



WE NEED YOUR INPUT ON NEBRASKA'S PROPOSED TITLE V ACTION PLAN*

For Oct 1, 2026 through Sept 30, 2027

*For the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services
Block Grant

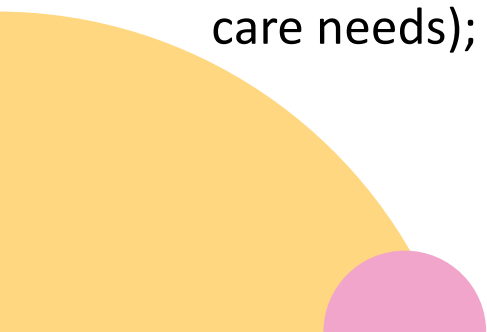
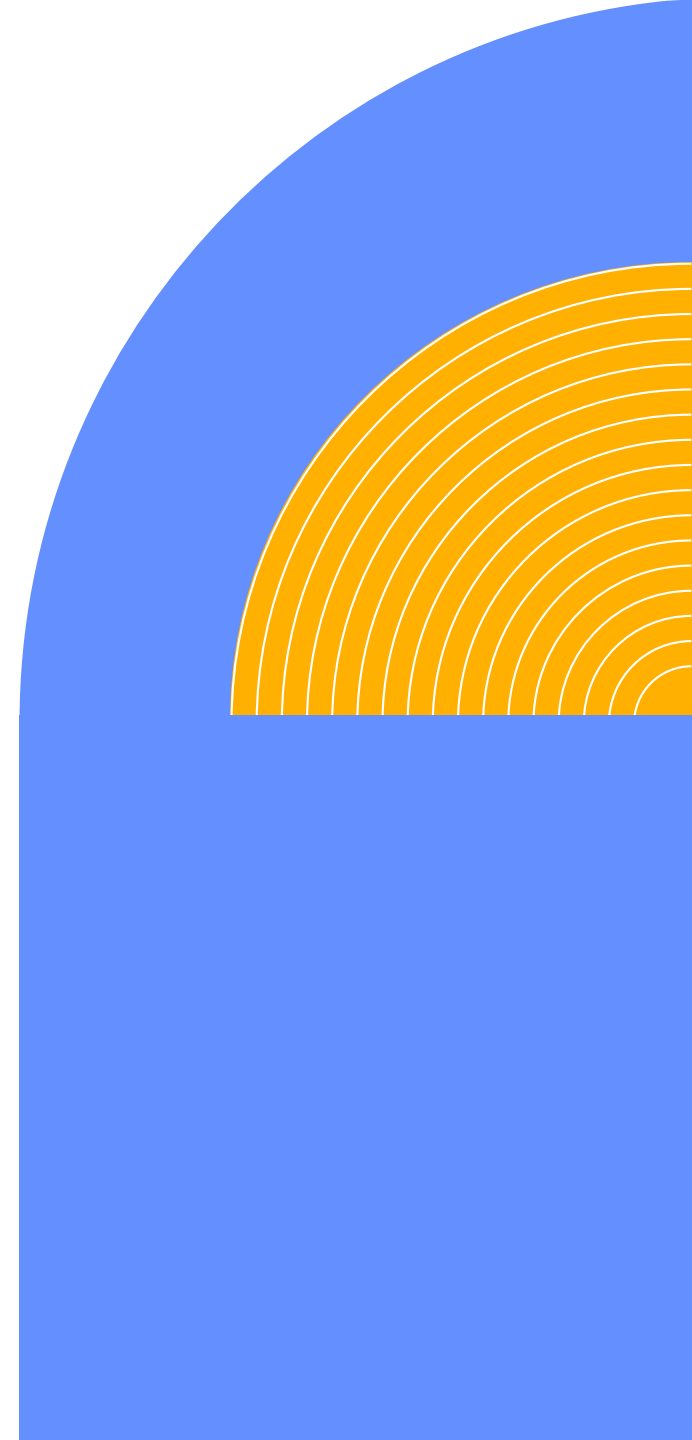
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WE NEED YOUR IDEAS!

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) invites public input on the Title V Block Grant application to the federal government.

DHHS created Nebraska's action plan with the help of many partners. This action plan lists Nebraska's nine priorities needs and objectives and strategies to impact each need. Please provide feedback to help us choose strategies that will improve health.

