Title V Maternal & Child Health Block Grant

The Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (Title V of the Social Security Act) is the only federal program devoted to improving the health of all women, children and families. Title V provides funding to state maternal and child health (MCH) programs, which serve 35 million women and children in the U.S.

Since 1935, federal funds have supported state activities that improve the health of pregnant women, children, adolescents, and children and youth with special health needs (commonly called the "MCH population"). In Hawaii, the funds are used primarily to address maternal and child health infrastructure building services including:

- Surveillance and data about the health status of Hawaii's MCH population;
- Assessment and monitoring of needs to assure health and wellness;
- State and local collaboration to assure access to preventive health services and information; and
- Linkages to health care and other maternal and child health services in the community.

The Hawaii Department of Health Family Health Services Division (FHSD) is responsible for the administration of the federal MCH Block Grant funds.

State Annual Title V Report/Application

Every year the Hawaii Department of Health submits a report and application for federal MCH Block Grant funds. The MCH Block Grant provides more than $2 million to the State to address MCH needs and priorities. The report/application includes data on 18 national and 7-10 state performance measures as well as 21 health indicators, a budget summary, and a report on past, present, and planned activities. Every five years, the report/application also includes a comprehensive needs assessment along with a set of priorities for the next five years.

Current Block Grant Annual Report and Application

Narratives (PDF 2.11 MB)
The narrative includes: a needs assessment update, the state overview, and descriptions of activities related to the national and state performance measures and key health status indicators.

Data Forms (PDF 975 KB)
The data forms include budget summaries, health status indicators, and national and state performance measure data.

Public Comments

The public is invited to comment on the Department's final FY 2015 application, FY 2013 report for the MCH Block Grant. All comments received are recorded, receive serious consideration, and will be incorporated into next year's report/application.

Comments may be submitted to:

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