



Title V Maternal And Child Health Five-Year Needs Assessment

What is the Title V Program?

The Title V, Maternal and Child Health (MCH) program started in 1935 as a part of the Social Security Act. The Title V Program is the nation's oldest federal-state partnership and in 1981 Title V was converted to a Block Grant Program. The Ohio Department Health (ODH), Division of Family and Community Health Services (DFCHS) is charged with administering the Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (MCHBG) Program in Ohio.

For more than 75 years, the Federal Title V MCH program has provided a foundation for ensuring the health of the nation's mothers, women, children and youth, including children and youth with special health care needs, and their families. Specifically, the Title V MCH program seeks to assure access to quality care, especially for low-income individuals or those with limited availability of care.

The MCH Block Grant enables states to:

- ⇒ Focus exclusively on the entire MCH population,
- ⇒ Fund infrastructure, population-based, enabling, and direct-care services,
- ⇒ Foster partnership arrangements between federal, state and local entities,
- ⇒ Serve as the payer of last resort for MCH direct care services,
- ⇒ Work collaboratively with other organizations to conduct a state-wide, comprehensive Needs Assessment (NA) every 5 years,
- ⇒ Use findings from the NA
 - To identify state priorities to address the needs of the MCH population, and
 - Guide the allocation of MCH Block Grant funding.

Examples of how Title V funds are used In Ohio:

- Support clinics that provide services to women, children and their families,
- Promote hearing, vision, and lead screening among children,
- Provide medical and other direct care services for children with special health needs,
- Support infant mortality initiatives state-wide.

Number of Individuals Served In Ohio (Unduplicated)
Under Title V
Jan. 1, 2011 – Dec. 31, 2011

159,278	Pregnant Women
144,569	Infants < 1 year old
1,994,657	Children 1 to 22 years old
115,230	Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs
85,556	Others*
2,499,290	Total

Source: Ohio 2013 Title V Block Grant Application, Form 7

Why is a Needs Assessment Important?

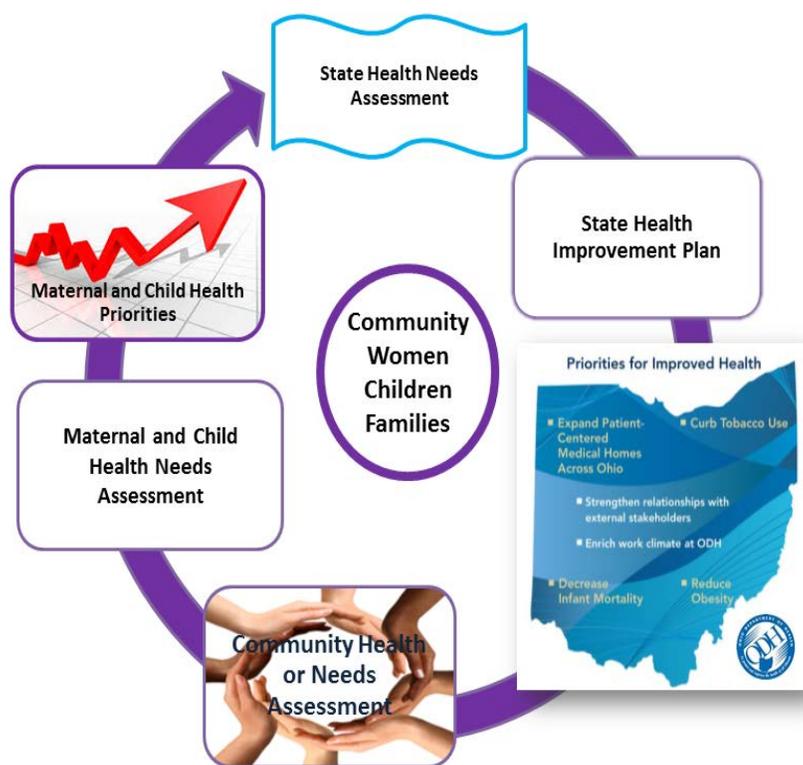
While many of the problems faced by women, infants, children, and families throughout the country are the same, each state faces unique challenges. Therefore, states are best positioned to assess the needs of their MCH population and to design programs that address their specific needs. As a result, each state is required to conduct a Needs Assessment every five years as part of the Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant program.

A critical step in the NA process is to get feedback directly from individuals and families served by MCH programs around the state. The following link will take you directly to a client survey:

<http://www.odh.ohio.gov/healthstats/data/mchfact/Needs%20Assessment%20Survey%20Results.aspx>

Deadline for completing the survey is **June 10, 2014**.

Ohio's Needs Assessment Framework



As of January 2014, Ohio is in the beginning stages of the MCHBG Needs Assessment process. Priorities from the ODH State Health Assessment, as well as other community health assessments, will be used to inform the MCH Assessment. The process will end with the creation of a plan for ODH to address the MCH priorities identified by the state-wide NA. ODH will also determine how its MCHBG funds will be used to improve or advance maternal and child health programs. The main goals of the Needs Assessment process are to (1) improve outcomes for maternal and child health populations; and (2) strengthen partnerships.

The NA will include:

- Engaging stakeholders
- Assessing Needs and Desired Outcomes, Identify Mandates
- Examining strengths, and capacity to provide services
- Selecting Priorities
- Developing an action plan

The final Needs Assessment will be submitted to the Federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau on July 15, 2015.



What Is ODH doing to Prepare for its Needs Assessment?

- **Update core set indicators:** ODH MCH epidemiologists are leading the effort to update core sets of indicators for use throughout the NA process. Those indicator sets include: preconception health, life course, health equity, children and youth with special healthcare needs, and select indicators from the Ohio Medicaid Assessment Survey (OMAS).
- **Update fact sheets:** MCH subject matter experts, researchers and epidemiologists within the DFCHS are currently working to update 20 MCH topic-specific fact sheets to be shared as part of the NA process. Topics were selected by DFCHS leadership and include: birth spacing; tobacco use, school-age children and adolescent; access to medical home, children and children and youth with special health care needs; CYSHCN; and youth that transition into adult systems.
- **Engage stakeholders:** Broad based information was collected from a stakeholder survey which was an electronic survey sent to approximately 2,700 stakeholders, there was a 26% return rate (695 respondents). Results of the survey can be found here: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/healthstats/data/mchfact/Needs%20Assessment%20Survey%20Results.aspx>
- **Hosts Community Forums:** Register to attend a community forum near you: <https://odhmchcommunityforums.eventbrite.com>

*Others include postpartum, nonbreastfeeding women through 6 months, postpartum and breastfeeding women through 12 months of breastfeeding. For the requested calendar year 2011, the OH Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) served a monthly average of 28,773 pregnant women, 69,535 infants to age 1 and 146,532 children age 1 to 5. While the OH WIC program does not collect data on children served with Title V funds, referrals are made to the Title V (BCMHI) program through the combined programs application form when those services or an assessment are requested or noted OH WIC also works with BCMHI on special formulas as part of interprogram coordination and collaboration.

To learn more about the Title V MCH Block Grant, refer to these links:

- <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/about/factsheets/mchbfacts.pdf>
- <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/needsassessment/index.html>
- http://www.odh.ohio.gov/landing/phs_access/mchpubliccomment.aspx

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