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AMCHP National Health Reform Update Call is Now Available Online

A recording of AMCHP's April 20 national conference call on health reform implementation is now available on our [website](#). As always, questions or comments on health reform implementation can be directed to [Brent Ewig](#) or call (202) 775-0436.

AMCHP Makes Recommendations for New Home Visiting Program

On April 14, AMCHP submitted a series of recommendations to officials at the Maternal and Child Health Bureau and Administration for Children and Families charged with developing program guidance for the new Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. The recommendations were built around the most urgent and common questions states have shared about how the new program will be administered. They were developed and reviewed with input from AMCHP's Emerging Issues and Legislative & Health Care Finance Committees as well as the Board of Directors. A copy of the questions and recommendations is available [here](#).

Broad Coalition Supports Title V Maternal and Child Health Funding

Fifty-five leading national organizations serving women, children, and families have joined together to ask Congress to increase funding for the Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant. The [letter](#) demonstrates broad support for an appropriation of \$730 million for the Title V MCH Block Grant in FY 2011. This funding is needed to enable states to support systems and provide vital public health and health care services to millions of pregnant women, infants and children, including those with special health care needs. In FY 2010 the omnibus appropriations bill flat-funded the Title V MCH Block Grant funding at \$662 million, its lowest level since 1993. President Obama's budget proposed an increase to Title V of \$11 million.

Dr. Michael Fraser, CEO of the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) issued this statement upon release of the letter: "The United States recently dropped to 30th in international infant mortality rates, and is 41st in maternal mortality. We can do much better - and increasing resources to states and communities through the Title V MCH Block Grant is part of the solution. We are pleased so many advocates, providers, and public health leaders have joined to support funding of \$730 million, and call upon Congress to demonstrate their commitment to improving these vital measures of our nation's health as they begin to deliberate on the FY 2011 budget."



Testimony Submitted on Title V MCH Block Grant Funding

AMCHP also submitted testimony advocating for an increase to the Title V MCH Block Grant to be included in the Congressional Record of this year's appropriations bill deliberations. A copy of that testimony is [here](#).

Bright Futures for Women in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act requires all new insurance plans to provide coverage for preventive services recommended for infants, children, and adolescents (Bright Futures) and includes a provision added by U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Maryland) that will extend similar coverage to women. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will support the development of guidelines for expanded preventive care and screenings for women that are in addition to those recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force. Women will receive these preventive services with no copayment or deductibles. Although HRSA has not announced what their process will be, groups from the women's health community, including

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AMCHP, are already working to inform and support the development of these guidelines. Based on Sen. Mikulski's intent, covered services may include an annual well-woman health exam, including screenings for breast, cervical, ovarian and lung cancers; heart disease; and chronic illnesses such as diabetes. We will continue to update you on the development of women's preventive guidelines as we learn more in the weeks ahead.

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AMCHP Member Assessment is Here!

As the national organization that supports state MCH programs and others working to improve the health of women, children, youth and families, including those with special health care needs, AMCHP is conducting a needs assessment of our own – of us! As your member organization, one of the primary reasons we exist is to serve you and we'd like to learn more about you and how you feel about the job we are doing. As an incentive to complete the assessment, AMCHP will hold a raffle offering members a discounted registration to attend our 2011 Annual Conference. Please make sure to fill it out by **May 3rd** – we want to hear from you! If you have any questions, please contact [Sharron Corle](#).

SPRC Suicide Prevention Webinar

This webinar, "Alcohol Use, Depression, and Young People: Implications for Addressing Suicide Risk," conducted by the Suicide Prevention Research Center (SPRC), will be held on April 29 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. (EDT). The webinar will discuss what is and isn't known about the impact of alcohol use on mental health and suicide and the implications for suicide prevention planning. The webinar is suitable for a wide range of alcohol and suicide prevention practitioners at the state and community level, tribes, and colleges and universities. To register, visit [here](#).

Updated Newborn Screening Pamphlet

The Save Babies Through Screening Foundation has produced an updated "Parent Guide to Newborn Screening" pamphlet which can be used to help parents learn about why newborn screening is important for their family. This brochure is available [online](#), and is also available in hard copy. To order copies of the brochure for

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advocacy and awareness purposes, please contact [Jill Levy-Fisch](#).

AAP Launches New Audio Series on Autism

The series, "Sound Advice on Autism," produced by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), contains audio interviews with developmental and behavioral pediatricians, a pediatric neurologist, autism researchers and other parents of children with autism. To listen to "Sound Advice on Autism," visit [here](#).