The Title V Block Grant pays for programs and systems work that focus on: women of reproductive years and during pregnancy; mothers; infants; children and youth (including children/youth with special health care needs); and their families.



TIMELINE AND PRIORITY SELECTION

- Every 5 years Title V completes a needs assessment to identify the priorities for Nebraska. Annually, we write and update the action plan that will address the needs. We are currently planning for the 2nd year of the 5-year cycle.
- Almost 100 partners helped pick the priorities in April 2025!



WHAT'S OUR PROCESS?

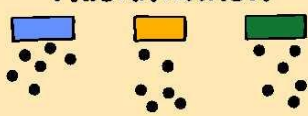
1 COLLECT DATA



2 DEVELOP CRITERIA



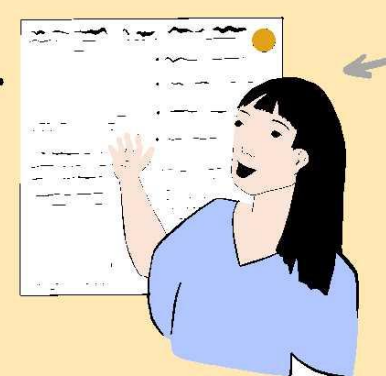
PRIORITIZATION
DEFINITIONS



3 PARTNERS CONVENE IN SUBCOMMITTEES TO DETERMINE TOP NEEDS & DRAFT ISSUE BRIEFS



4 PRESENT ISSUE BRIEFS

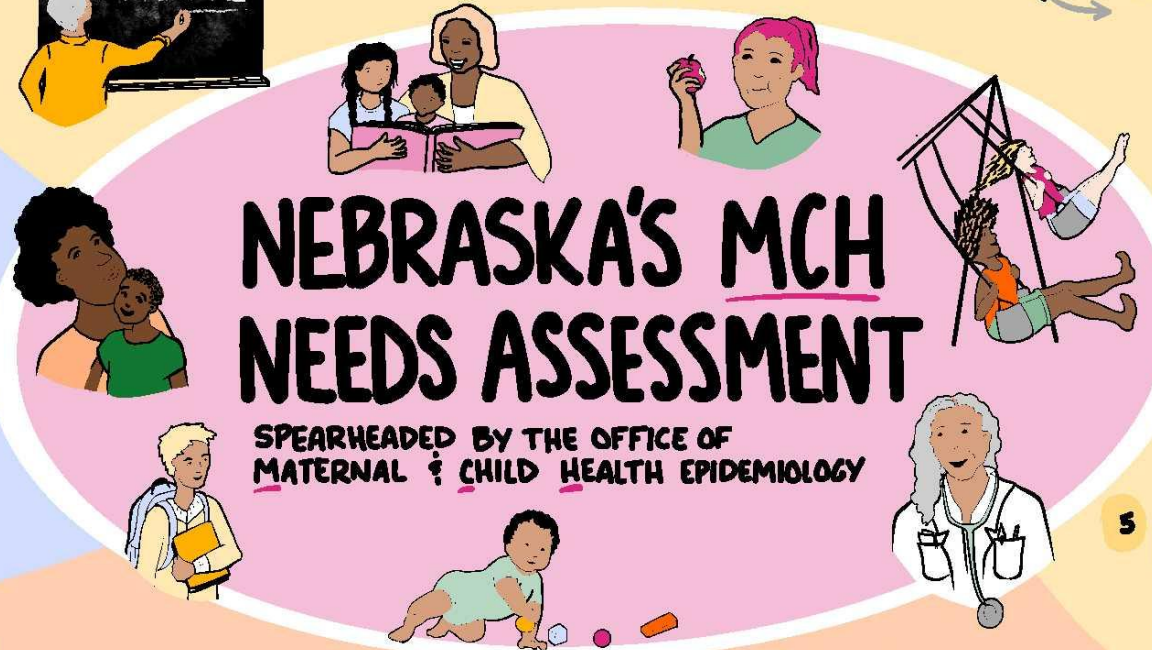


5 IDENTIFY 10 PRIORITIES

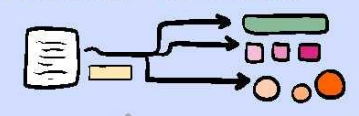


NEBRASKA'S MCH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

SPEARHEADED BY THE OFFICE OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGY

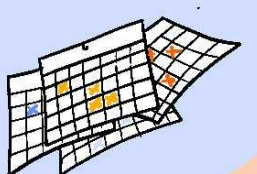


RIGOROUS PUBLIC HEALTH PROCESS



OUR GOALS:

PARTNER EMPOWERMENT & COMMITMENT



PARTNERS BRING PASSION & SUPPORT



WHAT'S NEXT?

