The Louisiana Children’s Healthy Weight CoIIN team enlisted MCH Nutrition Trainees from Tulane University to conduct assessments on the level of nutrition integration in Title V within the state’s Bureau of Family Health. Since Fall 2020, two cohorts of MCH Nutrition Trainees have rotated through the program. As part of the Title V 5-year statewide Needs Assessment, Cohort 1 trainees investigated the role that nutrition plays in reducing health disparities and improving health outcomes within Title V’s populations. They also explored opportunities to integrate nutrition-focused strategies into Title V programming. The trainees in Cohort 2 initiated a Bureau-wide conversation about food security by assessing Louisiana Title V staff’s existing knowledge of food security. Informed by the assessment findings, students delivered a 20-minute educational presentation to staff.

**METHODOLOGY**
- Identify assessment methodology for examining the role of nutrition across Title V population domains including Women’s/Maternal Health, Perinatal/Infant Health, Child Health, Adolescent Health, and Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs
- Partner with Tulane University’s Nutrition MCH Leadership Training Program to structure and conduct key informant interviews with Title V Program Leads within the Bureau of Family Health
- Identify key nutritional issues or considerations for each Title V population group as a result of the interviews
- Focus on food insecurity due to the state’s high food insecurity rates and prioritize health equity within the Bureau of Family Health

**TITLE V PROGRAM CONNECTION**
- Five Title-V staff contributed to the project

**DESIRED OUTCOMES**
- Develop and maintain a 20-hour immersive collaborative project designed with the dual purposes of improving integration of nutrition concepts into Title V programming and providing MCH Nutrition Trainees practical real-life public health experience within the state Title V agency
- Increase visibility and understanding of relevance of food insecurity in Title V programming
- Utilize nationally recognized subject matter experts to bolster integration efforts and assist with future cohort project planning

**PARTICIPANTS & PARTNERS**
- Louisiana Bureau of Family Health
- Tulane University School of Public Health
- Well-Ahead Louisiana
- WIC

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**GOAL:**
Establish a partnership between Louisiana Title V and a Tulane Nutrition Leadership Training Program to develop a 20-hour immersive collaborative project designed with the dual purposes of improving integration of nutrition concepts into Title V programming and providing MCH Nutrition Trainees practical real-life public health experience within the state Title V agency.