AMCHP Releases 100-Day Agenda for New Administration

Last week, AMCHP shared with the incoming presidential administration a 100-Day Policy Agenda to improve the health of all women, children and families, including those with special health care needs. The agenda includes recommendations on funding priorities, access priorities, public health legislation and MCH leadership priorities.

115th Congress Convenes

On Jan. 3, the 115th Congress convened and went straight to work to achieve an ambitious legislative agenda. In week one, the Senate already set the stage for the series of actions that will be needed to move forward with repealing the Affordable Care Act (ACA), though much remains in limbo. The Senate took the first step by putting forward a budget resolution, which will be voted on this week, containing instructions to the relevant Senate and House committees to develop bills that are intended to pave the way for ACA repeal. The House will then act to pass the same resolution and then the committees will be tasked with presenting their recommendations by Jan. 27, at which point the Budget Committee in each chamber will put together a complete package known as Reconciliation that would be the vehicle for essentially repealing the ACA.

At this point, however, there is a debate about moving forward on a repeal bill without a clearer picture of what replacement looks like and that could potentially trip up progress on reconciliation. AMCHP will continue to closely monitor all action in this, including funding implications for Planned Parenthood and the Prevention and Public Health Fund. We will share analyses as well as develop positions as appropriate.

Finally, please save the first Thursday of every month for a new series of AMCHP National MCH Policy Teleconferences. The next one will occur on Feb. 2 at 2:00 p.m. EST. Stay tuned for registration and call-in information.

Congratulations to Christopher Dykton, New DSCH Deputy Director

Christopher Dykton has been named deputy director for the Division of State and Community Health (DSCH) in the U.S. Maternal and Child Health Bureau. He will provide leadership and direction for the State Title V Maternal and Child Health and Children with Special Health Care Needs program and the discretionary grants/cooperative agreements that are administered by DSCH. Dykton will also provide technical guidance to multidisciplinary staff who are based in central and regional offices, and work with federal, state and local leaders to address MCH issues and advance the development of comprehensive systems of care for women, infants, children and their families.

Health Systems Transformation

State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grants

In mid-December, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment and Center for Substance Abuse Prevention released a funding opportunity announcement to address the opioid crisis. The purpose of the funding is threefold: increase access to treatment, reduce overdose-related deaths through prevention, reduce unmet treatment need, and treatment and recovery activities;
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supplement current opioid activities in the state agency or territory; and support comprehensive response to the opioid epidemic using strategic planning and needs/strengths assessments.

The grants will be awarded to states and territories through a formula based on unmet treatment needs for opioid abuse or dependence and the number of drug poisoning deaths. The awards of these grants in the coming year will provide an important opportunity for Title V programs to partner with substance abuse programs in combating this epidemic. Title V programs are especially well-positioned to bring expertise on the impact of opioids on the MCH population and current activities being undertaken through MCH agencies. More information about the FOA can be found here.

GET INVOLVED

Earn Recognition as an MCH Scholar

The $3,500 Go Beyond MCH Emerging MCH Graduate Student Scholarship will again be awarded at the AMCHP Annual Conference in 2017! The annual scholarship recognizes an outstanding student who is completing a master’s or doctorate degree in an MCH field. The award covers educational and AMCHP Conference attendance expenses. Applications must be received by Jan. 20.

Strengthen Your System of Care for CYSHCN

AMCHP, in partnership with the National Academy for State Health Policy and with support from the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Health, is excited to announce a Request for Applications for state teams interested in receiving peer-to-peer technical assistance (TA) in adopting the National Standards for Systems of Care for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs to improve their state systems of care for these children. To promote shared practices and collaboration, AMCHP will provide targeted TA for five state teams composed of state Title V CYSHCN directors and key partners including Medicaid/CHIP, health plans, families/consumers, provider groups and community service organizations. Participants will join an Action Learning Collaborative focused on strengthening their state systems of care for children and youth with special health care needs by using or adapting the National Standards. Applications are due by Jan. 23. For questions, contact Kate Taft at ktaft@amchp.org or click here.

Promoting Health Equity in the U.S.

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will release its report on Community-Based Solutions to Promote Health Equity in a live event in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 11 from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ET. The event will explore the roots of health inequities in the United States and how communities can use promising solutions to advance health equity. If you are unable to attend the event, a live webcast will also be available.

Enhance Your Understanding of Family Involvement

The Center for the Study of Social Policy will host a webinar on Jan. 11 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. ET. The presentation will summarize a fresh approach to family engagement along a continuum, highlighting cutting-edge strategies for early childhood agency and program leaders to promote equity-driven, family-led systems change. The webinar will also explore policy and practice implications.

