MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH APPROPRIATIONS ALLIANCE

Who We Are

The Maternal and Child Health Appropriations Alliance (MCHAA) is a growing coalition of maternal and child health (MCH) and MCH-related national organizations that have a federal government affairs footprint. We are focused solely on ensuring robust and sustained federal investment in MCH. Together, leaders and subject matter experts from policy and advocacy groups, public health and governmental health agencies, clinical and provider networks, and community-based organizations partner together to highlight the importance and interconnectedness of the myriad of federal programs that support the health, safety, and well-being of mothers, children, and families nationwide.

MCHAA advocates for robust funding for the full spectrum of MCH programs across the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of Agriculture (USDA).

As Congress continues the critical work around federal investments to protect the health of our country, MCHAA is your trusted resource on all aspects of MCH. For additional information, please contact Sherie Lou Santos, MPH, Chief of Policy, Government Affairs, and Communications at ssantos@amchp.org.

MCH Funding Across Federal Agencies

Agencies and programs within HHS and USDA work together to protect Americans' health and prevent disease. The United States continues to face persistent challenges within MCH, including maternal and infant mortality and morbidity, access to quality care, preventive services, and programs that support families' physical, emotional, and developmental health.

Examples of the critical work being done across HHS and USDA:

Agency / Program	Examples of Critical Work throughout HHS and USDA
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	Protects maternal and child health by tracking outcomes, responding to health emergencies that affect pregnant and postpartum individuals, infants, and children, and supporting programs that promote healthier lives for families.
National Institutes of Health (NIH)	Advances maternal and child health research by discovering treatments, interventions, and preventive measures for conditions affecting pregnancy, childbirth, infancy, and childhood.
Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)	Invests in the maternal and child health workforce and funds programs that ensure access to high-quality prenatal, pediatric, and postpartum care.
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	Supports maternal and child mental health by helping communities provide prevention, treatment, and recovery services for behavioral health and substance use conditions during pregnancy, postpartum, and childhood
Food and Drug Administration (FDA)	Ensures that mothers and children have access to safe, effective, and reliable foods, medicines, and medical products, preventing harm and improving health outcomes from birth onward.
Administration for Children and Families (ACF)	Strengthens maternal and child health through supporting programs that promote economic and social well-being.
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)	Utilizes data, research, and health systems to improve maternal and childcare.
Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)	Advances maternal and child health through programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Women, Infants, Children (WIC) which enable families to access nutritious foods and provide targeted nutrition support, breastfeeding services, and referrals to healthcare and social services for pregnant individuals, infants, and young children.