NICHD Launches Online SIDS Curriculum for Nurses

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) is now offering an online version of its Continuing Education (CE) Program on SIDS Risk Reduction. The curriculum is designed to inform pediatric, obstetric and neonatal nurses—as well as nurses who educate families and caregivers about caring for infants—of the latest risk-reduction strategies for SIDS. It also helps to increase nurses' knowledge of ways to communicate SIDS risk-reduction information to parents and caregivers. Nurses who successfully complete the curriculum will receive credit for 1.1 contact hours. The curriculum is accredited by the Maryland Nurses Association* and is available free of charge. The online module automatically grades responses to the post-test questions and provides nurses with real-time completion results. To learn more, visit [here](#).

APHA Call for Nominations

The American Public Health Association (APHA) is calling for nominations for its 2010 Awards Program for individuals who have accomplished outstanding work in the field of public health. Do you know a colleague who exemplifies outstanding professionalism, dedication and contributions in the field of public health? If so, submit a nomination for one or more of APHA's national awards. These awards will be presented at the 138th APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition on November 6-10 in Denver, Colorado. A description of each award, the nomination form and criteria are available [online](#). The deadline for nomination materials is April 30. To learn more, contact [Deborah Dillard](#) or call (202) 777-2442.

The APHA Maternal and Child Health Section is seeking nominations for the Section awards, which include the

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Maternal and Child Young Professional Award, Effective Practice, Outstanding Leadership/Advocacy, and Distinguished Service to the Section Awards. Nominations are due on April 30. Please email [Barb Levin](#) for additional information.

Save the Date: Webinar on New Research into Sudden Infant Death

The webinar, “New Research into Sudden Infant Death: Unraveling the Mystery of SIDS,” will occur on May 20 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. (EDT). This is the second in a series of live, interactive webinars which have been developed to provide participants with the latest research, resources, information, and tools regarding SUID, SIDS, Infant Safe Sleep, and bereavement. Co-Sponsored by the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) and the Association of SIDS and Infant Mortality Programs (ASIP), and in partnership with the National SUID Resource Center, National SUID Program Support Center, National Center for Cultural Competence, and National SUID Project IMPACT. Registration and additional information to follow. This webinar [series](#) is provided as a service to the SIDS and SUID community and is free of charge. For more information, please contact [Sandra Frank](#) or [Jessica Hawkins](#).

2010 National MCH Epidemiology Awards

Sponsored by 16 national public health organizations, the Coalition for Excellence in MCH Epidemiology announces the ninth year of the National MCH Epidemiology Awards. The Coalition is now recruiting nominees for the 2010 awards. Nominees are individuals, teams, institutions, and leaders of institutions who have made significant contributions to improving the health of women, children and families through epidemiology, applied research and the effective use of data. These awards recognize research, teaching, leadership and effective public health practice and recognize individuals and organizations at a community, state and national level. The deadline for nominations is June 4. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Call for Abstracts

The Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine is now accepting abstracts for The 15th Annual International Meeting “Breastfeeding: A Bridge to the Gold Standard,” to be held October 27-30 in San Francisco. Abstracts may be submitted by physicians, medical students, and those

holding post graduate degrees or students working to attain such degrees. Abstracts submitted by non-physicians must be sponsored by a member in good standing of the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine. The deadline for all abstract submissions is June 15. For more information, visit [here](#).

RWJF Local Funding Call for Proposals

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships program forges relationships between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and local grantmakers to fund promising, original projects that can significantly improve the health of vulnerable people in their communities. The deadline to submit an application is June 30. For more information on how to apply, visit [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE!

AMCHP'S 2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**February 12-15, 2011
Omni Shoreham Hotel
Washington, DC**

AMCHP's Annual Conference will bring together MCH leaders, public health practitioners and family advocates. Join us for sessions led by researchers, federal officials, advocates, families, healthcare providers and directors of state programs.

AMCHP 2010 Conference Materials Available Online

Handouts and videos from our Annual Conference are now available online! Visit [here](#) to download the resources.

ON YOUR BEHALF

On March 26, AMCHP President Phyllis Sloyer and Senior Program Manager for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Treeby Brown presented a webinar for the California Children's Services (CCS) Program's Needs Assessment Stakeholder Group to provide stakeholders with information on CYSHCN best practices. The presentation was based on the November 2009 report AMCHP wrote for the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health, "Models of Care for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs: Promising Models for Transforming California's System of Care." To download the report, visit [here](#).



