

# Maternal and Child Health Pyramid of Health Services

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The conceptual framework for the services of the Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant is envisioned as a pyramid with four tiers of services and levels of funding that provide comprehensive services for mothers and children. The pyramid also displays the uniqueness of the MCH Block Grant, which is the only Federal program that consistently provides services at all levels of the pyramid.



## DIRECT HEALTH CARE SERVICES

*(gap filling)*

Basic health services and health services for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN).

## ENABLING SERVICES

Transportation, translations, outreach, respite care, health education, family support services, purchase of health insurance, case management coordination with Medicaid, WIC, and Education.

## POPULATION-BASED SERVICES

Newborn screening, lead screening, immunization, sudden infant death syndrome counseling, oral health, injury prevention, nutrition, and outreach/public education.

## INFRASTRUCTURE-BUILDING SERVICES

Needs assessment, evaluation, planning, policy development, coordination, quality assurance, standards development, monitoring, training, applied research, systems of care, and information systems.