

## Department of Health and Human Services

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### Healthy Start Initiative (CFDA 93.926)

FY 09	95,889,912
FY 10	102,000,000
FY 11	104,361,000

**Grant Type:** Competitive Grants

**Grantee Type:** All state local and Non-governmental Organizations.

**Grant Uses:** Every Healthy Start project implements community-driven approaches to address infant mortality rates by reducing maternal behavioral and medical risk factors and promoting healthy outcomes for women and their families. Beginning with prenatal care and continuing through the infant's second year of life, each community awarded funds assures the availability of a core set of services and activities for the prenatal population in their project area.

These services include: case management, home visiting and links to health care, and other needed services for mothers and their infants; direct outreach and peer mentoring by trained community members; screening and referral for prenatal/postpartum depression; **and strong coordination with and access to substance abuse, domestic violence, mental health, early intervention, parenting and other critical services for high-risk women and families.**

In addition, each Healthy Start project is required to have a community-based consortium composed of individuals and organizations and that includes women and families served by their project, to collaborate with their State Title V (MCH) Agency, and to implement a local health system action plan to improve the quality, cultural competence of and access to services and/or to address other problems in the local system of care.

Weblink: <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/healthystart/index.html>