

Maternal and Child Health (Title V) Needs Assessment



DHS is planning a needs assessment to help pick our state's family health priorities for the next five years. Let us know what is important in your community.

What is it?

- Title V of the Social Security Act provides grants to states to improve the health of families, including children with special health care needs.
- The Title V, Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block grant is the only federal program that focuses solely on improving the health of children and their families.
- States decide how to use the funding to best address the priority health needs of children and their families. As part of this, DHS' Maternal and Child Health program does a comprehensive, statewide needs assessment every five years.
- The identified priorities will be used to plan the focus of family health programs and projects implemented between 2026–2030.

How does it work?

- The Maternal and Child health needs assessment surveys will be available by email and online in summer 2024.
- Everyone in Wisconsin will have the chance to say what is going well in their communities and recommend what more could be done to improve the health of families.
- DHS will compile existing data and the responses from the needs assessment to develop the state's priorities.
- The goal for the upcoming needs assessment is to hear from people from all backgrounds and parts of our state, as well as those most impacted by future family health improvement efforts and experiences.

What's next?

[Visit our webpage](#) and subscribe to our mailing list to get notified when the Maternal and Child Health (Title V) needs assessment launches this summer.

We want to hear from you and your family! This means all those connected by bonds of love, kinship, and shared experiences, including nuclear families, extended families, single-parent families, same-sex parent families, adoptive families, multi-generational families, and chosen families. The definition of family has evolved to embrace diverse structures that provide support, care, and a sense of belonging.

