

# Local Considerations for Maternal and Child Health

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# NACCHO Strategic Priorities

## OUR MISSION

To improve the health of communities by strengthening and advocating for local health departments

## OUR VISION

Optimal health, equity, and security for all people in all communities

- All health departments are able to deliver the essential public health services appropriate for their community
- NACCHO is recognized as the national advocate for nearly 3,000 local health departments
- NACCHO optimizes strategic alliances and partnerships

# Local Health Departments Landscape

Figure 7.1: Clinical Programs and Services Provided Directly by LHDs in the Past Year

Program/Service	% of LHDs
Immunization	--
Childhood immunizations	88%
Adult immunizations	88%
Screening for diseases/conditions	--
Tuberculosis	86%
Other STDs	70%
HIV/AIDS	62%
Body Mass Index (BMI)	52%
Diabetes	39%
Cancer	31%
Cardiovascular disease	25%
Treatment for communicable diseases	--
Tuberculosis	83%
Other STDs	52%
HIV/AIDS	46%

Program/Service	% of LHDs
Maternal and child health services	--
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	68%
Early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment	38%
Well child clinic	30%
Prenatal care	30%
Other clinical services	--
Oral health	30%
Home health care	15%
Substance abuse	15%
Behavioral/mental health	12%
Comprehensive primary care	11%

# Local Health Departments Landscape 2

Figure 7.5: Maternal and child health services provided directly by LHDs in the past year, by the size of population served and degree of urbanization

Program/Service	All LHDs	Small population (<50,000)	Medium population (50,000-499,999)	Large population (500,000+)	Urban	Rural
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	68%	64%	71%	82%	59%	76%
Early and period screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT)	38%	41%	37%	27%	29%	48%
Well child clinic	30%	30%	29%	31%	26%	34%
Prenatal care	30%	28%	32%	31%	25%	35%

n=1,226-1,455

Program/Service	All LHDs	Small population (<50,000)	Medium population (50,000-499,999)	Large population (500,000+)	Urban	Rural
Childhood immunizations	88%	86%	92%	90%	81%	96%
Adult immunizations	88%	86%	91%	92%	80%	93%

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# Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Initiatives

The Maternal and Child Health portfolio provides support to local health departments and community-based organizations to support maternal, child, and adolescent populations through:

- Advocacy
- Partnerships
- Funding
- Training and Education
- Networking
- Resources, Tools, and Technical Assistance

## Portfolio Highlights:

Chest/Breastfeeding and Early Childhood Nutrition

Building Community Resilience through MCH and Emergency Preparedness and Response Collaborations

COVID-19 Mitigation in Early Childcare and Education Programs

# Local Health Department Perspectives

## Concerns and Considerations

- Safe sleep
- Access to prenatal and postpartum care
- Mental health during and after pregnancy
- Substance use
- Congenital syphilis

## What does it take?

- Partnerships
- Home visiting programs
- Advisory committees and local coalitions
- Education
- Screening
- Advocacy

**Population considerations and disparities:** Increase access to resources for those affected by structural and medical racism, undocumented and low-income families, young first-time mothers, and those with behavioral health diagnoses

# Policy and Education

## Policy Statements

- [Access to School-Based Data](#)
- [Children's Environmental Health](#)
- [Children's Health Insurance Program](#)
- [Childhood Lead Poisoning](#)
- [Children's Environmental Health](#)
- [Comprehensive Adolescent Health](#)
- [Graduated Driver Licensing](#)
- [Healthy Fatherhood and Male Involvement](#)
- [Nurse Home Visiting Programs](#)
- [School and Child Care Immunization Requirements](#)
- [Sexual Health Education](#)
- [Women's Health](#)
- [Youth Violence Prevention](#)



Policy statements educate and urge action by:

- Federal agencies
- State public health officials
- Elected officials at all levels
- Local health departments
- Partner organizations

# Policy and Education 2

## Letters to Congress and the Administration

- [Joint Letter Urging Congress to Strengthen WIC Services \(11/4/22\)](#)
- [Joint Letter to OMB Requesting an Allocation of \\$512 Million for Title X Family Planning Program in FY2023 President's Budget \(9/3/21\)](#)
- [Joint Letter to Congress Requesting Reauthorization of Child Nutrition Programs \(7/1/21\)](#)
- [Joint Letter to Congress Requesting Increased Funding for the Title X Family Planning Program in FY2022 \(5/18/21\)](#)
- [Letter to the Administration Providing Comment to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking "Ensuring Access to Equitable, Affordable, Client-Centered, Quality Family Planning Services \(5/17/21\)](#)
- [Joint Letter to Congress Requesting an Increase in Investments for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children \(WIC\) \(5/17/21\)](#)
- [Joint Letter to Congress Requesting Support for Child Nutrition Programs in an Upcoming Infrastructure Package \(4/9/21\)](#)
- [Joint Letter to Congress Requesting \\$100 Million for the Surveillance for Emerging threats to Mothers and Babies Network \(SET-NET\) at CDC \(4/8/21\)](#)
- [Joint Letter to Congress Requesting \\$750 Million for the Title V Maternal, and Child Health \(MCH\) Services Block Grant in FY2022 \(3/24/21\)](#)
- [Joint Statement Urging COVID-19 Vaccine be Available to Pregnant Individuals \(2/3/21\)](#)





# Policy and Education 3

- [Joint Letter to Congress Supporting the Passage of the Bipartisan "Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act" \(H.R. 4995\) \(12/8/10\)](#)
- [Joint Letter to Congress Urging Support for the "Pandemic Child Hunger Prevention Act" \(H.R. 7887\) \(8/24/20\)](#)
- [Joint Letter to Congress Requesting COVID-19 Emergency Legislation Include an Extension of USDA Waiver Authority for WIC Services \(7/31/20\)](#)
- [Joint Letter to Congress Requesting Extension of Medicaid Coverage for Pregnant Patients to a Full Year Postpartum \(7/23/20\)](#)
- [Letter Responding to CMS Request for Information Regarding Maternal and Infant Health Care in Rural Communities \(5/31/20\)](#)
- [Joint Letter to Congress Requesting Support for the Title X Program Rule \(5/22/20\)](#)
- [Joint Letter to Congress Requesting \\$100 million for CDC's Surveillance for Emerging Threats to Moms and Babies \(5/7/20\)](#)
- [Joint Letter to USDA Requesting Waivers to Ensure Access to Meals During COVID-19 \(3/25/20\)](#)
- [Joint Letter to Congress Requesting Increased Funding for the Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant \(3/10/20\)](#)
- [Joint Letter to Congress Requesting Funding for the Title X Family Planning Program \(2/28/20\)](#)
- [Letter to Congress on Addressing the US Maternal Mortality Crisis \(1/27/20\)](#)

# Thank You!

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