

Highlights of Changes Between FY2026 and FY2027 MCHB Title V Block Grant Application

Continued:

- Continued focus on perinatal mental health with the Healthy Women, Healthy Families initiative and the Postpartum Resource and Support Network.
- Continued support to increase the perinatal workforce through the community doula program and Doula Learning Collaborative, the Midwifery Program and the Community Health Worker initiative.
- Continued expansion of ConnectingNJ services and referrals; resource augmentation for county hubs.
- Facilitating stronger connections with other maternal and child health programs such as Maternal Health Innovations and MIECHV to address the national performance measures selected such as Perinatal Care Discrimination, Postpartum Visit, Safe Sleep, Postpartum Mental Health Screening and breastfeeding.
- Continued connection with external stakeholders such as Medicaid and MIHIA
- Continued work thru a CDC grant to surveil congenital syphilis
- Continue to work with birthing hospitals to identify congenital cytomegalovirus (cCMV) within the first 21 days from birth. Newborn screening is in the process of adding cCMV to its universal newborn screening panel.
- Expansion or strengthening of all Children with Special Healthcare Needs (CSHCN) programs such as the Birth Defects Registry by including out-of-state hospitals to improve surveillance

New programs or initiatives such as:

- Increased connection between Title V programs and the Rural Health Transformation (RHT) grant and the Transforming Maternal Health (TMaH) Model through new initiatives.
- Expansion of the Oral Health Education and Promotion work for school aged children, their parents, and school staff.
- Expanding the autism services by adding Emerging Challenging Behavior Case Manager to support families whose children have autism.
- Emphasizing the state priority need of improving nutrition, food security & increasing physical activity.
- Referencing the importance of fathers in maternal health through the PRAMS for Dads (Fatherhood Survey) pilot.