Identifying Autism Risk Factors

The Autism Research Institute will host a webinar on Jan. 18 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET that will discuss how public health professionals can help improve autism risk

Get a Discount for AMCHP 2017!

There is no better way to begin the new year than to invest in your professional development and save money by registering for the 2017 AMCHP Annual Conference. This is the perfect opportunity to connect and network with more than 800 public health officials who share an interest in maternal and child health.

Register on or before Jan. 26 to receive an early bird discount!

For additional questions and information, please contact Emma Hoover at amchpreg@conferencemanagers.com. We look forward to seeing you in Kansas City, Mo., on March 4-7!

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factors during the perinatal period. Free certificates of participation will be available following the webinar.

**Expand Your Knowledge on FASD**
The American Academy of Pediatrics will host a webinar on Jan. 18 from 4:00-4:30 p.m. ET. The presentation will focus on defining terms used to describe the conditions that fall under the umbrella of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASDs), describing the signs that may indicate prenatal alcohol exposure and a possible condition along the continuum of FASDs.

**Learn More about Workforce Pipeline Development Programs for Youth**
The New England Regional Health Equity Council will host a webinar on Jan. 23 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET. The webinar’s objectives include understanding workforce development for youth rooted in education opportunities and career exploration/exposure, which leads to healthy outcomes; communicate the role of youth workforce development in graduation and retention rates for young adult students of color; identify motivational factors of workforce development for youth of color; and collaborate across sectors for youth workforce development.

**January is Cervical Health Awareness Month**
In January, the National Cervical Cancer Coalition (NCCC) and its chapters across the country will highlight issues related to cervical cancer, HPV and the importance of early detection. Help spread the word in your community by joining the social media Thunderclap campaign on Jan. 16 at 12:00 p.m. ET. Other resources on cervical health from NCCC and the American Sexual Health Association (ASHA) include a fact sheet, a free e-book and episodes of ASHA’s Sex + Health podcast.

**Unique Challenges of Opioid Use Disorder in Women**
The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention will host the next Public Health Grand Rounds installment on Jan. 17 at 1 p.m. ET. This presentation will address the recent increase in overdose death, related to the misuse of opioids and heroin. While men were more likely than women to die of opioid overdose, the number of overdose deaths from opioids among women has increased substantially.

**Become a Leader in Public Health**
The Kresge Foundation is seeking applicants for the Emerging Leaders in Public Health program. This is an ongoing leadership development initiative designed to equip local public health officers with knowledge and skills to lead in today’s changing health care environment. Selected applicants will embark on an 18-month, action-oriented experience to undertake projects designed to enhance organizational and leadership competencies in business, planning and public health systems development. An informational webinar will be held on Jan. 18 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET. Applications must be received by Feb. 6.

**Present Your Research in Teen Pregnancy Prevention**
The U.S. Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting abstracts for the 2017 FYSB Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Grantee Conference in St. Louis, Mo. (June 27-29). Abstracts for this conference will be accepted as workshops, panel sessions or posters. Submissions should emphasize ways that adolescent pregnancy prevention grantees can strengthen their prevention programs through holistic approaches. All abstracts must be received no later than Jan. 20.

**CityMatCH is Accepting Abstract Submissions!**
CityMatCH is accepting submissions for oral and poster presentations for the 2017 CityMatCH MCH Leadership Conference and Healthy Start Convention in Nashville, Tenn. (Sept. 18-20). Submissions must fall under the “scientific research and data” or “program and policy”
integrated into society. The report is the result of a roundtable discussion with adults with autism, parents of youth with autism, providers and researchers.

Social Support for Parents
The Journal of Medical Internet Research published a report that explores the role of digital parent-to-parent support and evaluates its effectiveness as a resource for parents of children with special health care needs.

Legislation & Policy in MCH

Asthma and Allergy Policies for Schools
The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America published the 2016 State Honor Roll of Asthma and Allergy Policies for Schools. The report describes states with the best public policies for people with asthma, food allergies, anaphylaxis and related allergic diseases in elementary, middle and high schools. The report compares all states and Washington, D.C., on 23 core public policy issues that affect youth and adults with asthma and allergies while in K-12 classrooms.

