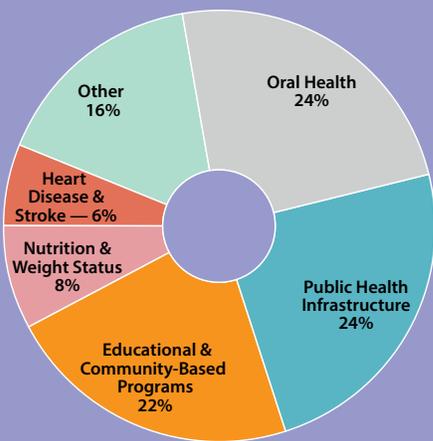


Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant

Mississippi

How Mississippi Invested PHS Block Grant Funding

Total FY 2015 Funding: \$1,993,009



PHHS Block Grant helped MSDH fund the Child Occupant Protection Program, which teaches parents how to properly use child safety seats.

Saving Lives Through Correct Use of Child Safety Seats

Buckling children in child safety seats can reduce car vehicle injuries and save lives. Proper child safety seat use reduces the risk of death by 71% for babies younger than 1 year and by 54% for toddlers aged 1–4 years. In 2014, car crashes killed 21 Mississippi children under age 14. In that same year, 90% of Mississippi children were not riding in child safety seats correctly. The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) used part of its Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant funding for the state's Child Occupant Protection Program. This program teaches parents how to properly install child safety seats in their vehicles and how to secure their children safely. Also, a small portion of PHHS Block Grant funds was used to help purchase more than 1,000 child safety seats for families with lower incomes.

MSDH taught five Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) training courses, increasing the number of trained technicians to 300 statewide. CPST training certifies technicians in child seat safety and proper seat installation. These technicians then conduct safety trainings in communities to teach parents and others. In 2014, CPSTs held 30 child safety seat trainings at state buildings, fire and sheriffs' departments, schools, daycares, local health departments, WIC offices, and churches across the state, reaching about 650 people.

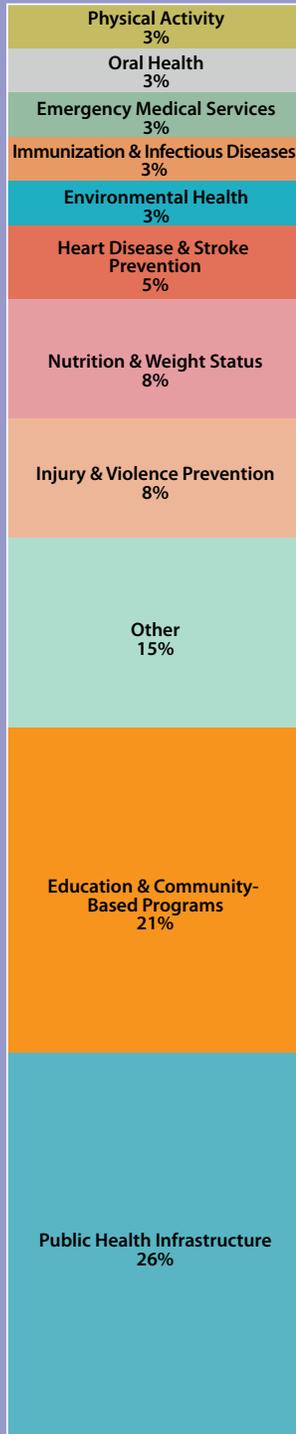
CPSTs at more than 30 inspection stations statewide helped parents and other caregivers receive education, information, and assistance in proper child safety seat use and installation. MSDH staff, health educators, and Safe Kids Mississippi advertised the initiative with flyers, emails, and advertisements through the local health department and radio station.

Using PHHS Block Grant funding, Mississippi will continue to teach residents about proper child passenger safety.



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2015 Top-Funded Health Areas



Excludes all non-discretionary funding: administrative costs (up to 10%), direct assistance, and funds set aside for sexual violence (rape prevention).

What is the PHHS Block Grant?

The Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant provides flexible federal funding to 61 states, tribes, and US territories. These grantees use the funding to meet vital public health needs within their jurisdictions that align with national priorities—the Healthy People (HP) 2020 objectives.

Block Grant Investment Across the Nation

In fiscal year 2015, the 61 grantees received about \$126 million from the PHHS Block Grant to support critical programs and services. Most funds (85%) supported HP 2020 objectives in 10 key areas: 1) Public Health Infrastructure, 2) Education and Community-Based Programs, 3) Injury and Violence Prevention, 4) Nutrition and Weight Status, 5) Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, 6) Environmental Health, 7) Immunization and Infectious Diseases, 8) Emergency Medical Services, 9) Oral Health, and 10) Physical Activity.

Public Health Infrastructure was the most funded area (26% of total funding); 43 grantees directed funds toward public health systems assessment, health improvement planning, accreditation, quality improvement, laboratory services, and other infrastructure activities. Education and Community-Based Programs was the second-most funded area (21% of total funding); 29 grantees directed funds toward community-based primary prevention services, worksite health promotion programs, and culturally appropriate community health programs.

Grantees also directed funds toward supporting local organizations working to improve community health (27% of total funding) and reduce health disparities (23% of total funding).