

## TITLE V MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT: PRIORITIES FOR 2021-2025 CYCLE

### WHAT ARE THE TITLE V MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PRIORITIES FOR 2021-2025?

The Bureau of Family Health will use Title V funds over the next five-year funding cycle to develop and implement strategies informed by the following seven priorities:

1. Reduce or improve maternal morbidity and mortality, especially where there is inequity.
2. Reduce rates of infant mortality (all causes), especially where there is inequity.
3. Improve mental health, behavioral health and developmental outcomes for children and youth with and without special health care needs.
4. Improve the percent of children and youth with special health care needs who receive care in a well-functioning system.
5. Reduce rates of child mortality and injury, especially where there is inequity.
6. Strengthen Title V staff's capacity for data-driven and evidence-based decision making and program development.
7. Support and effect change at the organizational and system level by supporting and promoting policies, programs and actions that advance health equity, address the social, environmental and economic determinants of health and deconstruct institutionalized systems of oppression.

### HOW WERE THE TITLE V PRIORITIES FOR 2021-2025 IDENTIFIED?

Potential priorities were identified through analyzing available state health data and data collected from Title V service recipients and providers as part of the Title V Five-Year Needs and Capacity Assessment. The list of priorities was subsequently narrowed to six by stakeholders, Bureau of Family Health staff and agency partners, all of whom had an opportunity to rank and provide comment on the proposed priorities. The seventh priority was developed in response to feedback from stakeholders engaged throughout the prioritization process who indicated that the Bureau of Family Health's commitment to advancing health equity through Title V work should be explicit.

### WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

The seven priorities listed above will guide the Bureau of Family Health as it develops a five-year action plan and identifies strategies that can be implemented to advance health equity and improve health outcomes among maternal and child health populations in Pennsylvania.

