/](https://familyvoices.org/lfpp/f2fs/)
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