

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.

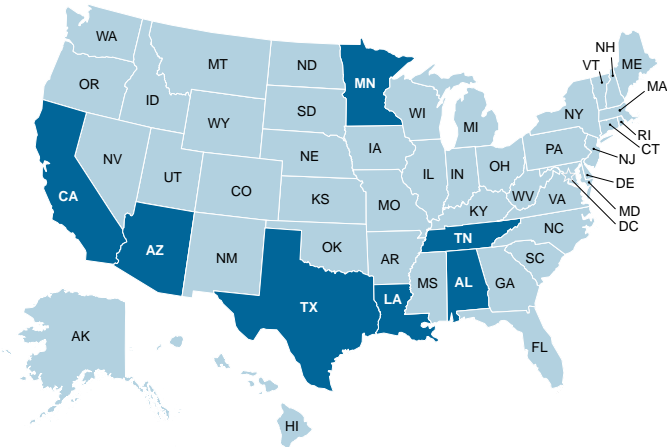
PROGRAM IMPACT

- In FY 2016, the MCH Nutrition Training Program trained over 1,100 trainees, including 74 long-term trainees, 221 medium-term trainees, and 828 short-term trainees.
- In FY 2016, all MCH Nutrition Training Programs reported collaborating with state Title V (MCH) agencies on 287 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 the Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau, 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-centered, community-based and culturally competent 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 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 2016, DMCHWD awarded 161 grants, an investment of approximately \$47 million.

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