Women’s & Infant Health

New Recommendations for Women’s Health Preventative Services Guidelines
A coalition of national health organizations, led by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, released recommendations for the updated Women’s Preventive Services Guidelines. These updated guidelines, endorsed by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration, address the preventive health care needs of adolescent and adult women and fill in gaps or address conflicts in the existing guidelines. AMCHP played an active role in the process: Our associate director for women’s and infant health, Jeanette Kowalik, PhD, MPH, served on the Multidisciplinary Steering Committee to develop the recommendations.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

AMCHP Seeking Child & Adolescent Health Program Associate
The program associate for child and adolescent health is a member of the program team and contributes to the advancement of maternal and child health (MCH)
programs by performing a variety of administrative, logistic, and planning tasks that enable AMCHP program team projects to succeed. This position supports and assists the child and adolescent Health Team in the development, implementation, and evaluation of program activities related to maternal and child health, adolescent health and children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN). This position also contributes to the collection of state best practices (Innovation Station), newsletter development, and implementation of communication strategies (Microsoft SharePoint, listservs, social media). To apply, click here.

**AMCHP Searching for Child & Adolescent Health Program Analyst**

This position supports the child & adolescent health team, which resides within AMCHP’s program division. Specifically, this position participates in the planning and program implementation, research, and evaluation of initiatives related to the Adolescent and Young Adult Health National Resource Center (AYAH-NRC) and to child health programs (including early childhood and healthy weight). Principal duties include contributing to development and delivery of assigned projects in the adolescent health portfolio, primarily the AYAH-NRC contract agreement with the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) via the HRSA Maternal and Child Health Bureau; assisting in developing and implementing project work plans for AYAH-NRC activities, including the implementation of the AYAH Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (ColLN), and contributing to the development of resources on improving access to care and the quality of health care for adolescents and young adults; and assist in the implementation of AMCHP’s work related to child health ColLNs and similar projects. Qualified candidates should have a master’s degree in public health or other related health or human services field with at least three years of directly related professional experience. A bachelor’s degree with five years of direct experience can be substituted for a master’s degree. Certification in Public Health or Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES/MCHES) and director work experience in an MCH state/local/federal public health agency or nonprofit organization preferred. To apply, click here.

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**Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Implementation Center for HIV Clinical Quality Improvement**

*Deadline: Jan. 17, 2017*

The Health Resources and Services Administration solicits applications for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Implementation Center for HIV Clinical Quality Improvement. The purpose of this program is to assist RWHAP recipients and subrecipients with implementing clinical quality improvement methodologies and concepts, as required by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009, to improve HIV health outcomes for people living with HIV. For more information, click here.

**Pilot Clinical Trials in Pediatric Chronic Kidney Disease Participating Clinical Centers**

*Deadline: Jan. 17, 2017 (Letter of Intent)*

The National Institutes of Health funding opportunity will initiate and implement a network of participating clinical centers to perform pilot and feasibility studies of therapies to slow or reverse the progression of Chronic Kidney Disease in children. These pilot studies will seek to optimize critical elements of a full-scale randomized control trial design. To apply as a data coordinating center, click here. To apply as a participating clinical center, click here.

**Contraception Research Centers Program**

*Deadline: Jan. 18, 2017*

The National Institutes of Health funding opportunity is to support and facilitate multidisciplinary approaches to the
development of new and/or improved contraceptive methods for men and women. This opportunity expands the scope of the former program by calling for centers to inform contraceptive development and improve contraceptive use by integrating the biomedical research and development with behavioral and social science research. For more information, click here.

**Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program National Training and Technical Assistance Programs for Resource, Dissemination, Improved Data and Organizational Development**

**Deadline: Jan. 19, 2017**

The Health Resources and Services Administration is accepting applications for a national training and technical assistance program to fund a series of activities to provide support to Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program recipients and subrecipient providers. These activities will support several program focus areas intended to enhance access to high quality HIV care and support services for low income, underinsured, uninsured and underserved people living with HIV. For more information, click here.

**Maternal and Child Environmental Health Network**

**Deadline: Jan. 20, 2017**

The Health Resources and Services Administration is accepting applications for the Maternal and Child Environmental Health Network. This programs seeks to decrease maternal and child morbidity and mortality associated with pre- and post-natal environmental exposures. One organization will be funded to implement and support a network of national and regional teratogen information counseling centers. This program is intended to be a resource for women of reproductive age, their partners and health care providers, with an emphasis on vulnerable and hard-to-reach populations. For more information, click here.

**Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A Planning Council and Transitional Grant Area Planning Body Technical Assistance Cooperative Agreement**

**Deadline: Jan. 24, 2017**

The goal of this Health Resources and Services Administration cooperative agreement is to provide comprehensive technical assistance to Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A Planning Council and Transitional Grant Area Planning (TGA) Bodies that will enable them to enhance their abilities to successfully meet legislative responsibilities. HRSA’s HIV/AIDS Bureau will engage an organization with national reach to provide Planning Council and TGA Planning Body-related technical assistance to recipients, jurisdictional leadership and support staff. For more information, click here.