CREATE STRATEGIES & ACTIVITIES



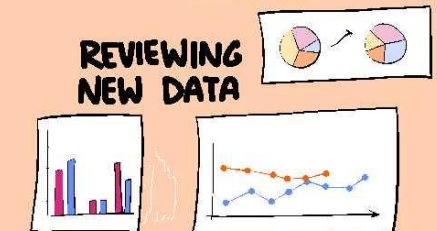
BASED ON THE DEVELOPED CRITERIA

TO ADDRESS EACH NEED

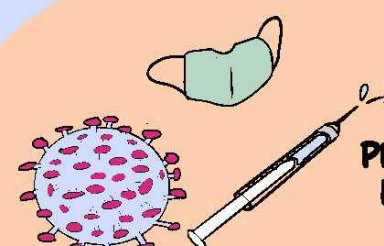


ANNUAL REVIEWS

REVIEWING NEW DATA



PIVOTING TO ADDRESS EMERGING ISSUES AS NEEDED



WE GROUP THE WORK INTO FIVE POPULATION DOMAINS

Women/Maternal
Health

Perinatal/Infant
Health

Children

Youth

Children and
Youth with Special
Healthcare Needs
(CYSHCN)

WE HAVE 9 PRIORITY NEEDS ACROSS 5 POPULATION DOMAINS FOR 2025-2030

- Improving Mental and Behavioral Health for Women
- Reducing Maternal Mortality and Morbidity
- Promoting Women's Preventive Care
- Reducing Preterm Births
- Increasing Access to Preventive Health Services for Children and Infants through Screening and Referrals
- Supporting Youth Mental Health
- Supporting Reproductive Health & Well-Being in Youth
- Increasing Access to Early Screening and Identification for CYSCHN
- Increasing Access to Mental and Behavioral Health Services for CYSCHN

OUR ASK

Please review the objectives and strategies on the next slides.

Click on this [survey link](#) to give us feedback for each priority.

Give us feedback.

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PRIORITY NEED



Objective1: Description

- Strategy

Objective2: Description

- Strategy
- Strategy



Your job is to tell us...

Are these the "right" strategies?

What are we missing?

Will these strategies impact the objective?

Are the objectives meaningful/relevant?

Will the strategies and objectives address the need?

1 IMPROVING MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR WOMEN



➔ Objective 1: Increase mental health screenings and referrals to treatment and support

- Promote universal screening for depression and anxiety at clinics (for every well check, prenatal and postpartum care, and pediatrician visit) and community organizations (such as those that provide lactation support, WIC, doula services)
- Promote a provider algorithm and resource list for positively screened women in clinics and community-based settings that includes a range of support.

➔ Objective 2: Increase openness to mental health resources and support

- Reduce stigma around mental health for women by promoting available resources/support that are culturally-appropriate through social media and community-based conversations

