

Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Needs Assessment

Introduction

The Nevada Home Visiting (NHV) and Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Programs are conducting a community needs assessment. These programs are housed in the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Section of the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health. Between July and September of 2019, community surveys and focus groups will identify statewide MCH health needs and service gaps to direct future funding.

Needs Assessment Goals

MCAH is asking Nevada MCH communities, service providers and other stakeholders to identify their MCH needs, gaps and important population health indicators. This feedback will be used to set priorities for upcoming years, data from which will inform projects to lead to improved MCH outcomes.

Tribal Nations

Tribal Nations in Nevada have specific MCH needs which can only be identified by and with a strong representation from tribal communities. MCAH invites tribal representatives to participate in the needs assessment survey and focus groups to make their MCH needs known, thereby establishing their voice in future MCH priorities.

Program Overview

The NHV Program provides home visiting services in Carson City, Storey, Lyon, Washoe, Elko, Clark, Mineral and Nye counties. These services include screening and referral for substance use, intimate partner violence, and depression for parents/caregivers, and developmental screenings and referrals for children. Families also receive assistance and referrals for food, housing, utilities, employment and education. NHV currently provides direct home visiting services in partnership with the Yerington Paiute Tribe.

Nevada's Title V MCH Program works with diverse public and private partners across the state to improve MCH health outcomes, serving women of childbearing age, pregnant women, infants, adolescents, and children, including Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN).

Contact Information

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