

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant

1st and 2nd Congressional Districts

Every year, the state of Washington receives \$8.77 million in funding from the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (MCHBG). Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, San Juan and Island Counties receive about \$822,000 of this funding to improve the health and lives of pregnant and reproductive-age women, infants, children, and adolescents, including children and youth with special healthcare needs.

In 2014, MCHBG funds directly benefited more than 14,000 pregnant women, approximately 87,000 newborns, more than 7,700 children with special healthcare needs, and more than 46,000 other children, adolescents, and adults statewide.

The MCHBG supports work in the 1st & 2nd Congressional Districts

Island County

- Help struggling Island County families and pregnant moms-to-be through home visiting programs.

San Juan County

- Connect children with special health care needs to available services and support.

Skagit County

- Create a single entry access point to care coordination for children with special healthcare needs.

Snohomish County

Story from the field

Staff that work with children with special needs connected the family of a 10-year-old Russian immigrant who was suffering from seizures to a neurologist at Seattle Children’s Hospital and helped her mother register her to attend school for the first time ever.

Whatcom County

- Work with a community collaborative, Whatcom Taking Action, to apply for and get Health Resources and Services Administration/American Academy of Pediatrics grant funding to implement a local mid-level evaluation program for children suspected to have autism spectrum disorder.



For more information about how the department uses these important funds, contact:

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