Last Call for Early Bird Registration!
The deadline for the early bird registration to attend the 2017 AMCHP Annual Conference is two days away! This is the perfect opportunity to connect and network with hundreds of 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 information, please contact Emma Hoover at amchpreg@conferencemanagers.com.

See the Full Schedule of Sessions
The complete list of skills-building and workshop sessions at the 2017 Annual Conference is now available! You can also browse the sessions by the specific tracks as well as course name, date, title, speaker and keyword. Start creating your list of must-see sessions today!

Plenary Speakers
Don’t miss the town hall discussion and MCH regional meetings with Dr. Michael C. Lu, associate administrator of the U.S. Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Brian Castrucci, chief program and strategy officer at the de Beaumont Foundation, will lead an invigorating plenary session about how to achieve meaningful workforce development in MCH.

What are You Looking Forward to Seeing at the Annual Conference?
AMCHP TV interviewed attendees at the beginning of the 2016 AMCHP Annual Conference about what they were most looking forward to for 60 seconds. From discussing innovative practices to networking and learning ways to streamline processes, there is something for everyone at the Annual Conference.

Join the New MCH Policy Call Series
As Congress starts moving to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, AMCHP will host a monthly National MCH Policy Call series to regularly provide our members with the latest information. The series will also foster dialogue on how state MCH leaders can best navigate the changing health policy landscape. The first call in the series is on Feb 2 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET. Please mark your calendar for subsequent calls on March 2, April 6, May 4 and June 1, all scheduled for 2:00 p.m. ET.

President Trump Issues Executive Order Regarding Affordable Care Act
On Jan. 20, President Trump issued an executive order that would effectively give the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) as well as any other relevant agencies the discretion to waive, defer, grant exemptions or delay implementation of ACA provisions that are deemed to impose a fiscal burden on states, individuals, health care providers, purchasers of health insurance, and manufacturers of medical devices or medications. See the full text of the executive order here.

The executive order is fairly vague and AMCHP will continue to analyze possible repercussions, particularly as they relate to MCH populations, as the nominees to head the relevant departments and agencies slowly take their offices. We will discuss this in further depth during our upcoming national policy call on Feb. 2.
Engage in MCH Epidemiology Discussions
AMCHP will host an MCH Epidemiology Roundtable discussion at the 2017 AMCHP Annual Conference on March 6 from 5:45-6:45 p.m. CT for MCH staff to network with their epidemiologist peers and share their successes and challenges specific to epidemiology, data, analysis and assessments. The roundtable is open to all MCH professionals, including those who may not have an epidemiology title or training but are tasked with epidemiologic responsibilities. Appetizers will be served. Please register in advance.

The AYAH Center Bulletin Wants Your Feedback
To kick off 2017, the AYAH Center communications team has released a communications assessment survey to inform the structure and content of future newsletter issues. This team would like to hear your feedback to continue improving the newsletter so that it remains relevant and meets your needs. If you receive the newsletter and would like to provide your feedback or ideas, the deadline to complete the assessment is Wednesday, Feb. 1. If you experience difficulties accessing or completing the assessment, email Cori Floyd at cfloyd@amchp.org. Click here to access the December/January issue of the AYAH newsletter. To subscribe to the newsletter, email kcharles@amchp.org.

Inclusion Through Innovation
The National Down Syndrome Society will host a webinar on Jan. 25 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET. The presentation will focus on technology innovations that are altering ways we can achieve meaningful inclusion of students with special health care needs.

Addressing Disparities for At-Risk Tribal Youth
To support the integration of health equity in programs, policies and practices, the Federal Interagency Health Equity Team has created a monthly speaker webinar series to create a collaborative learning environment to highlight current practices and innovative strategies for this type of work across sectors and at different levels of government. The next installment will take place on Jan. 25 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET. The webinar will focus on how the Menominee Youth Empowerment Program has worked toward reducing disparities by addressing unhealthy behaviors in at-risk minority youth ages 11 to 14. Presenters will discuss the development of the program and promising practices that have been established, how the program was evaluated and its result, and use of the collective impact model to support students in learning how to make healthier lifestyle choices.

Examine a Disorder Associated with Prenatal Alcohol Exposure
The American Academy of Pediatrics will host a webinar on Jan. 25 from 4:00-4:30 p.m. ET. The presentation will focus on the factors in a patient’s medical history and clinical presentation that may indicate the presence of neurobehavioral disorder associated with prenatal alcohol exposure. Participants will learn about the three domains in which children with this disorder struggle with behavior and developmental tasks.

Learn About Mental Health Services for Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
The University of Southern California’s University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at the Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles will host a webinar on Jan. 26 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. PT. The presentation will discuss what services are available in schools, who provides these services, special accommodations and modifications, strategies for developing an individualized education program and how to be an effective advocate.

