

Health Resources & Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau

How Behavioral Health is Addressed in Our Programs



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HRSA's Reach

- More than 27 million individuals were served in over 11,000 service delivery sites operated by the nearly 1,400 health centers funded by the Health Center Program in 2017.
- Over 61 million women, infants, children, and adolescents benefit from HRSA's maternal and child health programs.
- Over 500,000 people living with HIV/AIDS receive services through more than 900 HRSA-funded Ryan White Clinics . Two-thirds are members of minority groups.
- More than 10,400 National Health Service Corps clinicians are working in underserved areas, in exchange for loan repayment or scholarships.

How MCHB Addresses Behavioral Health



MCHB programs fundamentally promote mental health & wellbeing of MCH populations across the lifespan.

We focus efforts on multiple levels:

✓ **the provider level,**

e.g., Healthy Start and Home Visiting; Clinical Guidelines

✓ **the systems level,**

e.g., Title V MCH Block Grant; 2 NEW tele-behavioral health grants to states; grants to states to build early childhood systems of care; Rural Health IMPACT grant; Improve capacity of school-based health care services, & school MH systems; Support bullying prevention at the national, state and local levels



How MCHB Addresses Behavioral Health (cont.)



- ✓ **the innovation level,**
e.g., MCHB Grand Challenges, Addressing Opioid Use Disorder in Pregnant Women and New Moms
- ✓ **the workforce training level,**
e.g., Developmental Behavioral Peds and Collab Office Rounds
- ✓ **the patient and family level,**
e.g., state-based Family to Family Health Information Centers
- ✓ **the policy level,**
e.g., Supporting MCH Policy Innovation Program (MCH PIP)

MCHB's **NEW** Webpage on Behavioral Health:

<https://mchb.hrsa.gov/maternal-child-health-initiatives/mental-behavioral-health>



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