

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant

8th Congressional District

Every year, the state of Washington receives about \$8.77 million in funding from the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (MCHBG). Of this funding, Chelan and Kittitas Counties receive about \$107,000, King County receives about \$1,021,000, and Pierce County receives about \$579,000 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 8th Congressional District

Chelan County

Story from the field

A nurse and community health worker coordinated services for a Spanish-speaking mom of twins with health issues. The children are getting services, and the mom is getting much-needed support.

King County

- Support several initiatives, including nursing services for infants and children with complex health needs, technical assistance to childcare providers and support to first-time, low-income mothers receiving home visiting services.

Kittitas County

- Take part in the Kittitas County Breastfeeding Coalition, a group that provides a breastfeeding station at the Kittitas County Fair, makes rice bags for new mothers at the Kittitas Valley Healthcare Birthing Unit, and provides local agencies educational materials for breastfeeding moms.

Pierce County

- Take part in the Pierce Perinatal Collaborative, working on safe sleep, housing, oral health, collective impact, and emotional health.
- Connected home visiting nurses with families with children with special health care needs as well as pregnant women and new moms to provide education, referrals, and support at times of need.



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