



Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant Priorities 2015-2020

1. MCH populations reside in a safe and healthy living environment.
2. Appropriate health and health related services, screenings and information are available to the MCH populations.
3. MCH populations are able to obtain, process and understand basic health information needed to make health decisions.
4. Protective factors are established for adolescents and young adults prior to and during critical life stages.
Examples of protective factors include, among others: a nurturing family, a safe neighborhood, strong and positive relationships, economic security, access to quality primary care and other health services, and access to high quality schools and early care and education.
5. Families are equipped with the education and resources they need to initiate and continue breastfeeding their infants.
6. Adolescents and women of child-bearing age have access to and participate in preconception and interconception health care and support.
7. Safe sleep practices are consistently implemented for all infants.
8. Title V staff and grantees identify, collect and use relevant data to inform decision-making and evaluate population and programmatic needs.
9. Women receiving prenatal care or home visiting are screened for behavioral health concerns and referred for assessment if warranted.