2 REDUCING MATERNAL MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY

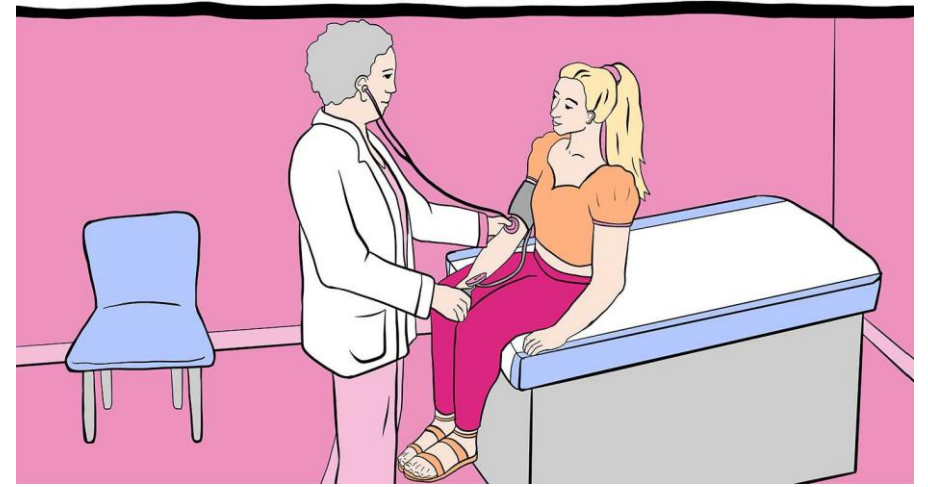


➔ Objective 1: Improve maternal health outcomes in areas with gaps

- Support statewide efforts to improve maternal health through the Rural Health Transformation Program.
- Map maternity care services and providers in NE to understand gaps and capabilities of the perinatal health care system and identify needs in areas with longer distances to care
- Pilot mobile health clinics in three local health departments to improve access to prenatal and postpartum care services
- Pilot universal home visiting to identify women who need support and services

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PROMOTING WOMEN'S PREVENTIVE CARE



➔ Objective 1: Increase the percent of women who have an annual preventive visit

- Align statewide efforts to promote prevention services through the Rural Health Transformation Program
- Improve coordination for preventive screening at every point-of-access for families
- Working through organizations, promote preventive screenings through medical homes by promoting organizational health literacy
- Promote IBBG's Expanding Maternal Birth Rights and Community Education (EMBRACE) project

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4 REDUCING PRETERM BIRTHS



➔ Objective 1: Increase percent of birthing hospitals with a maternal level of care designation

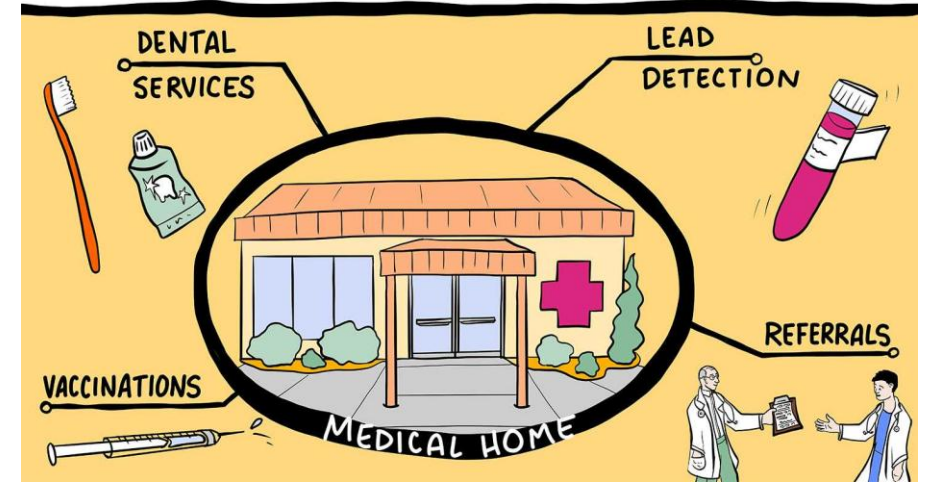
- Define maternal/prenatal levels of care through perinatal regionalization to ensure facilities are equipped to deliver care appropriate for individual medical needs

➔ Objective 2: Educate providers and the public about preterm birth and ways to support pregnant women to prevent preterm birth

- Develop and promote key messages in an education campaign for providers
 - Messaging will focus on awareness of need for risk-appropriate prenatal care, how to address risk factors for preterm birth, and Medicaid's Presumptive Eligibility Policy and the Prenatal Plus program
- Develop and promote key messages in an education campaign for the public
 - Messaging will focus on how to address risk factors for preterm birth and presumptive eligibility
- Tie the education campaign to Women's strategy to reduce mortality and morbidity to address perinatal health via alternative delivery method
- Promote IBBG's Expanding Maternal Birth Rights and Community Education (EMBRACE) project

