

# Title V Maternal and Child Health 2020 Needs Assessment, Data Brief 1

## Overview and Methods



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### ▶ What is Title V?

The Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant Program is a federal-state partnership that is a key source of support for promoting and improving the health and well-being of the nation's women, adolescents, infants, and children, including children and youth with special needs.

Authorized under Title V of the 1935 federal Social Security Act, Title V was converted to a Block Grant Program in 1981. State funding allocations are determined by a formula that takes into consideration the proportion of the number of low-income children in a state compared to the total number of low-income children in the United States.

The Title V MCH Block Grant Program requires that every \$4 of federal Title V MCH Block Grant money must be matched by at least \$3 of state and/or local money. The program also requires that a minimum of 30% of federal Title V MCH Block Grant funds be used to support services for children and youth with special health needs, and 30% of federal funds be used to provide preventive and primary care services for children. In addition to annual performance reporting, every 5 years states must conduct a comprehensive needs assessment to identify priority issues of the maternal and child health population.

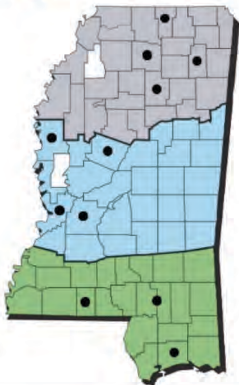
### ▶ Who are children and youth with special health care needs?

CYSHCN "have or are at increased risk for chronic physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional conditions and who also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children generally."<sup>2</sup> In Mississippi, 23.3% of children and youth ages 0-17 have a special health care need, higher than the national percentage (18.5%). Based on these estimates, 167,120 children and youth in Mississippi have a special health care need.<sup>3</sup> CYSHCN and their families often need services from multiple systems—health care, public health, education, mental health, and social services.

### ▶ What is a needs assessment?

The Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Needs Assessment is a systematic process to collect information about the State's public health system and service provision to pregnant women, mothers, infants, children, adolescents, and children and youth with special health care needs. The information collected through the needs assessment is used to identify statewide priorities, drive strategic planning, and allocate funds. The goal of the statewide needs assessment is to improve maternal and child health outcomes by aligning evidence-based strategies with the identified needs of the MCH population.

### ▶ How did we collect information?



The Mississippi State Department of Health partnered with the Applied Evaluation and Assessment Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Public Health to conduct the 2020 needs assessment. UAB collaborated with The University of Southern Mississippi Institute for Disability Studies, Mississippi Community Education Center, and the Family Resource Center of North Mississippi to promote needs assessment activities. Needs assessment methods encouraged broad stakeholder engagement and included focus groups, key informant interviews, surveys, and analysis of Federally Available Data.

All elements of the data collection plan were designed to be accessible and encourage participation from a diverse population.

● Focus group locations

Colors indicate counties from which responses were received and are categorized by public health region.

<sup>1</sup>[www.mchb.hrsa.gov](http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov)

<sup>2</sup>McPherson et al (1998) Pediatrics 102/1

<sup>3</sup><https://www.childhealthdata.org/browse/survey>

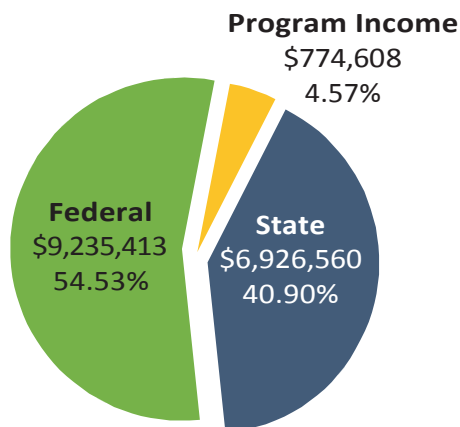
## Broad Stakeholder Engagement

Federally Available Data	Surveys					Focus Groups		Key Informant Interviews
Key MCH indicators provided to states	Maternal and Child Health (online)	Healthcare providers (online)	Adolescents (online)	YSHCN (online and paper)	Families of CYSHCN (online and paper)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women</li> <li>• Parents/caregivers of infants, children, and adolescents</li> <li>• Adolescents/young adults</li> </ul>		Representatives of local, state, public, and private group that work with MCH population
	577	104	58 (176 total*)	62	167	11 groups	75 participants	20 interviewees
	Total stakeholders engaged: 1,239							

\*Some respondents did not meet age established range for adolescents; these responses were analyzed with the general Maternal and Child Health survey.

## Title V Federal-State Partnership FY 2020 Budget

**Total: \$16,936,581**



*The federal Title V dollars account for just over half of the Mississippi Title V program budget.*

## Title V Performance Measure Framework

States use the comprehensive needs assessment to identify and select priority needs for each MCH population domain. They then align these priority needs with existing national performance measures – at least one per domain – and can develop state performance measures to further address these issues. Finally, states create evidence-based strategy measures with targets and action plans that describe what the Title V program will do to impact needs and how they will measure success.

