

Division of Maternal and Child Health Workforce Development (DMCHWD) Fact Sheet

ABOUT DMCHWD

DMCHWD, part of the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), provides national leadership and direction in educating and training our nation's current and future leaders in maternal and child health (MCH). The Division also provides leadership through state and community-based capacity building programs.

Special emphasis is placed on the development and implementation of interprofessional, family- and person centered, community-based and culturally responsive systems of care across the entire life course.

DMCHWD supports programs established in federal legislation ([Title V of the Social Security Act](#), the [Autism CARES Act](#), [American Rescue Plan Act](#), and the [21st Century CURES Act](#)) to complement state and local health agency efforts. DMCHWD partners with state MCH programs, academic institutions, professional organizations, and other health training programs of the federal government to ensure that MCH workforce development programs are grounded in emerging and evidence-based practices.

In FY 2019, DMCHWD awarded 186 grants, an investment of approximately \$57 million.

MCH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

DMCHWD supports a continuum of training investments to develop MCH leaders at the undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate levels in the areas of public health, clinical practice, teaching, research, and/or administration/policy making.

DMCHWD also supports programs specifically focused on continuing education and professional development to address the ongoing training needs for practicing MCH professionals.

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HEALTHY TOMORROWS PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM

The Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children grant program supports community-based partnerships and collaborations aimed at improving the health status of under-resourced and underserved children, youth, and their families nationwide by increasing their access to health services.

PEDIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH CARE ACCESS PROGRAM

The Pediatric Mental Health Care Access (PMHCA) program promotes behavioral health integration in pediatric primary care by supporting the development of statewide or regional pediatric mental health care telehealth access programs. These programs provide tele-consultation, training, technical assistance, and care coordination for pediatric primary care providers to diagnose, treat and refer children with behavioral health conditions.

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PROGRAM IMPACT

MCH Training Programs

In FY 2019, MCH training programs trained:

- 2,479 long-term trainees,
- 7,091 medium-term trainees, and
- 21,089 short-term trainees.

Additionally, MCH training programs offered continuing education training to over 385,441 participants.

In FY 2019, of MCH training program graduates (5 years following completion of program):

- 82% were engaged in work related to MCH populations,
- 88% demonstrated field leadership, and
- 94% were working in an interdisciplinary manner.

Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program

As of September 2021, 45 states and jurisdictions have PMHCA programs. In FY 2020, awardees reported:

- Over 4,500 primary care providers in 21 states enrolled in a statewide or regional PMHCA program.
- Over 3,000 tele-consultations were provided, and approximately 3,800 providers were trained.
- Approximately 3,000 children and adolescents overall were served by pediatric primary care providers who contacted the pediatric mental health team.
- Approximately 2,000 children and adolescents living in rural and underserved counties were served by pediatric primary care providers who contacted the pediatric mental health team.

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program

There are 40 current projects in 21 states. In FY 2020, Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Programs served 48,678 women, children, and youth. 90% of former Healthy Tomorrows grantees have sustained their projects five or more years after HRSA/MCHB funding ended.

PROGRAMS

Undergraduate and Graduate Education Programs

- Centers of Excellence (CoE) in MCH Education, Science, and Practice Program
- Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics (DBP)
- Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH)
- Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND)
- MCH Nutrition
- Leadership, Education, and Advancement in Undergraduate Pathways (LEAP)
- MCH Public Health Catalyst Program
- Pediatric Pulmonary Centers (PPC)

Workforce Development for Practicing MCH Professionals

- Children's Healthy Weight State Capacity Building Program
- Collaborative Office Rounds (COR)
- MCH Navigator
- MCH Workforce Development Center

State and Community-Based Programs

- Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program (HTPCP)
- Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program (PMHCA)