

MCH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

2021 - 2025

SET THE STAGE

- Colorado MCH mission and strategic direction
- Title V MCH Block Grant guidance
- State and federal legislative requirements
- MCH Core Team, Advisory Group and NA Project Team
- Guiding principles and frameworks

ASSESS MCH POPULATION HEALTH STATUS

Analyze and summarize Colorado MCH population's wellness, social determinants of health, morbidity and mortality through mixed research methods.

QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DATA

- 2016 - 2020 state and local MCH priority evaluation
- 2018 Colorado Health and Environment Assessment
- Colorado Equity Profile
- Colorado Equity Action Guide
- Community partner assessments and reports

QUANTITATIVE DATA

- 2019 state MCH trend analysis
- MCH data briefs
- Colorado snapshot
- Healthy People 2020 comparison data
- MIECHV needs assessment

QUALITATIVE DATA

- Local public health agency priorities
- Local public health staff interview data
- Youth/CYSHCN/women/family engagement
- Youth Partnership for Health
- Community partner engagement

ASSESS STATE PROGRAM CAPACITY

ENGAGE STATE STAFF TO DESCRIBE AND DOCUMENT:

- Resources and staffing
- State agency coordination
- Family/consumer partnerships

DATA

- Organizational charts
- MCH infrastructure process

PRIORITIZE AND SELECT COLORADO MCH PRIORITIES

October 2019 - January 2020

SUBMIT TITLE V BLOCK GRANT WITH PRIORITIES

July 2020

IMPLEMENT STATE AND LOCAL MCH PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGIES

2021-2025

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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A NEEDS ASSESSMENT?

Every five years, Colorado's Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program conducts a state-level needs assessment of the health and well-being of women, children, youth and families to guide state and local public health work and to meet Title V MCH Block Grant requirements. The goal of the assessment is to gather information to understand what issues are facing this population and then to identify seven to ten specific priorities that can be positively impacted by public health work during the next five years. State and local MCH staff use the selected MCH priorities as a tool to focus efforts, align resources, and to positively impact in the lives of women, children and youth including those with special health care needs, and their families.

WHAT ARE THE MAIN COMPONENTS OF THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROCESS?

The main components of the needs assessment process include collecting quantitative and qualitative data that are used in identifying priorities. Issue briefs on many key MCH topics are being developed to gather and highlight data. Each brief includes information on a topic's incidence and prevalence, related social determinants of health, and contributing factors. The 2018 Colorado Health and Environmental Assessment also provides key information about the MCH population. Finally, stakeholder input - including the perspectives of youth and families - is critical to informing the identification of MCH priorities.

HOW DOES THE MCH NEEDS ASSESSMENT AFFECT ME?

The resulting MCH priorities will affect what issues state and local public health professionals address in the next five years. Maternal and child health public health professionals develop and implement population-based prevention and health promotion programs and strategies with the aim of optimizing the health and well-being of the MCH population.

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