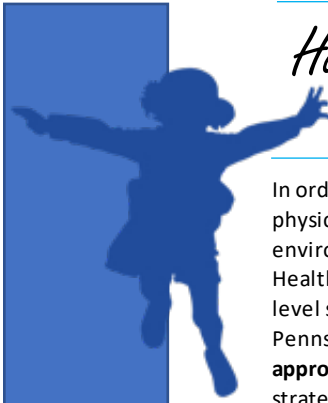


*How Title V supports:*

## Child Health



In order to enable children to reach their full potential, it is important to promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being while also addressing factors in the environment in which children live and play. The Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant provides safety net direct, enabling, and population level services to children aged one through twenty-one and their families across Pennsylvania. **Title V funds support over 1.75 million children annually—approximately 55% of all children in the state.** Beginning in 2021, child health strategies will aim to advance Priority 3 and Priority 5 of the Title V Action Plan.

**PRIORITY 3**

Improve mental health, behavioral health, and developmental outcomes for children and youth with and without special health care needs

**PRIORITY 5**

Reduce rates of child mortality and injury, especially where there is inequity

*Addressing priority health needs with evidence-based strategies***Safe and Healthy Homes**

Title V supports the Prevent Injuries in Children (PIC) program. PIC utilizes in-home programming to create a healthier and safer environment for children and their families. Working in conjunction with qualified home-visiting programs, the PIC Program targets families with at least one pregnant person or child ages zero through nine to provide in-home education and low-cost interventions to prevent child injuries, especially those leading to hospitalization or death.

**Preventing Childhood Injury and Concussion**

Title V supports prevention of childhood injury through concussion prevention and management training and protocols in youth sports in Pennsylvania. The goal of the Safety in Youth Sports Program is to educate and train personnel involved in youth sports, both school-based and club-based, regarding traumatic brain injury, concussion prevention, concussion identification, and concussion management through the ConcussionWise™ curriculum.

**Child Death Review**

The Child Death Review (CDR) program promotes the safety and well-being of children by reducing preventable childhood fatalities. This is accomplished through systematic, multi-agency reviews of the deaths of children up to age 21. All 67 Pennsylvania counties are represented by local CDR teams. The CDR program is supported through a combination of Title V and other federal funds. Other federal funds are being used to fund staff time. Title V funds are used to support training and technical assistance efforts as well as prevention activities.

**Child Wellness and Development**

In collaboration with the county and municipal health departments (CMHDs), Title V supports child health programming that educates families on the importance of well child visits, child development, safety, and nutrition. School-based programs targeting children's self-esteem, positive body image, and goal setting have also been implemented. In areas without CMHDs, Title V supports the State Health Centers in referring children to medical homes so that they may continue to receive consistent, ongoing care that will help them develop into healthy adults.

Title V funds also support the state's Growth Screening Program, which aims to measure the height and weight of all school-aged children at least once annually, including children with special health care needs. The pattern of growth for each child can be more effectively interpreted with repeated measurement and the results are used to educate families about healthy development for children.

**Lead Information Line**

Title V supports a toll-free information line, 1-800-440-LEAD, to respond to caller questions and provide electronic materials about lead poisoning and other environmental hazards.

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