

**Michigan Department of Community Health and the
Great Start System Team
Affordable Care Act:
Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program
UPDATE
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This is the seventh in a series of communications with individuals and organizations who are interested in Michigan's response to the *Affordable Care Act (ACA) Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)* that was issued by HHS on June 10, 2010. For information about the requirements of this program, please go to <http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/UpdateOffer?id=19148> where you can view and download the FOA referenced above.

HRSA released a Supplemental Information Request (SIR) on August 19, 2010; the SIR is available for review via the following link. This was a request for additional information for the state's original application (e.g. a Statewide Needs Assessment), rather than a new funding opportunity. Preliminary analysis results for the Statewide Needs Assessment were posted on September 9, 2010.

<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/apply/assistance/homevisiting/homevisitingsupplemental.pdf>.

With much local support, the Statewide Needs Assessment was submitted to HRSA on September 20, 2010. We subsequently received notification from HRSA that our submission has been reviewed and that we have met the requirements. As a result, HRSA has released Michigan's FY 2011 Maternal and Child Health Title V Block Grant funds (approximately \$19,000,000), and we have retained our FY 2010 Affordable Care Act (ACA) Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program funds in the amount of \$2,133,673 (thanks to an increase of almost \$119,000 from Michigan's original award).

Michigan's response to the SIR included:

1. a narrative describing the Statewide Needs Assessment results, including indicators and methods used to identify the counties with the highest concentration of risk, brief descriptions of those 10 counties, and an analysis of the state and local capacity for providing substance abuse treatment and counseling services;
2. a statewide data report describing Michigan's status on a specified set of indicators and metrics;
3. a data report for each of the 10 counties with the highest concentration of risk based on a specified set of indicators and metrics;
4. a state-level table of state and/or federally funded home visiting programs;

5. local tables describing state and/or federally funded home visiting programs in the 10 counties with the highest concentration of risk;
6. an analysis of the need for substance abuse treatment for the 10 counties with the highest concentration of risk.

The Statewide Needs Assessment will be available for review at both websites listed at the end of this document.

We would like to reiterate the state's recognition that all communities in the state have families at risk, especially given our economic and budget crisis. The federal Home Visiting program focuses on communities with the highest concentration of risk, as determined by indicators and metrics specified in the guidance, along with statewide and local infrastructure building efforts that will impact all parts of the state.

While we have identified ten counties at this stage, final determinations about how home visiting funding will be spent will be made once we receive the next round of guidance from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, sometime later this fall. At that time we will develop an Updated State Plan, including final designation of the targeted at-risk communities, along with a specified plan tailored to address the needs in the selected communities. The plan will also address statewide and local infrastructure building efforts.

Ongoing communications in this series of Updates about the Home Visiting program in Michigan will be distributed to interested stakeholders and posted on the following web sites:

Maternal Infant Health Program web site at www.michigan.gov/mihp

ECIC web site at www.greatstartforkids.org

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