

**Maternal Child Health – Federal Block Grant
Ohio – Nine Critical Priorities
FFY 2011 - 2015**

Categories/Priorities
A. Improve the health of children and adolescents (e.g., obesity, STD, oral health, decreasing deaths, improving health outcomes).
1. Increase physical activity and improve nutrition
2. Increase breastfeeding initiation and duration rates
3. Improve early childhood development
B. Increase positive pregnancy outcomes and preconception health (e.g., decrease infant mortality and decrease premature births).
4. Decrease rate of smoking for pregnant women, young women and parents
C. System Improvement
5. Increase the viability of the health care safety net
6. Increase the number of women, children and adolescents with a health home
7. Increase access to evidence based community prevention programs
8. Increase successful transition of special needs children from pediatric/adolescent to adult health care systems
9. Improve the availability of useful and accurate health care data and information (this relates to quality and capacity)
Blue shading – Identifies the nine (9) MCH Critical Priorities. *Note 1 – 9 are not ranked in any specific order of importance within and/or among Categories.