

Division of Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Workforce Development, Maternal and Child Health Bureau

The Division of MCH Workforce Development provides national leadership and direction in educating and training our nation's future leaders in maternal and child health. Special emphasis is placed on the development and implementation of interprofessional, family-centered, community-based and culturally competent systems of care across the entire life course with experiences in one life stage shaping health in later stages.

The Division, part of HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau, supports programs established in federal legislation ([Title V of the Social Security Act](#) and the [Autism CARES Act](#)) to complement state and local health agency efforts. In partnership with state MCH programs, academic institutions, and professional organizations, the Division collaborates with other health training programs of the federal government to ensure that MCH initiatives are based on emerging and evidence-based practices.

In FY 2015, the Division of MCH Workforce Development awarded 152 grants, an investment of approximately \$47 million. Grants are awarded to develop trainees for leadership roles in the areas of MCH teaching, research, clinical practice, and/or public health administration and policy making.

As part of the Division, the Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children grant program promotes the development and advancement of healthy communities through partnerships with organizations that work to change conditions in the community and environment to improve health. These efforts may include a focus on housing, education, the labor workforce, socioeconomic conditions, neighborhood safety, transportation, food quality and availability, and physical fitness and recreational activities available for children and families. In addition, grantees in community practice often support the development of family-centered, culturally competent pediatric clinicians and public health professionals. Currently, Healthy Tomorrows funds 38 grants across 22 states.



2012-2020 National Goals

MCH WORKFORCE & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Address current and emerging MCH workforce needs by engaging and providing training for and support to MCH leaders in practice, academics, and policy.

DIVERSITY & HEALTH EQUITY

Prepare and empower MCH leaders from diverse communities to promote health equity, wellness, and reduce disparities in health and healthcare.

INTERDISCIPLINARY / INTERPROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Promote interdisciplinary/interprofessional training and practice and interorganizational collaboration to enhance systems of care for MCH populations.

SCIENCE, INNOVATION & QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

Generate and translate new knowledge for the MCH field in order to advance science-based practice, innovation, and quality improvement in MCH training, policies, and programs.

<http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/training/>