Are you curious about how states are addressing the needs of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs? Do you want to know more about programs that tackle preconception health or infant mortality? Then visit the [Innovation Station](#), AMCHP's new searchable database for finding emerging, promising and best practices across the United States. You'll also find useful links to other best practice databases and resources to help you evaluate your public health programs. Check out Innovation Station to learn more about what's being done to improve the health of women, children and families!

If you are interested in contributing to this growing database, please [submit](#) your work to AMCHP's best practices program. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. If you have any questions about the process, contact [Sharron Corle](#) at (202) 266-3036.

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



General Maternal and Child Health

May is National Foster Care Month

The American Academy of Pediatrics' "Healthy Foster

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Care America" website was developed as a place where professionals and partner organizations can find the latest information, facts, and figures on the health care of children and teens in foster care, including ready-to-use tools and resources. Foster parents or kin may also find these materials helpful in caring for the health needs of children and teens in their care. To learn more about National Foster Care month, visit [here](#).

Adolescent Health

Report on Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs for Latino Youth

The research brief, "Effective and Promising Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs for Latino Youth," published by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, details eight programs that have been shown through careful evaluation to either delay sex, improve contraceptive use, and/or reduce teen pregnancy in Latino youth. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

New Report on Adolescents' Experiences and Views of Healthcare

The report, "Adolescents' Experiences and Views on Health Care," published by the National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health, presents findings about adolescents' own perceptions of the health problems facing adolescents, their experiences receiving care, and their ideas about how best to structure care for the adolescent population. To download the report, visit [here](#).

Children's Health

National Children's Health Insurance Conference Toolkit

The toolkit, "Children's Health Insurance: Tools to Advance Enrollment and Retention Efforts," has been developed to assist organizations in increasing awareness and understanding of children's health insurance programs and guiding eligible parents and guardians to apply for coverage on behalf of their children. The toolkit offers how-to information, as well as materials that allow for significant localization, while also providing the opportunity for message consistency across all children's health insurance outreach. To learn more visit [here](#).

Safety Tips for Parents of CSHCN

Safe Kids USA has partnered with MetLife Foundation to create a new online video series designed to help parents and caregivers prevent unintentional injury to children with special health care (CSHCN) needs. The videos focus on a range of topics including fire and burn prevention, drowning, choking and fall prevention. Safety guidelines and step-by-step instructions are included to help parents and caregivers make safety improvements in the home. The videos were developed in consultation with an advisory panel of experts and advocates in the field of child developmental disabilities. In the United States, more than nine million children younger than 18 years-old have a special health care need, and the majority of injuries to children with developmental disabilities occur in and around the home. To learn more, visit [here](#).

New Fact Sheet on Obesity Prevention in Children

The fact sheet, "What Works for the Prevention and Treatment of Obesity Among Children," published by Child Trends, reviews 50 programs whose impacts on nutrition, physical activity, and/or weight loss have been rigorously evaluated. The programs targeted children and youth from one to 19 years of age. To learn more, visit [here](#).

New Guide on Reducing Child Abuse and Neglect

The guide, "Strengthening Families and Communities: 2010 Resource Guide," created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect, its Child Welfare Information Gateway, and the FRIENDS National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention, offers strategies to strengthen families by promoting key protective factors that help reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Federal Career Internship Program

The Federal Career Internship Program (FCIP) is a 2-year entry-level, full-time employment and career development training program in the excepted service, designed to prepare individuals for a career in public service. Upon successful completion of the program, FCIP participants

may receive a permanent, full-time position with HRSA. The deadline for applications is May 3 for Public Health Analyst and Management Analyst Federal Career Internships. To learn more, visit [here](#).

APHA Public Health Fellowship in Government

The American Public Health Association (APHA) is now accepting applications for the 2011 APHA Public Health Fellowship in Government. Candidates must have strong public health credentials and be interested in spending one year in Washington, D.C. working in a congressional office on legislative and policy issues related to health, the environment or other public health concerns. The fellowship will begin in January 2011 and continue through December 2011. The fellowship provides a unique learning experience and demonstrates the value and need for basing policy on sound science. Throughout the year, the fellow will gain a practical knowledge of government and how the public policy process works. The deadline for all applications is May 17. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Australian-American Health Policy Fellowship

On behalf of the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, The Commonwealth Fund is pleased to announce the 2011-12 Australian-American Health Policy Fellowship. The Australian-American Health Policy Fellowship offers a unique opportunity for outstanding, mid-career U.S. professionals—academics, government officials, clinical leaders, decision-makers in managed care and other private health care organizations, and journalists—to spend up to 10 months in Australia conducting research and working with leading Australian health policy experts on issues relevant to both countries. The Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing hopes to enrich health policy thinking as fellows study how Australia approaches health policy issues, share lessons learned from the United States, and develop an international perspective and network of contacts to facilitate exchange and collaboration that extends beyond the fellowship experience. The deadline for applications is August 15. For further information on the 2011-12 Australian-American Health Policy Fellowships and to obtain an application, visit [here](#).

