

A Voice in Nebraska's FY 2013 MCH Block Grant Application

Thank you to all who attended public input meetings in April, and also to those who have already submitted written comments. The input has been very helpful! If you were unable to attend any of these meetings, your written comments are still welcome. **The date to submit written comments is extended to June 1.** Submit written comments to dhhs.lifespanhealth@nebraska.gov or by fax to 402-471-7049.

The public input meetings held in April 2012 gathered comments to be used in the preparation of the Annual Title V/Maternal and Child Health Block Grant application for the period of FFY 2013. It will be submitted July 16, 2012 to the federal funder by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NE DHHS). The meetings, conducted by staff of the Division of Public Health, Lifespan Health Services Unit and the Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care, State and Grant Funded Programs Unit, were held in Ogallala, Kearney, Norfolk, and Lincoln.

For background information on the Title V/Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, visit the following links:

Federal web site: <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/titlevgrants/index.html>

Nebraska's FFY 2012 application and FFY 2010 report:

<https://perfddata.hrsa.gov/mchb/TVISReports/StateMchAppsAndContactInfoMenu.aspx>

Nebraska's Comprehensive 5-Year Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Needs Assessment:

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Documents/NeedsAssessmen2010FINAL.pdf>.

We Want Your Feedback on the 2013 State Application

Nebraska's Title V / Maternal and Child Health Block Grant

Federal Fiscal Year 2013 (October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013)

Did You Know?

The Title V/Maternal and Child Health Block Grant helps improve the health of many Nebraska mothers, infants, children, and adolescents. In 2010, and every five years, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) conducted an assessment of health needs and Nebraska's capacity to address needs of maternal and child health (MCH) and children with special health care needs (CSHCN). A large group of people who represented Nebraska MCH and CSHCN helped us identify the top 10 priorities listed below. The priorities help guide the work of many programs and services in our state, including activities supported through the Title V/MCH Block Grant.

We Want to Hear From You!

We need your help improving the health of Nebraska's mothers and children. Please take a few minutes and share your thoughts on programs and services focused on the priorities below. Public input is an important and valued part of our annual Title V/MCH Block Grant application process. **Submit your ideas, comments or concerns by April 23, 2012 June 1, 2012.** Your response will be carefully considered for inclusion in Nebraska's 2013 grant application that we prepare and send to our federal funder. We appreciate your interest and look forward to hearing from you!

Here are the Current Priorities for Maternal and Child Health Program Activities:

- Increase the prevalence of the MCH/CSHCN population who are physically active, eating healthy and are at a healthy weight.
- Improve the reproductive health of youth and women by decreasing the rates of STDs and unintended pregnancies.
- Reduce the impact of poverty on infants/children including food insecurity.
- Reduce the health disparities gap in infant health status and outcomes.
- Increase access to oral health care for children and CSHCN.
- Reduce the rates of abuse and neglect of infants and CSHCN.
- Reduce alcohol use and binge drinking among youth.
- Increase quality of and access to perinatal health services, including pre/interconception health care, prenatal care, labor and delivery services, and postpartum care.
- Increase the prevalence of infants who breastfeed exclusively through six months of age.
- Increase access to Medical Homes for CSHCN, particularly for those with functional limitations.

The full report is found at

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Documents/NeedsAssessmen2010FINAL.pdf>

As You Share Your Thoughts, Ideas, Concerns, Ask Yourself:

- How do the state-level MCH/CSHCN priorities (above) compare to the most important health needs of mothers, infants, children, and adolescents in your local community?
- What programs and services does my community have to help address these priorities?
- What would improve the health of MCH/CSHCN?
- What barriers or gaps could be overcome through better coordination?
- How can the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services best promote the health of women, infants, children, adolescents, children with special health care needs, and their families?

Need Help?

You may want to ask employees at your health facility to help you with your comments. If you need more information, or just want to learn more about the Title V/Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, we hope you'll contact us.

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A Note to Providers, Organizations, and Agencies

We appreciate your help in gathering comments from people and families in your community. Here's how you can help:

- Ask your organization's consumer advisory board to submit comments directly to us.
- Actively involve your clients and patients in developing your organization's comments.
- Share these "Guidelines for Input" with your clients and patients, and others in your community.
- Help people and families prepare and submit their comments.