

MCH Public Health Catalyst Program Fact Sheet

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The purpose of the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Public Health Catalyst Program is to provide an increased focus on fundamental MCH content and competencies within schools of public health where there is currently a lack of or limited MCH offerings. Catalyst programs provide MCH exposure to graduate students, including individuals from underrepresented backgrounds who are also underrepresented in the MCH field, introducing students to careers in the MCH field.

The nine Catalyst programs implement activities based on their program track:

Track 1 – MCH Curriculum Start-Up

Develop and offer a graduate-level credit-bearing course focused on foundational MCH content.

Track 2 – MCH Curriculum Expansion

1. Expand current MCH curricular offerings
2. Develop and offer a graduate-level public health degree, certificate, or concentration in MCH

COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES AND ALIGNMENT WITH TITLE V

- Adopt a program philosophy that is geared towards the preparation of diverse students to enter careers in state Title V MCH programs and local public health agencies.
- Educate students on the historical, legislative, and public health systems knowledge base regarding Title V and related programs in the United States.
- Incorporate participation of state Title V practicing professionals and diverse stakeholders as curriculum advisors and as guest lecturers.
- Document a plan for developing or maintaining a partnership with a Title V MCH program.
- Provide practicum opportunities for students in state Title V agencies.

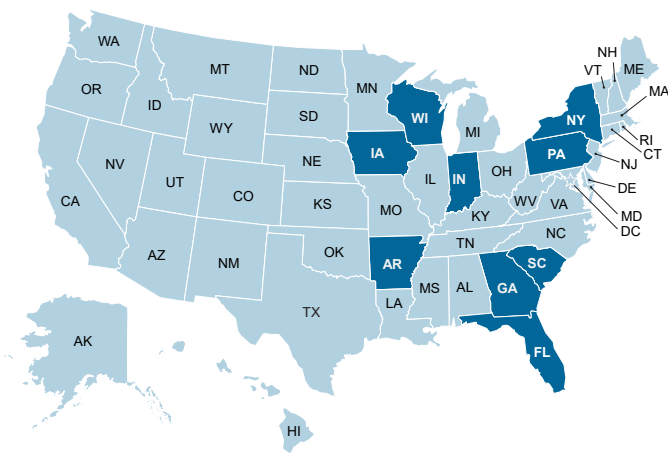
PROGRAM IMPACT

Trainees

In FY 2022, the Catalyst Program trained 503 short-term trainees, 422 medium-term trainees, and 205 long-term trainees.

Trainee Diversity

In FY 2022, 54% of Catalyst trainees were from an underrepresented racial group and 12% were Hispanic/Latino.



PROGRAM LOCATIONS

Track 1

Arkansas

- [University of Arkansas, Little Rock](#)

Indiana

- [Indiana University, Bloomington](#)

Iowa

- [University of Iowa, Iowa City](#)

Track 2

Florida

- [Florida International University, Miami](#)

Georgia

- [Georgia State University, Atlanta](#)

New York

- [University at Albany, State University of New York, Albany](#)

Pennsylvania

- [Drexel University, Philadelphia](#)

South Carolina

- [University of South Carolina, Columbia](#)

Wisconsin

- [University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee](#)

DIVISION OF MCH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (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.