Participate in the Infant Mortality CoIIN Learning Session 5
The National Institute for Children’s Health Quality (NICHQ), funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, will host the Infant Mortality CoIIN Learning Session 5 in Houston, Texas. Please have all team members register before the extended deadline on Feb. 3. NICHQ will provide round trip travel, meals and lodging for up to seven representative from each state’s Infant Mortality CoIIN team. The registration links have been shared with MCH Directors and CoIIN coordinators. If you have not received a link, contact the IM CoIIN Team at coiin@nichq.org. Pre-work was sent to state leadership early this month. Submit completed pre-work by Jan. 31 to laura.palmer@conferencedirect.com and on CoLab.
Explore Treatment Methods for Children with FASDs
The American Academy of Pediatrics will host a webinar on Feb. 1 from 4:00-4:30 p.m. ET. The webinar will aim to provide primary care clinicians with tools to treat children with fetal alcohol disorders across the lifespan. The presentation will focus on identifying and managing neurobehavioral and medical concerns at different developmental stages.

Expand Your Understanding of MCH Epidemiology
The Maternal and Child Health Bureau, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and CityMatCH will offer a Training Course in Statistical MCH Epidemiological Methods in Clearwater Beach, Fla., from June 12-16 as part of their ongoing effort to enhance the analytic capacity of state and local health agencies. This intensive program combines lectures, discussions, hands-on exercises and opportunities for individualized technical assistance. This year, the course is primarily geared to individuals with basic to intermediate skills in statistical and epidemiologic methods, preferably in MCH or a related field. All applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. PST on Feb. 17. For additional questions, please contact Maureen Fitzgerald at (402) 552-9585 or mfitzger@unmc.edu.

Enhancing the Economic Futures of Children and Communities
The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis will host the 10th biennial Federal Reserve System Community Development Research Conference on March 23 and 24 in Washington, D.C. This year’s theme is Strong Foundations: The Economic Futures of Kids and Communities. Experts from multiple disciplines will present high-quality, emerging research on the interplay between child and community development. At #CommDev2017, researchers, child development specialists, policymakers and community practitioners will explore key success drivers, scalable intervention strategies and policy considerations. Conference registration will remain open until Feb. 24 or until capacity is reached.

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES

Epidemiology in MCH
DataSpeak Webinar Slides Now Available!
The Health Resources and Services Administration multimedia archive of the DataSpeak webinar, Moving the Needle on Maternal Health: Updates on Federal and State Initiatives, is now available. The live program, slides, the after-webinar Q&A and a transcript are available on the Program Archive page.

General & Maternal Child Health
Public Health Education Priorities for a New Administration
The Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) released Looking Forward: Health Education Priorities for America: Recommendations for the New Administration and 115th Congress. With the transition of power in the nation’s capital, SOPHE urges new leaders to prioritize policies that support and fully utilize the power of health education to achieve a healthy nation. The priorities highlighted include adequate funding to support health education in schools; prevention funding for community-based public health programs; investment in public health infrastructure; and ensuring accessible, affordable and high-quality health care.
Integrating Home Visiting in State and Tribal Early Childhood Systems
Zero to Three’s Policy Center released a new framework for integrating home visiting in state and tribal early childhood systems. It outlines strategies that states and tribes can take to strengthen integration and shares examples of how states and tribes are implementing them. In 2016, Zero to Three convened a community of practice to assist teams from six states (Illinois, Missouri, New York, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin) in strengthening connections between home visiting and the early childhood system in their states.

Research-Based Policy Recommendations for Executive and Legislative Officials in 2017
Child Trends published a series of policy briefs on issues in child and young adult health that need continued support from the Trump Administration.
- The Reproductive Health of Young Adults
- Preventing Bullying and Cyberbullying
- A Proposal to Improve Child Care
- Keeping Schools Safe

Legislation & Policy in MCH
State Statutes and Regulations on Dietary Treatment of Disorders Identified Through Newborn Screening
With support from the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics, the Catalyst Center updated a chart that provides information about state-specific legislation that mandates the coverage of medically necessary foods by employer-sponsored health insurance, Medicaid, coverage and related services funded by other state programs such as WIC, Title V or relief funds.

OR YOUR BEHALF
In early January, AMCHP staff Krista Granger attended the Harvard School of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Program Evaluation Practicum. Granger presented content to Harvard students and state program staff on advocacy, policy and Title V. Upon completion of the course, the students develop comprehensive evaluation plans for participating
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

American Academy of Pediatrics Seeking National Center for Medical Home Implementation Manager
Located in Elk Grove, Ill., the American Academy of Pediatrics is searching for manager for the National Center for Medical Home Implementation. This position will develop methodologies for collaboration with local, state, and national leaders of public and private programs, family organizations, professional associations and other organizations to ensure awareness and integration of medical home activities. Qualified candidates will have a Bachelor’s degree in health policy administration, public health, maternal and child health, training and development, or related field required. Master’s degree preferred. Three to five years’ experience providing management and health policy analysis in the planning and implementation of program priorities required. To apply, click here.

Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome State Surveillance Project
Deadline: Jan. 30 (Letter of Intent)
The March of Dimes, in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 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.

Maternal and Child Environmental Health Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (ColIN)
Deadline: Jan. 31
The Health Resources and Services Administration solicits applications for the Maternal and Child Environmental Health Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network. 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 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
The Health Resources and Services Administration solicits applications for the Autism CARES Act National Interdisciplinary Training 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 program and Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics program. The Resource Center will provide leadership and support in coordinating the Maternal and Child

FUNDING

Predoctoral Pediatric Training in General Dentistry and Hygiene
Deadline: Jan. 30
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.
FUNDING

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
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.

23rd Annual Health Care Research Award
Deadline: Feb. 15
The National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation is accepting applications for the Health Care Research Award. This funding opportunity recognizes outstanding published work from researchers furthering innovation in health care financing, delivery and organization or the implementation of health care policy. For more information, click here.

State Public Health Coordinating Center for Autism
Deadline: Feb. 17
The Health Resources and Services Administration is soliciting applications for the State Public Health Coordinating Center for Autism. The Coordinating Center will work closely with the recipients of the current Innovation in Care Integration for Children and Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Other Developmental Disabilities Program. Activities of the Coordinating Center will advance the efforts of state autism awardees and state public health agencies, including the Title V MCH and CYSHCN programs, to develop and sustain a state system of care to assure that children and youth with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities receive early and timely identification diagnosis, referral and treatment. For more information, click here.

CSTE Funding Opportunity
Deadline: Feb. 20
The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists is issuing a funding opportunity for eligible jurisdictions currently funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention PRAMS cooperative agreement to implement the 12-question marijuana and prescription drug supplement with the PRAMS survey. For more information, click here.

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part D Coordinated HIV Services and Access to Research for Women, Infants, Children and Youth (WICY) Existing Geographic Service Areas
Deadline: Feb. 21
The Health Resources and Services Administration funding opportunity is to provide family-centered care in the outpatient or ambulatory care setting to low-income, uninsured, underinsured or underserved women (25 years and older) living with HIV; infants (up to 2 years of age) exposed to or living with HIV; children (ages 2 to 12) living with HIV; and youth (ages 13 to 24) living with HIV. For more information, click here.

Coordinating Center for Research to Promote the Health of Children with Birth Defects and People with Disabilities
Deadline: Feb. 22
This funding announcement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is for a cooperative agreement award to develop a National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities Coordinating Center. The Coordinating Center will establish innovative partnerships with academic and other researchers to expand the scientific knowledge to promote the health and well-being of babies, children and adults by studying and addressing the causes of birth defects; help children reach their potential by understanding developmental disabilities; reduce complications of blood disorders; and improve the health of people living with disabilities. Contact Natalie Darling at ndh6@cdc.gov for more information.
Health Care Delivery System Innovations for Children with Medical Complexity
Deadline: Feb. 27
The Health Resources and Services Administration solicits applications for the 2017 Health Care Delivery System Innovations for Children with Medical Complexity (CMC) cooperative agreement. The purpose of this initiative is to develop and implement innovative care and payment models for children and youth with special health care needs using a Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (CoIIN) approach. A CoIIN made up of teams of CMC, pediatric primary and specialty care clinicians, leaders of integrated health care delivery systems and/or freestanding children’s hospitals, state Title V CYSHCN and Medicaid leaders, and other stakeholders from participating states will work together to test strategies and build evidence for optimizing high-quality, cost-effective, family-centered care for CMC. For more information, click here.

Child Health Research Career Development Award Program
Deadline: Feb. 28 (Letter of Intent)
This funding opportunity from the National Institutes of Health invites applications for institutional research career development programs from organizations that propose to support mentored institutional career development programs for junior faculty investigators who have recently completed postgraduate clinical training in a subspecialty area of pediatrics and are committed to launching an independent research career. The program provides supervised research training to assist the transition into productive physician scientists. For more information, click here.

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Part C Capacity Development Program
Deadline: Feb. 28
The Health Resources and Services Administration is accepting applications for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Part C Capacity Development Program to strengthen organizational infrastructure to respond to the changing health care landscape and to increase capacity to develop, enhance or expand access to high quality HIV primary health care services for low-income, uninsured and underserved people living with HIV/AIDS. The funding opportunity provides one-time funds to build local capacity to support an activity that addresses a gap in the local HIV care continuum. For more information, click here.

AMCHP Events

CALENDAR

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 Disability Policy Seminar
March 19-22, 2017
Washington, D.C.

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.
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.

American Public Health Association 2017 Annual
Meeting & Expo
Nov. 4-8, 2017
Atlanta, Ga.