**Predoctoral Pediatric Training in General Dentistry and Hygiene**

**Deadline: Jan. 30, 2017**

The Health Resources and Services Administration funding opportunity focuses on enhancing clinical pediatric, predoctoral dental and hygiene training on children, ages 0 to 5, to improve the oral health of vulnerable, underserved and rural pediatric populations. For more information, click here.

**Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome State Surveillance Project**

**Deadline: Jan. 30, 2017 (Letter of Intent)**

The March of Dimes (MOD), in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), will award up to six grants for the Building on Existing Infrastructure of Population-based Birth Defects Surveillance Systems to Estimate the Incidence of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) project. Awardees will conduct active (or passive case-finding with case confirmation), population-based surveillance for infants with NAS over a one-year period and link cases to vital records and hospital discharge data. The main goal of the project will be to obtain state-level, population-based estimates of NAS incidence, with a secondary goal to describe health service utilization and outcomes among infants with NAS. For more information, click here. A bidders’ conference call is scheduled for Jan. 19 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET. To register for the call, click here.

**Maternal and Child Environmental Health Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (CoIIN)**

**Deadline: Jan. 31, 2017**

The Health Resources and Services Administration solicits applications for the Maternal and Child Environmental Health Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (MCEH CoIIN). The purpose of this program is to support and improve coordinated systems of care within states to address the needs of maternal,
### Infant and Child Populations

Infant and child populations within those states that are at risk for or experience exposure to lead. For more information, [click here](#).

### Autism CARES Act National Interdisciplinary Training Resource Center

**Deadline: Jan. 31, 2017**

The Health Resources and Services Administration solicits applications for the Autism CARES Act National Interdisciplinary Training Resource Center (the Resource Center). The purpose of this program is to improve the health of infants, children and adolescents who have, or are at risk of developing, ASD/DD. The Resource Center will provide technical assistance to interdisciplinary training programs, such as the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Other Related Disabilities, Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics and others. The Resource Center will provide leadership and support in coordinating the Maternal and Child Health Bureau’s programs funded by the Autism CARES Act. For more information, [click here](#).

### Understanding Factors in Infancy and Early Childhood that Influence Obesity Development

**Deadline: Feb. 5, 2017**

This funding announcement invites Research Project Grant (R01) applications from institutions/organizations that propose to characterize or identify factors in early childhood that might increase or mitigate risk for obesity and/or excessive weight gain and/or to fill methodological research gaps relevant to the understanding of risk for development of obesity in children. For more information, [click here](#).

### Autism Transition Research Project

**Deadline: Feb. 13, 2017**

The Health and Human Resources Administration is accepting applications for the Autism Transition Research Project (ATRP). ATRP supports the implementation and completion of programmatic research studies that examine factors associated with healthy life transitions among adolescents and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder to adulthood. For more information, [click here](#).

### AMCHP Events

- **AMCHP 2017 Annual Conference**
  - March 4-7, 2017
  - Kansas City, Mo.

### MCH Events

- **National Health Policy Conference**
  - Jan. 30-31, 2017
  - Washington, D.C.

- **Kaleidoscope 2017 Nursing Conference**
  - Feb. 27-28, 2017
  - Galveston, Texas

- **30th Annual Research and Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Behavioral Health**
  - March 5-8, 2017
  - Tampa, Fla.

- **2017 Quality and Safety in Children’s Health Conference**
  - March 19-24, 2017
  - Orlando, Fla.

- **2017 Children’s Environmental Health Translational Research Conference: New Challenges**
  - April 5-7, 2017
  - Arlington, Va.

- **2017 Conference on Adolescent Health**
  - April 24-25, 2017
  - Ypsilanti, Mich.

- **Preparedness Summit**
  - April 25-28, 2017
  - Atlanta, Ga.

- **National Adolescent Sleep, Health and School Start Time Conference**
  - April 27-28, 2017
  - Washington, D.C.

- **25th Anniversary Congress on Women’s Health**
  - April 28-30, 2017
  - Washington, D.C.
CALENDAR

2017 Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
Annual Conference
June 4-8, 2017
Boise, Idaho

2017 Quality Rating Improvement System
National Meeting
June 27-29, 2017
Dallas, Texas

2017 Family and Youth Services Bureau Adolescent
Pregnancy Prevention Grantee Conference
June 27-29, 2017
St. Louis, Mo.

2017 CityMatCH MCH Leadership Conference and
Healthy Start Convention
Sept. 18-20, 2017
Nashville, Tenn.