

How Title V Supports Pennsylvanians:

An Overview



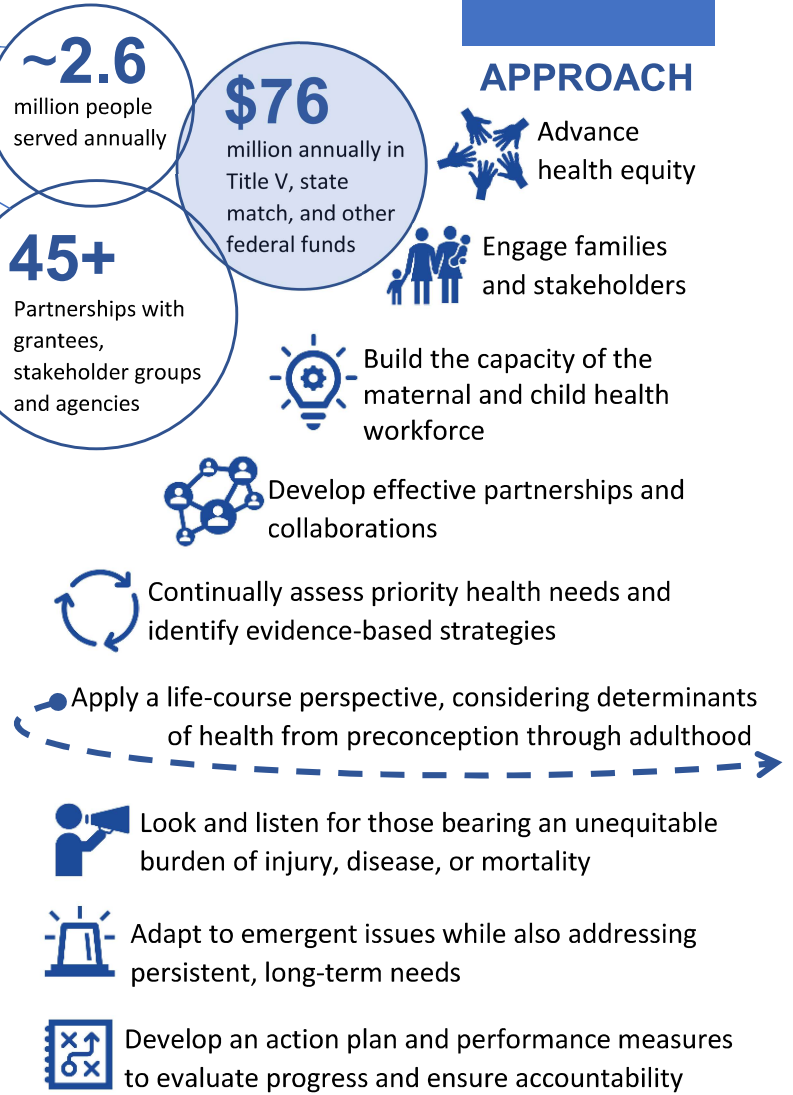
MISSION

Equally protect and equitably promote the health and well-being of Pennsylvania's women, pregnant people and their partners, infants, adolescents, and children, including children with special health care needs, and their families through programming, state-level program management, and support for public health systems.

PRIORITIES

Based on population health data and the input of service recipients, providers, and stakeholders on health needs and the capacity of the maternal and child health system in Pennsylvania, the Title V Program adopted seven priorities to guide its state action plan from 2021 to 2025.

- Priority 1:** Reduce or improve maternal morbidity and mortality, especially where there is inequity
- Priority 2:** Reduce rates of infant mortality (all causes), especially where there is inequity
- Priority 3:** Improve mental health, behavioral health and developmental outcomes for children and youth with and without special health care needs
- Priority 4:** Improve the percent of children and youth with special health care needs who receive care in a well-functioning system



- Priority 5:** Reduce rates of child mortality and injury, especially where there is inequity
- Priority 6:** Strengthen Title V staff's capacity for data-driven and evidence-based decision making and program development
- Priority 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

Addressing priority health needs with evidence-based strategies



Women's/Maternal Health – Priority 1

- Access to group prenatal care and family planning
- Home visiting for people who may not be eligible for traditional visits
- Innovative preconception, postpartum, and interconception care models
- Behavioral health screening and services
- Collaboration with state and local partners
- Use of Maternal Mortality Review Committee Recommendations to inform programming



Infant/Perinatal Health – Priority 2, 4, and 6

- Breastfeeding education and awareness
- Timely newborn screening and follow-up
- Hospital-based safe sleep programming and awareness campaigning
- Support and referral for infants with neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS)
- Review and prevent premature and sudden unexpected infant deaths



Child Health – Priority 5

- Safe and healthy home programming
- Review of child deaths and development of prevention recommendations
- Childhood injury and concussion prevention and awareness
- Child growth screening



Health of Children with Special Health Care Needs – Priority 3 and 4

- Gap-filling home visiting services for families
- Support for children with acquired brain injury
- Special Kids Network telephone helpline
- Youth leadership and development training
- Provision of specialty care services and rehabilitation
- Telehealth screening for autism among young children



Adolescent Health – Priority 3, 5, and 7

- Youth mentorship programming
- Bullying awareness and prevention programming
- Behavioral and mental health support for LGBTQ youth
- Reproductive health services
- Male involvement and healthy relationship programming
- Acquired brain injury and opioid training for providers



Cross Cutting Needs and Systems Building – Priority 6 and 7

- Workforce training on accessing, analyzing, and using state and national data
- Workforce training on understanding and applying principles of health equity

POPULATION SERVED

Title V services are wide-reaching and extend across the state to support Pennsylvanians.

~98%
of infants in Pa. receive a Title V service annually

~91%
of pregnant people in Pa. who deliver receive a Title V service annually

~88%
of youth with special health care needs in Pa. receive a Title V service annually

~55%
of children and adolescents in Pa. receive a Title V service annually

Title V supports safety net direct and enabling services while working to expand system-level services and infrastructure.

DIRECT SERVICES

Gap-filling basic health services such as preventive visits, mental and behavioral health services, and specialty care.

ENABLING SERVICES

Non-clinical services that enable access to care and improved health outcomes, such as transportation, translation, outreach and education, respite care, case management and coordination.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AND SYSTEMS

Activities and infrastructure needed to carry out essential public health services. Examples include needs assessment, quality assurance and evaluation, workforce development and training, applied research, information systems, and population-based disease prevention.

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