



COVID-19: HRSA Activities

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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



MCHB Response: Grantee Support

Maternal Health Care

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill \$4M

State Public Health Systems

Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs \$4M

Family Engagement

Family Voices \$1M

Pediatric Care

American Academy of Pediatrics \$6M

- **\$15 million** to increase telehealth access and infrastructure for providers and families to help prevent and respond to COVID-19
- Funded through the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security **(CARES) Act**

MCHB Response: Grantee Support

▪ Service/Program Delivery

- Transition to telehealth/virtual service delivery and supports, including home visits
 - ✓ MIECHV
 - ✓ Healthy Start
 - ✓ Title V
- Virtual trainings and meetings
- Temporary reassignment of personnel

▪ Deadlines/Reporting Extensions

- Title V Block Grant Application/Annual Report
- SSDI FY 2019 Progress Report
- MIECHV Non-Competing Continuation funding applications and quarterly reporting

▪ Use of Funds

- MIECHV – Supporting family emergency planning and distribution of essential supplies such as formula, baby food, diapers

▪ Title V – Support for State response

- Epidemiology and data support
- Public education and awareness
- Coordination with state and local emergency preparedness staff
- Partnerships with health care providers and community



MCHB Response: Innovations

#WellChildWednesdays

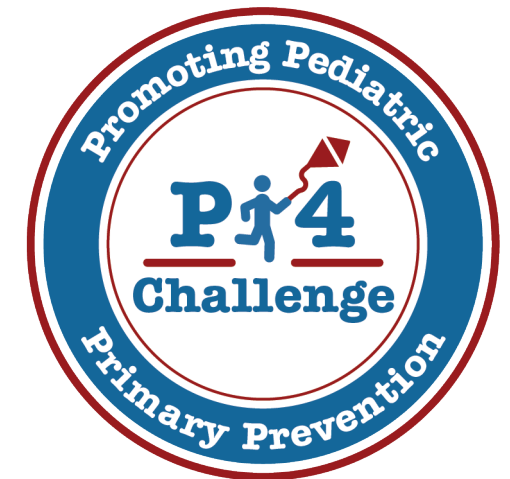
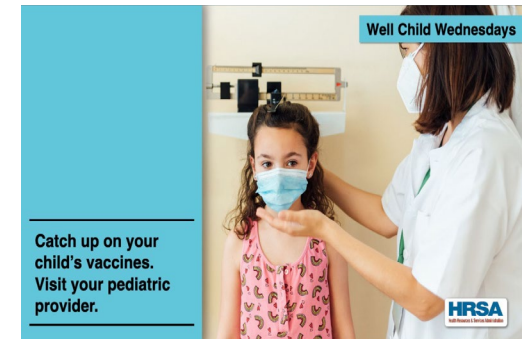
- Social media campaign to promote preventive care and immunizations
- Reached 330,000 people

Promoting Pediatric Primary Prevention (P4) Challenge

- Incentivize innovations to increase well-child visits and immunizations within pediatric primary care settings
- \$1 million prize purse

Emerging Issues in Maternal and Child Health Program

- Strengthen capacities of state and/or local organizations to respond to emerging public health issues affecting MCH populations
- \$1.5 million funding opportunity



HRSA Response: Health Center Program

Weekly (as of 1/8/2021) and cumulative data from the Health Center COVID-19 Weekly Survey:

- On average, **973** health centers (71%) respond weekly.
- To date, health centers have provided nearly **8.0 million** COVID-19 tests and administered more than **55,300** COVID-19 vaccines.
- Since April 10, over **34,000** (13%) health center staff have tested positive for COVID-19.
- In the 1/8/2021 survey, **82%** of health centers reported having viral COVID-19 walk-up or drive-up testing capacity, **30%** of visits were conducted virtually, and **95%** of health centers provided a portion of services via telehealth.



Health Center Survey Data: <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-health-center-data>

Health Center COVID-19 Race/Ethnicity Testing Dashboard: <https://data.hrsa.gov/topics/health-centers/covid-testing>

COVID-19 Health Center Survey Maps: <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-health-center-data/survey-maps>

HRSA Response: Rural Health

- **New funding**
 - Rural Health Clinics (RHC), rural acute care general hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals, and Community Health Center sites located in rural areas to assist in addressing the effects of the COVID pandemic beyond testing
 - Rural Health Clinic (RHC) COVID-19 Testing Program for testing and testing related expenses in Rural Health Clinics
 - Rural tribal related COVID-19 grants
 - Rural hospitals related COVID-19 grants
- **Expanded national telehealth capabilities and utilization**
 - [Telehealth.HHS.gov](https://www.telehealth.hhs.gov) provides information and resources for clinicians and patients
 - Telehealth Resource Centers provide technical assistance to telehealth providers
 - Licensure Portability Program assists clinicians with licensure and credentialing to meet emerging needs



HRSA Response: Provider Relief Fund

\$180 Billion in funding in FY20 and FY21 (to date)

- **Direct Provider Payments**
 - General and Targeted Distributions
 - General Distribution:
 - ✓ Broad eligibility and standard payments
 - Targeted Distribution:
 - ✓ Supporting Providers Experiencing High Disease Burden
 - ✓ Controlling and Preventing COVID-19 Infections in Residential Facilities
 - ✓ Ensuring Financial Viability for Rural and Safety Net Providers
 - ✓ Supporting Children's Hospitals
- **Claims Reimbursement Programs**
 - Remove barriers to accessing COVID-19 testing, treatment and vaccine administration for uninsured individuals and COVID-19 vaccine administration for underinsured individuals.
 - COVID-19 Claims Reimbursement to Health Care Providers and Facilities for Testing, Treatment and Vaccine Administration for the Uninsured



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