

The ACA Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program: An Overview

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Home Visiting Stakeholder Meeting

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Meeting Purpose

- Engage Home Visiting Stakeholders
 - Solicit Input for the Home Visiting Needs Assessment
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Background: Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) Home Visiting Program

- ❑ Historic legislation – Signed by President Obama on March 23, 2010
 - ❑ Adds Section 511 to the Title V of the Social Security Act
 - ❑ Intent:
 - Improve health and development outcomes for young children
 - Strengthen families in at risk communities
 - ❑ \$1.5 billion for HV over 5 years
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Purpose:

ACA Home Visiting Program

- Support building of quality, **comprehensive statewide early childhood systems** for pregnant women, parents/caregivers, and **children, ages 0-8**
 - **Assess needs**, and develop and implement **State Plans** to increase **capacity** to provide a coordinated system of **evidence based early childhood home visiting programs** in every state
 - Improve health and development outcomes in **at risk communities**
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Program Administration

- ❑ Two federal agencies are collaborating: ACF and MCHB.
 - ❑ State governors designate which entity can apply for and administer home visiting program funds on behalf of the State. One application per state.
 - ❑ In Maryland, the Governor designated the Children's Cabinet as the ultimate decision making body.
 - ❑ DHMH, Center for Maternal and Child Health in collaboration with the Governor's Office for Children is responsible for administering program funds, and developing the State Plan. CMCH as the Title V Agency is responsible for conducting the needs assessment.
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Allocations

Fiscal Year	U.S.	Maryland
FY 2010	\$88 million	\$1.0 million
FY 2011	\$250 million	\$1.0 million & additional funds awarded competitively based on application strength
FY 2012	\$350 million	Same
FY 2013	\$400 million	Same
FY 2014	\$400 million	Same

FY 2010 Funding Formula

- ❑ Base of \$500,000; plus
 - ❑ An amount equal to the funds currently provided under the ACF administered Evidence Based Home Visiting (EBHV) Program; plus
 - ❑ An amount based on the number of children in families at or below 100% of the Federal poverty level in the State as compared to the number of such children nationally
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Maintenance of Effort (MOE)

- Funds provided to an eligible entity receiving a **grant shall supplement, and not supplant, funds** from other sources for early childhood home visitation programs.
 - The grantee must agree to **maintain *non-Federal* funding (State General Funds)** for grant activities at a level which is not less than expenditures for such activities as of the date of enactment of the legislation, **March 23, 2010**.
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Collaboration and Coordination

- Federal, state, local agencies
 - Title V
 - Head Start
 - CAPTA Agency
 - Letters of support required
 - The application should also be coordinated with:
 - The strategic plan developed by the State Advisory Council established under section 642 B(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Head Start Act, 42 USC 9837B(B)(1)(A)(i);
 - The State's child care agency;
 - The State's education agency; and
 - The State's child welfare agency, if this agency is not also administering Title II of CAPTA.
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Benchmarks: Programs and individuals/families must show improvements in:

- Maternal and newborn health
 - Child injuries, child abuse and neglect and ER use
 - School readiness and achievement
 - Crime and domestic violence
 - Family economic self-sufficiency
 - Coordination and referrals to other community resources and supports
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Needs Assessment

- States required to conduct a needs assessment in coordination with other statewide assessments by 9/23/10.
 - Title V
 - Head Start – strategic plan
 - CAPTA II - inventory of current unmet needs and current community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect
 - Completion of the hv needs assessment is a requirement for Title V MCH Block Grant funds.
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Needs Assessment: Identify At Risk Communities

Concentrations of:

- At risk prenatal, maternal and child indicators (e.g., LBW, IM, prematurity)
- Poverty
- Crime and/or domestic violence
- High rates of high-school drop-outs
- Substance abuse
- Unemployment
- Child maltreatment

Who are Maryland's At Risk Communities?

Needs Assessment: Assess Capacity

The **quality and capacity of existing programs or initiatives for early childhood home visiting in the State**

- Number of families served
 - Gaps in early childhood home visiting in the State
 - Extent to which programs meet the needs of eligible families
 - The State's capacity for providing **substance abuse treatment and counseling services** to individuals and families in need of such treatment or services.
 - **What is Maryland's current capacity?**
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Develop and Implement a State Plan

- Implement additional evidence based home visiting programs in at risk communities of high need and low capacity
 - 75% of grant funds for support of evidence based models – HRSA criteria
 - 25% can support promising approaches
 - **What do we know about evidence based home visiting programs?**
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Time Line

- June 10 – 1st FOA with due date of July 9
 - Plan for completing the N.A.
 - Plan for program development
 - NGA received July 27
 - July 23 – publication of proposed criteria for Home Visiting programs
 - By September 23rd – N.A. due
 - TBD – due date of State Plan and FY 2011 application
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