



ARAPAHOE COUNTY

Maternal Child Health -- Community Health Nursing Division

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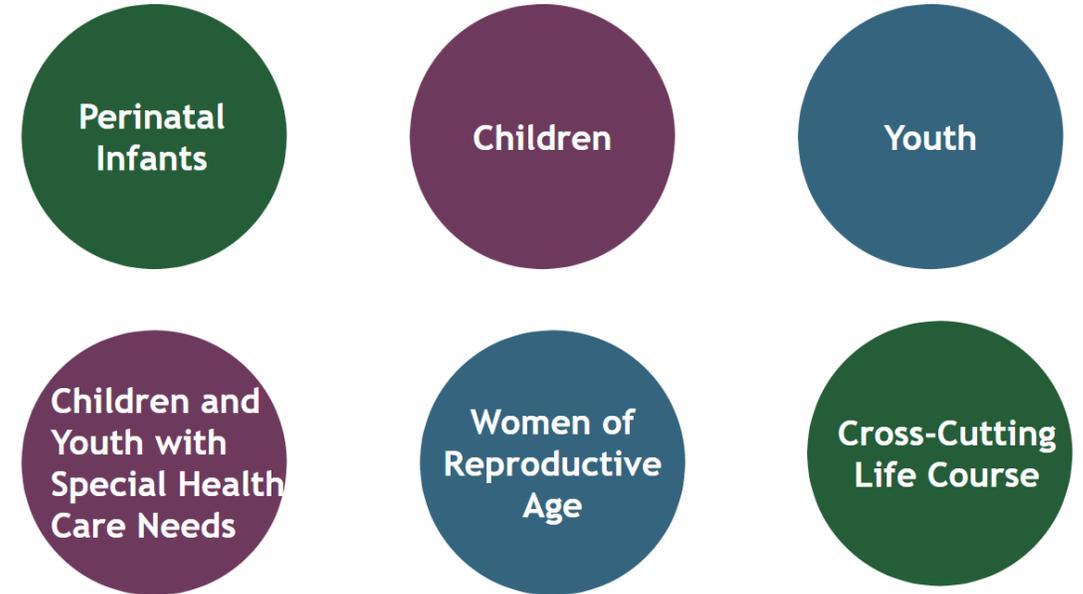


Program Overview

Maternal Child Health-Title V MCH Block Grant Funding

- Began in 1935 as part of Social Security Act with the goal to improve the public health systems for mothers, children, and their families.

- Administered by Maternal and Child Health Bureau, HRSA, U.S. DHHS, given to states, each state decide how to use the funding, and how to distribute to local public health agencies.



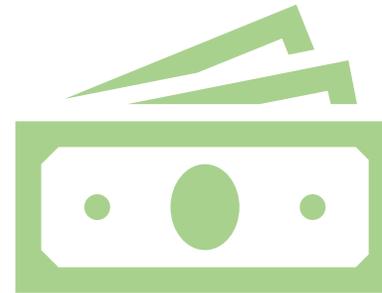


What We Do: 3 Priority Areas

- Chosen from a list of Colorado options from CDPHE
- All systems and partnership work; no direct services
- Activities and milestones are determined by an annual action plan, with flexibility to respond to local needs and changes



