

**Maternal and Child Health Bureau:
Opportunities for Collaboration**


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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People




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(Operating Divisions)**




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| Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) | |
| Administration for Children and Families (ACF) | Food and Drug Administration (FDA) |
| Administration for Community Living (ACL) | Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) |
| Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) | Indian Health Service (IHS) |
| Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ASTDR) | National Institutes of Health (NIH) |
| Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) | Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) |
| Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) | |




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HRSA Bureaus



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| 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 |






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Health Resources & Services Administration Bureaus

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

- Bureau of Health Workforce
- Bureau of Primary Health Care
- Healthcare Systems Bureau
- HIV/AIDS Bureau
- Federal Office of Rural Health Policy
- Maternal and Child Health Bureau



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HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau



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






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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

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Title V MCH Services Block Grant to States


Flexibility

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

Accountability

- Annual Reporting
- Performance Measurement System






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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 CYSCHN programs
 - Hand-off for referral to services



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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



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Title V Information System (TVIS)
<https://mchb.tvisdata.hrsa.gov>

The screenshot shows the HRSA TVIS website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, Reporting Elements, Processes and Workflows, Financial, State, Action, and History. Below the menu is a search bar and social media icons. The main heading is "Explore the Title V Federal-State Partnership". A sub-heading reads: "As one of the largest federal child grant programs, Title V is a key source of funding for preventing and improving the health of the nation's most vulnerable children. The purpose of the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant Program is to ensure that children have opportunities that include both special health care services referred to as Title V services and other services referred to as non-title V services, which includes both on-site special health care needs, and other services." Below this text is a map of the United States with color-coded states, and two charts: "FY 2017 Expenditures" (a pie chart) and "FY 2017 Percentage Served" (a bar chart). The HRSA logo is in the bottom right corner.

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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

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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

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DSCSHN Snapshot: Programs


| Systems | Screening | Condition-specific |
|---|------------------------|--------------------|
| Advancing systems of services— Medical home, transition, financing | Newborn hearing screen | Hemophilia |
| Family/Professional partnership | Newborn screening | Sickle Cell |
| Children with medical complexity | Genetics | Thalassemia |
| Research network | Environmental health | Epilepsy |
| | Vision Screening | Autism |




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You've Interacted with MCHB if...



You've worked with Newborn Screening Programs




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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





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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://hccrcg.org/>

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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/>





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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/>






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