



Engage, Explore, Envision

A “Meeting in a Box” for Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Title V of the Social Security Act

Evolution of the Title V MCH Block Grant

1. Go to <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/timeline> and choose “Oral Histories” in the In Depth Issues drop-down menu. Watch video “Module 4: Political Environment” (6 min, 17 sec), in which Peter van Dyck, Bernard Guyer, and Bill Hollinshead discuss the political maneuverings involved in shaping Title V during the time when it was converted to a Block Grant.

Discuss:

What were the political challenges faced by Title V directors in 1981?

What strategies did they use to educate policymakers?

How have the political challenges changed or stayed the same since then?

2. Watch video “Module 5: The Present and the Future” (5 min, 52 sec), in which Peter van Dyck, Bernard Guyer, and Bill Hollinshead discuss the changes to Title V in the 1980s and 1990s, the current challenges to the program, and political and programmatic strategies for change.

Discuss:

What are the emerging challenges for Title V?

How are the strategies changing?