

State MCH and Local Public Health Update

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Springing Up with Quality Practices in School and Community Nursing

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Objectives

- ❏ Provide a local public health update
- ❏ Describe the relationship between the federal MCH Title V block grant and the DHHS School and Child Health Program
- ❏ Identify three new program developments in MCH at the state level
- ❏ Identify three policy developments in NE impacting children and families.

MCH Title V Social Security Act

- ❏ Signed into law Aug. 1935 by President Franklin Roosevelt, to promote and improve maternal and child health nationwide.
- ❏ Today, Title V remains the only Federal program that focuses solely on improving the health of all mothers and children.
- ❏ Provides for core public health functions, resources for children with special health care needs, gap-filling prenatal care services, newborn screening, and much more.

MCH Title V in Nebraska

- ❏ Life course development approaches: early and targeted prevention and intervention yielding positive returns for a life time – and generations to come.
- ❏ Systems development: coalitions and partnerships using population-based and environmental approaches to create the conditions for child success.
- ❏ The Professional Learning Community as a model to support strategic planning, to inform evidence-based practice and policy, to collapse the time gap between research and application in practice.

MCH Title V in Nebraska Current Priority Areas

- ✓ Obesity Prevention
- ✓ Improve reproductive health
- ✓ Reduce impact of poverty on food security
- ✓ Reduce infant health disparities
- ✓ Reduce abuse and neglect among infants and CSHCN
- ✓ Increase quality of and access to maternal health services
- ✓ Increase breastfeeding
- ✓ Increase access to medical homes for CSHCN

Call for Public Input on the NE MCH block grant priorities

- ❏ In writing:
dhhs.lifespanhealth@nebraska.gov
 Fax: 402-471-7049
- ❏ More information about the meetings and the submission of comments:
http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/lifespanhealth_planning_index.aspx

Three-plus New MCH Program Developments in Nebraska

- ❑ Evidence-based Home Visiting
- ❑ Children with Special Health Care Needs
 - ❑ Medicaid Managed Care
 - ❑ Early Childhood Mental Health
 - ❑ Expanding role of the School and Child Health program
- ❑ School health screening, guidelines, and data
- ❑ Expanding understanding of “maternal health” to include preconception and interconception periods; planners and non-planners

Medicaid Managed Care

- ❑ Cost control through better use of preventive care and targeted approaches
- ❑ Families with eligible members will be notified of time to sign up with a MCO or be auto-assigned
- ❑ MCOs may vary by approaches to wellness promotion, incentives, and additional services (eg transportation and language interpretation)
- ❑ Individual providers and hospitals agree to accept payment from the MCO for the patient
- ❑ Will not apply to elders or children with special needs on waiver programs.

MCH Policy Developments

- ❑ Lead screening bill
- ❑ Concussion Awareness Act becomes effective
- ❑ Injury prevention: primary seat belt law
- ❑ Coordinated Chronic Disease prevention: shifting the focus to health development