

Maryland's Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant

2010 Needs Assessment

The Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant Program provides funding to states to improve the health of mothers and children. One requirement of the Block Grant is that Maryland conduct a comprehensive, statewide needs assessment every five years. The Family Health Administration (FHA) of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) completed the 2010 Needs Assessment in July of 2010.

The two ultimate goals of the needs assessment were:

Children and youth with special health care needs.

- Improved outcomes for MCH populations, including:
 - Pregnant women, mothers and infants;
 - Children and adolescents; and.
- Strengthened partnerships with Federal, State, and local stakeholders, including (but not limited to):
 - Federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau;
 - Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and
 - Other agencies and organizations that have an interest in the wellbeing of the MCH population, families, practitioners, and the community.

[National MCH priorities](#), determined by the Federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau, and 18 corresponding national performance measures, guide the process of improving outcomes for MCH populations. In addition, each state selects 10 state [MCH priorities](#) and 10 corresponding performance measures, which it also uses to guide efforts. The process of selecting state priorities and measures occurs every five years as part of comprehensive needs assessment process.

Getting involved in the 2015 Needs Assessment

The success of the needs assessment process depends on the input from multiple stakeholders. Public input is critical to helping us to select priorities, develop measures, and to determine the best ways to address the State's priorities. The Family Health Administration seeks input from families, individuals, youth, local service providers, medical providers, state-level agencies, academics, advocacy groups, and other professionals that have an interest in the wellbeing of mothers and children in Maryland.

PLEASE submit [your comments here](#). Tell us what you think would help improve maternal and child health for your family, community or the state. Tell us your priorities. Ask your questions. All input is anonymous- you will not be identified.

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