Access to
Supports



Economic
Mobility



Social-
Emotional
Well-Being

How We Do It: 3 Strategic Anchors



Racial Equity

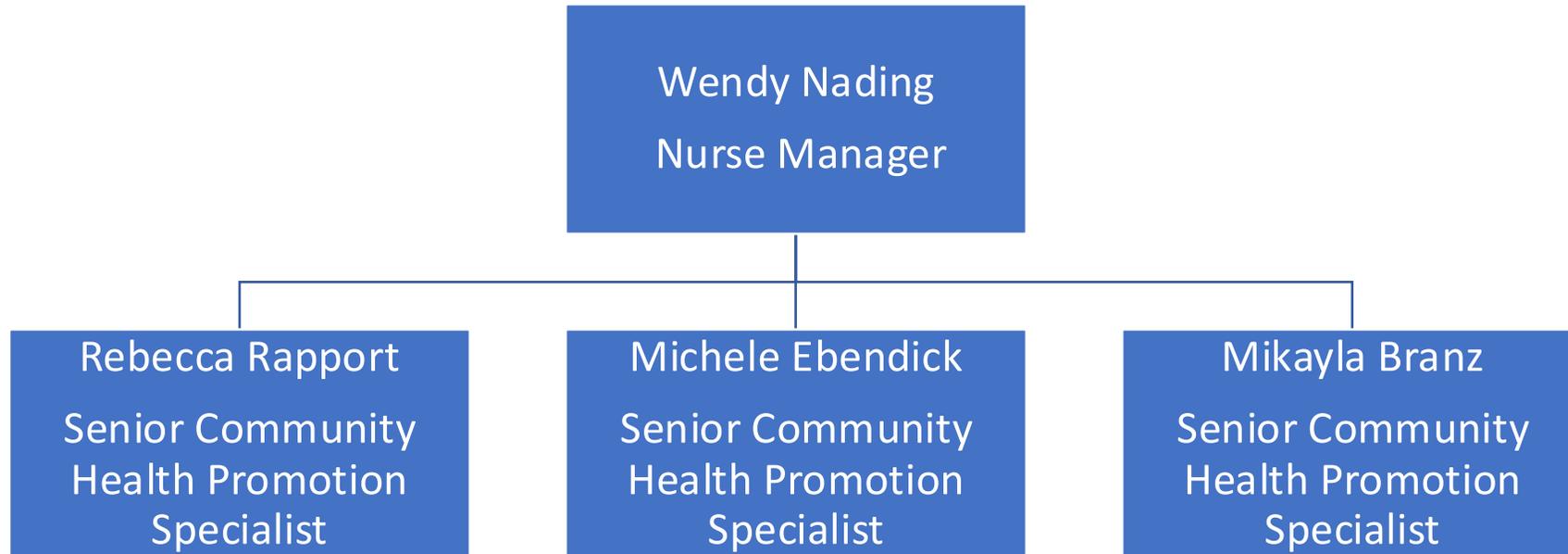


Moving Upstream



Community Inclusion

Who Does It: Staff Overview



With support and collaboration from ACPH Staff/Teams and Community Partners



MCH Community Collaboration Project



Problem Identification

Fall of 2023 we partnered with five agencies who serve Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) to understand what is working and not working for families in Arapahoe County who have CYSHCN.

What is working:

- Peer networking, especially via social media*
- Parent CNA programs*
- Developmental Pathways, Children's Hospital and Schools*

What is not working:

- Financial and Insurance Barriers*
 - Accessibility and Service Shortages*
 - Lack of Awareness and Understanding of Resources*
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Community Solutions

In 2024, we worked with community organizations to address the problem areas for families and their children who have special health care needs.

We shared the findings with CBOs and then asked what they would like to do if given funding to support of these needs.

Requirements of the CBO's:

- Reach the MCH and/or CYSHCN populations
 - Complete work prior to September 30, 2024
 - Complete a simple reporting form to share outcomes, successes and challenges
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Project Highlights

May to September 2024:

- Completed 26 projects with community partners and agencies
 - 2106 hours were spent on the project among the community programs and agencies
 - Reached an estimated 16,344 individuals
 - Provided \$130,625 in funds to community partners to support the MCH population and CYSHCN
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Project Examples

	Project	Ongoing partnership
El Grupo Vida	Expanded their Exchange Boutique to provide concrete supports to families in need, particularly newcomers and CYSHCN.	Community Tax Ambassadors under our Community of Practice; Provide care coordination to CYSHCN; Allow ACPH staff to access their Exchange Boutique for any client in need
CarePortal	Pilot project to help families access concrete supports via a request network of faith-based organizations.	WIC and NFP will begin making requests through CarePortal in April 2025; ACPH finalized procedure for making and prioritizing requests
Families Forward Resource Center	Sponsored a Back 2 School Bash, which distributed backpacks, community resources and educational components on Black birthing justice, equipping attendees with valuable knowledge and resources.	MCH and other ACPH staff continue to participate in the Healthy Babies Strong Families Coalition; MCH staff are on the planning committee for the annual More Black Birthdays event; ACPH submitted letter of support for HRSA funding



Lasting Impressions

- MCH and ACPH continue to partner with some of the organizations for other projects, such as tax outreach and housing navigation.
 - Have been asked to sit on various coalitions within the agencies to bring the public health, equity and MCH lens.
 - MCH has provided letters of support to organizations who pursue funding and projects that align with our priority populations.
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THANK YOU to the following at ACPH who supported our efforts:

- Executive Leadership
- Community Health Nursing Leadership
- Admin & Finance, specifically Justin Himes and Jason Ford who supported MCH with purchasing, invoicing and budget forecasting.





Looking Ahead

2025 Community Collaboration

- ~\$100,000 to spend with community organizations who support MCH and CYSHCN populations between May and September 2025.
 - Continue to find upstream community solutions for MCH population and CYSHCN while also aligning with the CHIP.
 - Focus on our MCH strategic anchors of community inclusion, racial equity and moving upstream when selecting CBOs to partner with.
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Questions?