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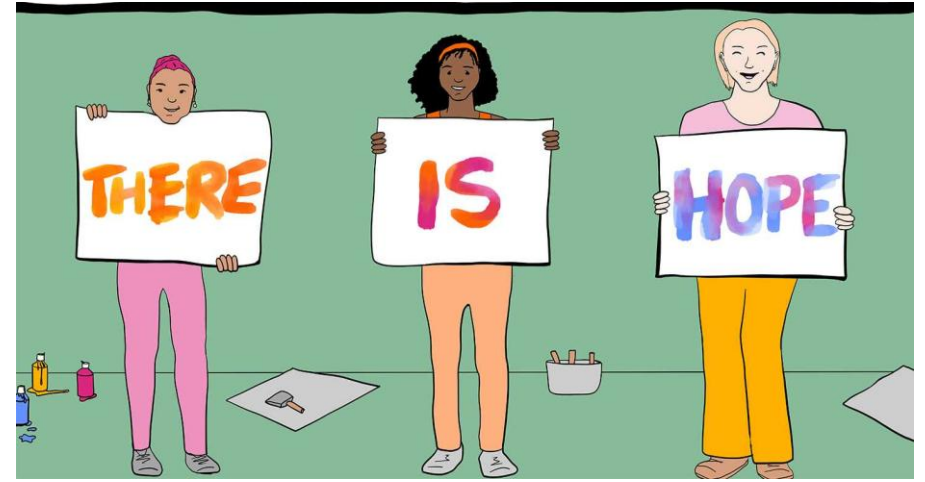
INCREASING ACCESS TO PREVENTIVE SERVICES THROUGH SCREENING & REFERRAL



- ➔ Objective 1: Increase percent of children who have an annual preventive health visit and medical home
- Promote awareness of developmental screenings, resources, and preventive services to families
 - Improve coordination for preventive services at every point-of-access for families, including via Children’s NE virtual clinics and Head Start
 - Identify and address barriers to accessing preventive health visits
- ➔ Objective 2: Increase percentage of children with lead and dental screenings, including follow-up for high blood lead levels and dental needs that require treatment
- Link families with positive screens for dental treatment with providers
 - Link families with high blood lead levels to key services through referral and outreach

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SUPPORTING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH



➔ Objective 1: Leverage social and community networks to support youth mental health

- Improve youth mental health using peer-to-peer support programs with a positive youth development framework
- Promote mental health in schools by promoting the Nebraska Department of Education initiatives

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7 SUPPORTING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & WELL-BEING FOR YOUTH



➔ Objective 1: Improve utilization of reproductive health and well-being services

- Promote reproductive health through outreach and education with youth-serving professionals
 - Host a statewide call to support adoption of “what works” to promote outreach and education
- Promote positive youth development through peer-to-peer support programs

➔ Objective 2: Build adult capacity to have conversations with youth about reproductive health and well-being

- Support parent-child communication
- Develop a plan to build statewide capacity for mentorship to increase mentor’s comfort with conversations about reproductive health and well-being

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INCREASING ACCESS TO EARLY SCREENING AND IDENTIFICATION



➔ Objective 1: Increase the percentage of families who have a medical home

- Increase Educational Service Units (ESUs) awareness of patient centered medical homes and capacity to refer families to potential medical homes in their community
- Continue the Family Care Enhancement Project (FCEP) through UNMC MMI that uses a parent resource coordinator to support CYSHCN families through a medical home
- Support CYSHCN families through the Medically Handicapped Children's Program and Disabled Children's Program.

➔ Objective 2: Increase the percentage of families who receive developmental screenings between 9 and 35 months

- Promote screening tools and early intervention materials to health care providers, ESUs, maternal health care provider clinics, and community-based organizations to increase timely developmental screenings
- Address family barriers to receiving developmental screenings

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INCREASING ACCESS TO MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES



Objective 1: Increase the percentage of CYSHCN with mental and behavioral health needs who are receiving services

- Use community health workers, parent resource coordinators, and patient navigators to provide care coordination services for mental and behavioral health
- Reduce silos by bridging existing resources with expertise in triage, screening, referral, and support services for CYSHCN experiencing mental health crises
- Build family awareness and knowledge of existing programs and support by hosting sessions at family-centered conferences in Nebraska

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NEXT STEPS



DRAFT ACTION PLAN AND
GET FEEDBACK



SUBMIT PLAN TO FEDERAL
PARTNERS AT END OF
JULY 2026



BUILD PARTNERSHIPS
NOW THROUGH
OCTOBER



START YEAR 2 WORK IN
OCTOBER 2026