

MCH Nutrition Training Program Fact Sheet

PROGRAM PURPOSE

Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) grant funds are awarded to promote healthy nutrition for mothers, children, and their families. The MCH Nutrition Training Program establishes nutrition centers of excellence to improve access to comprehensive, community-based, nutrition-centered, and culturally competent coordinated care by increasing the availability of practitioners trained in MCH nutrition that are able to meet the needs of MCH populations.

The program (1) provides interdisciplinary graduate education and training with a public health focus and emphasis on MCH populations and services — education and training designed to improve workforce capacity and foster leadership in the field, (2) develops and disseminates curricula, teaching models, and other educational resources to enhance MCH nutrition programs, and (3) provides continuing education, consultation and technical assistance to local, state, and national organizations serving MCH populations while working in collaboration with state Title V and other MCH programs.

MCH and public health nutritionists play a pivotal role in integrating primary healthcare and public health interventions and serve as a critical link in clinical-community collaborations; grantees in this program are leaders in the development and promotion of innovative practice models in MCH nutrition. Example areas of emphasis include specialized neonatal intensive care training, children with special health care needs, breastfeeding promotion and maternal nutrition, adolescent nutrition, and pediatric obesity.

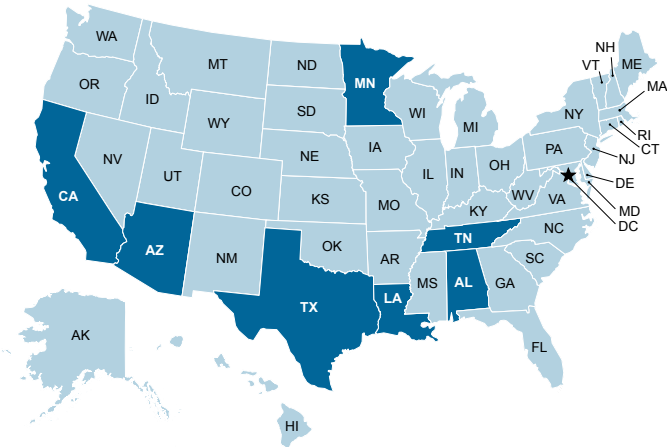
PROGRAM IMPACT

- In FY 2015, the MCH Nutrition Training Program trained 1,200 trainees, including 70 long-term trainees, 257 medium-term trainees, and 963 short-term trainees.
- In FY 2015, all MCH Nutrition Training Programs reported collaborating with state Title V (MCH) agencies on 196 activities in areas of service, training, continuing education, technical assistance, product development, and research.
- In FY 2018, MCHB increased the program from 6 to 8 grantees and awarded funds for 2 childhood obesity enhancement projects: one on positive deviancy to the University of Minnesota to develop culturally specific and asset-building messages, programs, and policies, and one on the development of statewide childhood obesity strategic plans to the University of California at Los Angeles.
- MCH Nutrition Training Grantees established a Diversity Learning Collaborative (DLC) in 2015, coordinated by the University of Tennessee. The DLC has created a Diversity Recruitment and Retention Toolkit, established a peer-mentoring network, and created a Cultural and Linguistic Competence online learning module.



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PROGRAM LOCATIONS

Alabama

- [University of Alabama at Birmingham](#)

Arizona

- [Arizona State University](#)

California

- [University of California at Los Angeles](#)
- [University of California at Berkeley](#)

Louisiana

- [Tulane University](#)

Minnesota

- [University of Minnesota, Minneapolis](#)

Tennessee

- [University of Tennessee at Knoxville](#)

Texas

- [Baylor College of Medicine, Houston](#)

DIVISION OF MCH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (DMCHWD)

DMCHWD, part of HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau, provides national leadership and direction in educating and training our nation's future leaders in maternal and child health (MCH).

Special emphasis is placed on the development and implementation of inter-professional, 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.

DMCHWD 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. DMCHWD collaborates with state MCH programs, academic institutions, professional organizations, and other health training programs of the federal government to ensure that MCH initiatives are unique and based on evidence-based practices.

In FY 2016, DMCHWD awarded 161 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.

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