

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](#), and [§ 330M of the Public Health Service Act \(42 USC 254c-19\)](#), as added by the [21st Century Cures Act \(P.L. 114-255\)](#) and amended by the [Bipartisan Safer Communities Act \(P.L. 117-159\)](#)) 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.

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.

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.

HEALTHY TOMORROWS PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM

The Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program (HTPCP) 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.

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PROGRAM IMPACT

MCH Training Programs

In FY 2022, MCH training programs trained 3,025 long-term trainees, 6,091 medium-term trainees, and 19,993 short-term trainees.

Additionally, MCH training programs offered continuing education training to over 493,295 participants.

In FY 2022, of MCH training program graduates (5 years following completion of program): 79% were engaged in work related to MCH populations, 87% demonstrated field leadership, and 93% were working in an interdisciplinary manner.

Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program

As of September 2023, 54 states and jurisdictions have PMHCA programs. In FY 2022, awardees reported:

- Over 8,700 providers in 45 states enrolled in a statewide or regional PMHCA program
- Over 36,800 tele-consultations were provided, and approximately 10,500 providers were trained
- Approximately 26,900 children and adolescents overall were served by pediatric primary care providers who contacted the mental health providers who used tele-consultation services
- Approximately 6,800 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 34 current projects in 19 states. In FY 2022, HTPCPs served 74,203 women, children, and youth. As of FY 2022, 89% of former HTPCP 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 Training Program \(DBP\)](#)
- [MCH Leadership Education and Advancement in Undergraduate Pathways \(LEAP\) Training Program](#)
- [Leadership Education in Adolescent Health Program \(LEAH\)](#)
- [Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities \(LEND\)](#)
- [MCH Nutrition Training Program](#)
- [MCH Public Health Catalyst Program](#)
- [Pediatric Pulmonary Centers Training Program \(PPC\)](#)

MCH Workforce Development Programs

- [Childrens Healthy Weight State Capacity Building Program](#)
- [MCH Navigator](#)
- [MCH Workforce Development Center](#)

State and Community-Based Programs

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