AMCHP's CAREER CENTER

The Career Center is the premiere online job board for individuals seeking employment in Maternal and Child Health programs. Whether you are looking for an entry-level position or are a more seasoned professional looking for new opportunities, AMCHP's Career Center has great openings for great people! Searching our database is free and open to all job-seekers. AMCHP members receive a discount on job-postings - so [sign up](#) today!

FUNDING



Funding for Child Care Research Scholars

Deadline: **May 3**

Funds for Child Care Research Scholars grants are available to support dissertation research on child care policy issues in partnership with State Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) lead agencies. Funding is dependent on availability and government interest. For further information about previous Child Care Research Scholars, visit [here](#).

Funding for Rural Assistance Center for ORHP Cooperative Agreement

Deadline: **May 6**

The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) will fund a cooperative agreement to support a Rural Assistance Center (RAC). The RAC is a gateway to information on rural health and social services for residents in rural areas of the United States and for all others interested in these issues. Through daily interactions and responding to inquiries and concerns, the RAC will be able to ensure that ORHP and the Department of Health and Human Services are informed of developing and ongoing grass-roots issues in the rural U.S. The RAC is also tasked to support a Rural Health Information Network (RHIN). For the RHIN the applicant must identify ways to solicit and distribute information for key stakeholders concerned about rural health care. This will include planning and conducting at least two meetings in the Washington DC area to bring together individuals and organizations concerned with rural health and human services. The role of ORHP as the

Department of Health and Human Services' focal point rural information allows its staff to identify key regulatory and statutory issues. The staff of ORHP will work collaboratively with the RAC to prioritize key issues and develop information resources to share with callers and web users. To learn more, visit [here](#).

NIH Funding for Research on Autism and Autism Spectrum Disorders (R01)

Deadline: **May 7**

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) encourages research grant applications to support research designed to elucidate the etiology, epidemiology, diagnosis, treatment, and optimal means of service delivery in relation to autism spectrum disorders (ASD). Basic, clinical, and applied studies are encouraged. This FOA is intended to support the broad research goals of the [Strategic Plan for ASD Research](#). To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for Sickle Cell Disease and Thalassemia Surveillance in States

Deadline: **May 14**

The National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, Division of Blood Disorders in collaboration with the National Institutes of Health, National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (NIH/NHLBI), seeks to develop and implement a collaborative pilot project with population-based surveillance of confirmed hemoglobinopathies of both pediatric and non-pediatric populations using the established newborn screening program and other data sources. This type of collaboration would utilize the strengths of population-based data collection infrastructure with data linkage and lay the foundation for future hemoglobinopathy registries. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for the National Charcot-Marie-Tooth Resource Center

Deadline: **May 14**

The purpose of the program is to establish a National Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT) Resource Center that will promote collaborative relationships between individuals who have CMT and their health care providers through education, training, and dissemination of information to promote accurate diagnosis, optimal treatment, and well-being for individuals who have CMT. The CMT Resource Center will provide resource materials online and in print

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to increase access to accurate and scientifically valid information on the etiology, diagnosis, and treatment of Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT), as well as links to useful resources for individuals and families affected by CMT and health care providers. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Funding for Capacity Building Initiative for Substance Abuse (SA) and HIV Prevention Services for At-Risk Racial/Ethnic Minority Young Adults

Deadline: **May 17**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2010 Capacity Building for Substance Abuse (SA) and HIV Prevention Services for At-Risk Racial/Ethnic Minority Young Adults (Short Title: Capacity Building Initiative) grants. The Capacity Building Initiative (CBI) is one of CSAP's Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) programs. The purpose of the MAI is to provide substance abuse and HIV prevention services to at-risk minority populations in communities disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the CBI program is to support an array of activities to assist grantees in building a solid foundation for delivering and sustaining quality and accessible state of the science substance abuse and HIV prevention services. Specifically, the program aims to engage colleges, universities and community-level domestic public and private non-profit entities to prevent and reduce the onset of SA and transmission of HIV/AIDS among at-risk racial/ethnic minority young adults, ages 18 to 24. SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities. To learn more, visit [here](#).

