

The Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Service of the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) and Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Program are conducting a Maternal and Child Health Needs Assessment. As part of this Needs Assessment, we are distributing a Public Input Survey to women, youth, parents, and community members to assess the needs of the MCH population in Oklahoma.

We have identified you as an essential partner in the health services provided to Oklahoma's population of women, infants, and children, including those with special health care needs. Your direct link to the MCH population is highly valued by the MCH Service and CYSHCN Program. For that reason, we are asking if you would be willing to complete as well as distribute a Public Input Survey to the population you serve so that the needs of women, children, and families in your community are heard.

### **What is a Maternal and Child Health Needs Assessment?**

- As a part of the Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant, every five years the MCH Service and CYSHCN Program completes a comprehensive needs assessment to better understand the current state of health and well-being of women, children, and families in Oklahoma.
- The comprehensive needs assessment consists of a public input survey, listening sessions, analyses of state data, a capacity assessment of Title V and MCH-related programs, recognition of ongoing and emerging issues, and the expertise of MCH and CYSHCN professionals.
- We are currently reviewing existing materials, reports, and data to answer the question, '*What are the needs of the MCH population?*'. However, we also recognize the information we already know does not represent all community needs and that things may have changed since information was last collected. For that reason, we are sending out a Public Input Survey.

### **What is the Public Input Survey and how can you help?**

- The Public Input Survey is 7 questions long, with 5 additional demographic questions.
- Our goal is to hear from the public about all the needs of women, infants, and children, including those with special health care needs in Oklahoma.
- To help you can complete the survey yourself, post the Public Input Survey link on your website or social media, send it out via email distribution lists, and/or provide it to the people and families you serve.

More information about Oklahoma's Title V Program can be found at this link: [Title V Program](#)

If you are interested in helping us distribute the Public Input Survey or have any questions, please contact Cynthia Bates, SSDI Analyst, MCH Assessment, at (405) 871-6433 or [Cynthia.Bates@health.ok.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Bates@health.ok.gov).

Thank you for your engagement and your time!

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