MCHB is the one federal bureau responsible for improving the health of all America’s mothers, children, and families. We envision an America where all children and families are healthy and thriving, and where each child has a fair shot at reaching their fullest potential.

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FUNDING: $1.33 billion in FY 2019

In 2017, the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Program funded 59 states and jurisdictions to provide health care and public health services for an estimated 56 million people, benefitting pregnant women, infants, children, including children with special health care needs and their families.

Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV)

In FY 2018, the MIECHV Program supported more than 150,000 parents and children across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories. Over 930,000 home visits were conducted in 2018 to 42 percent of the highest risk counties in the country. In February 2018, the MIECHV Program was allocated $400 million per year through fiscal year (FY) 2022.

Healthy Start

The Healthy Start program improves health outcomes for women before, during, and after pregnancy.

- In FY 2019, HRSA awarded over $100 million to improve pregnancy outcomes and reduce infant mortality through its Healthy Start initiative.
- Starting in FY 2019, Healthy Start will help reduce maternal mortality through hiring of clinical service providers within program sites nationwide.

Other MCHB Programs

Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities Program improves care and outcomes for children and families affected by autism spectrum disorders (ASD) through service, training, and research.

- Provides services to 340,000 children for autism and developmental disabilities
- Trains over 16,000 health professionals
- Supplies research through 84 studies and 299 published manuscripts

Emergency Medical Services for Children Program works with 58 states and jurisdictions and more than 4,000 hospitals to ensure that seriously sick or injured children have access to the same high-quality pediatric emergency health care.

- Number of states establishing a pediatric medical recognition program increased from four to 12 between 2006 and 2018.

The James T. Walsh Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program awards grants to states to improve universal screening and early diagnosis and intervention for children born with hearing loss to minimize developmental delays.

- In 2016, 94.8% of all 4 million newborns were screened before one month compared to 92.1% in 2008
Heritable Disorders Program improves the ability of health agencies to provide screening, counseling, and health care services to newborns and children.
- Annually screens nearly 4 million babies for heritable disorders, and more than 12,000 babies are identified with life-threatening or debilitating conditions

Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program promotes behavioral health programs that care for children with behavioral health conditions.
- MCHB awarded approximately $7.9 million to 18 states to implement these programs starting in FY 2018

Family to Family Information Centers Program assists families of children and youth with special health care needs to be partners in health care decision making through patient-centered information, education, and support to families of children and youth with special health care needs and health professionals.
- Assisted more than 184,000 families and 85,500 healthcare providers in all 50 states and D.C. in FY 2017

Screening and Treatment for Maternal Depression and Related Behavioral Disorders Program expands the capacity to care for pregnant and postpartum women for maternal depression and related behavioral health disorders through training, real-time psychiatric consultation, and care coordination.
- MCHB awarded $4.5 million to seven states to implement the program starting in FY 2018

Sickle Cell Disease Treatment Demonstration Program improves access to care and health outcomes for individuals with sickle cell disease, a genetic condition that results in abnormal red blood cells that can block blood flow to organs and tissues.
- Supports at least 30 states where more than 50 percent of the 100,000 individuals with sickle cell disease live in the United States

New in 2019: Expanded Investments to Address Maternal Morbidity and Mortality
- $26M for Title V SPRANS to:
  - Expand the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health and Safety initiative ($3M)
  - Establish new State Maternal Health Innovation awards ($23 million)
- $12M for Healthy Start to support hiring clinical service providers to provide direct access to well-woman care and maternity care services at all Healthy Start program sites nationwide

Measuring Program Impact

MCHB provides access to data on child health indicators through its National Survey of Children’s Health and by supporting original research on the most pressing challenges facing American children and their families.

Searchable data for the MCH Title V Block Grant Program are available on the Title V Information System (TVIS) and the Discretionary Grants Information System (DGIS).

**FY 2019 MCHB Budget (millions)**

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