NIH Funding for Advancing Palliative Care Research for Children Facing Life-Limiting Conditions

Deadline: **May 17**

The National Institute of Nursing Research has issued an R01 and an R21 solicitation for applications from institutions and organizations that propose to conduct biobehavioral research in palliative and end-of-life care for children, infants, and neonates. Designs and methods aimed at the reduction of suffering and the improvement of quality of life for children facing life-limiting conditions and their parents, including the aftereffects of accidents

are encouraged. Applications to help children cope with the loss or potential loss of a parent or significant other are also welcomed. A total of \$1.25M has been committed to the [R01](#) and \$750K to the [R21](#) for FY 2010.

SAMHSA Funding for Cooperative Agreements for Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health

Deadline: **May 17**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2010 for Cooperative Agreements for Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health (Project LAUNCH). The purpose of Project LAUNCH is to promote the wellness of young children, birth to eight years of age, through the implementation of a systematic community planning process. Project LAUNCH defines wellness as optimal functioning across all developmental domains, including physical, social, emotional, cognitive and behavioral health. The goal of Project LAUNCH is to create a shared vision for the wellness of young children that drives the development of Federal, State, Territorial, Tribal and locally-based networks for the coordination of key child-serving systems and the integration of behavioral and physical health services. The expected result is for children to be thriving in safe, supportive environments and entering school ready to learn and able to succeed. Substance abuse prevention is an integral part of behavioral health which includes healthy social and emotional development, positive behaviors among young children, as well as the opportunity to live in families and communities that are safe, stable and free from substance abuse and other negative behaviors. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Oral Health

Deadline: **May 24**

This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus areas of: 21-1 Reduce the proportion of children and adolescents who have dental caries experience in their primary or permanent teeth. 21-2 Reduce the proportion of children, adolescents, and adults with untreated dental decay. 21-10 Increase the proportion of children and adults who use the oral health care system each year. To learn more, visit [here](#).

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NIH Funding for the Eunice Kennedy Shriver NICHD Cooperative Multicenter Neonatal Research Network (U10)

Deadline: **June 1**

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) issued by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) invites applications from investigators willing to participate with the NICHD under a cooperative agreement in an ongoing multicenter clinical program designed to investigate problems in neonatal medicine, particularly those related to low birth weight, prematurity, and common neonatal medical problems. Mechanism of Support. This FOA will utilize the U10 NIH Cooperative Clinical Research Agreement grant mechanism. Funds Available and Anticipated Number of Awards. NICHD intends to commit approximately \$5.6 million total costs in FY 2011 to fund up to 18 new and/or competing continuation grants in response to this FOA. To learn more, visit [here](#).

NIFA Funding for Rural Health and Safety Education Competitive Grant Program

Deadline: **June 1**

National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) has announced a funding opportunity for FY 2010. The Rural Health and Safety Education Programs will focus on issues related to individual and family health education in one or more of the following areas: 1) healthy living behaviors, family interaction and environmental attributes in rural areas; 2) health literacy and its impact on health status in rural and farm families; and/or 3) related issues of health promotion and health care to rural individuals and families with:

- Information as to the value of good health at any age;
- Information to increase individual or family's motivation to take more responsibility for their own health;
- Information about and access to health promotion and educational activities; and
- Training for volunteers and health services providers concerning promotion of nutrition, physical activity, and health for individuals and families in cooperation with local and community partners.

To learn more, visit [here](#).

CALENDAR



[National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy](#)

May 5

[American Association of Critical-Care Nurses' 2010 National Teaching Institute & Critical Care Exposition](#)

May 15-20

Washington, DC

[American Medical Association's 2010 National Influenza Vaccine Summit Meeting](#)

May 17 -19

Scottsdale, AZ

[The US Public Health Service Scientific and Training Symposium](#)

May 24-27

San Diego, CA

[The American Academy of Physician Assistants 38th Annual PA Conference](#)

May 29-June 3

Atlanta, GA

[New Perspectives in Global Health: Integrating Ecological, Social and Biological Sciences](#)

June 20-July 2

Honolulu, HI

[CityMatCH Urban MCH Leadership Conference](#)

September 11-14

Chicago, IL

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