What is Title V?
The Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant is a federal and state partnership aimed at promoting and improving the health and well-being of the nation’s mothers, infants, children, adolescents, including those with special health care needs, and their families.

Who Manages Title V for Illinois?
Illinois’s Title V Grant is awarded to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)’s Division of Maternal, Child and Family Health Services (MCH) which serves as the administrator and convener of statewide MCH efforts; a sub-award is provided to University of Illinois at Chicago’s Division of Specialized Care for Children (UIC-DSCC), as specified in state statute.

Every five years, a comprehensive Needs Assessment is completed.
Illinois must prepare and submit a comprehensive statewide Needs Assessment in July 2020 that identifies needs, priorities and strategies in six population domains:

1. Women/Maternal
2. Perinatal/Infant
3. Children
4. Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs
5. Adolescents
6. Cross-Cutting

The findings from the Needs Assessment serve as a resource and the foundation for the state’s MCH work in the upcoming years, 2020-2025.

Three Main Steps of Title V Needs Assessment:

1. Gather data and information from stakeholders and target populations
2. Establish 7-10 MCH priority needs for the state of the Illinois
3. Identify multidisciplinary strategies to address priorities
Overview of Title V Needs Assessment Process

Illinois’s 2020 Needs Assessment is being conducted by the Title V program (IDPH and UIC-DSCC), in collaboration with the UIC School of Public Health’s Center of Excellence in MCH (CoE-MCH).

Population data on key health indicators

Key informant interviews with subject matter experts and partner organizations

Focus groups within population domains (example: school health center youth advisory groups)

Discuss current and emerging public health issues

Acknowledge if key elements are missing and request additional information

Adapt process as needed

Synthesize collected information

Establish priorities

Identify strategies

Public and Partner Comment

Title V Expert Panel

Title V Advisory Council

IDPH, UIC-DSCC & CoE-MCH

2015-2020 Title V Priorities—Where Do We Go From Here?

#1: Assure accessibility, availability and quality of preventive and primary care for all women

#2: Support healthy pregnancies and improve birth and infant outcomes

#3: Support expanded access to and integration of early childhood services & systems

#4: Enhance the capacity of families to connect CYSHCN to the health and human services they require

#5: Empower adolescents to adopt healthy behaviors

#6: Assure appropriate transition planning and services for adolescents and young adults

#7: Assure that equity is the foundation of all MCH decision-making; eliminate disparities in MCH outcomes

#8: Support expanded access to and integration of mental health services and systems for the MCH population

#9: Partner with consumers, families and communities in decision-making across MCH programs, systems and policies

#10: Strengthen and improve MCH data systems and infrastructure

Population Domains: Women/Maternal, Perinatal/Infant, Child Health, CYSHCN (Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs), Adolescent, Cross-Cutting

Questions?
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