

Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Programs (MCAH) Overview

Vision: All women, men, infants, children, adolescent, and their families in Los Angeles County will thrive in a safe, healthy, and nurturing environment.

Mission: To maximize the health and quality of life for all women, infants, children, and adolescents and their families in Los Angeles County.

The Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Programs is a division of the Department of Public Health in Los Angeles County. It is responsible for the planning, implementing and evaluating of services that address the health priorities and primary needs of infants, mothers, fathers, children and adolescents, and their families in Los Angeles County through ongoing assessment, policy development and quality assurance.

The MCAH staff is comprised of a multidisciplinary team of physicians, public health nurses, policy analysts, administrators, nutritionists, health educators, social workers, research analysts, epidemiologists, data systems analysts, and support staff. The majority (85%) of the MCAH budget comes from federal and state grants. In addition we actively partner with community-based organizations to fulfill community needs.

The following is an alphabetical list of programs and units within MCAH:

- Black Infant Health (BIH)
- Breastfeeding Support Program
- Child and Adolescent Health Program (CAH)
- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)
- Children's Health Initiatives (CHI)
- Children's Health Outreach Initiatives (CHOI)
- Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP)
- Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Program
- Newborn Screening
- Nurse - Family Partnership (NFP)/Prenatal Care Guidance Program (PCG)
- Reproductive Health Programs
- Research, Evaluation and Planning
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Program.

For information about the MCAH Program, please visit <http://lapublichealth.org/mch>.

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