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State Health Reform Implementation Consortium Established

The National Governors Association (NGA) has created a State Health Reform Implementation Consortium with three other founding members including the National Association of State Medicaid Directors, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and the National Academy for State Health Policy. On May 12, NGA convened an initial meeting of other state health groups that included ASTHO, AMCHP and others. The main goal is to share information and to coordinate assistance to states.

NGA announced that they have asked each Governor to designate at least four leads in their state including 1) an overall lead for health reform implementation, 2) lead on Medicaid expansion, 3) lead for insurance reforms, and 4) lead for developing the state exchanges.

Each group was asked to share its immediate focus areas. AMCHP presented our orientation to focus first on immediate opportunities (particularly where FY 2010 money is available) followed by intermediate and longer term actions that support the 2014 coverage expansions.

In the immediate phase we reported that we are suggesting that state Title V MCH programs focus on:

- Home visiting program implementation - \$100 million available in FY 2010;
- Advocating that an adequate portion of the Prevention and Public Health Fund address MCH issues - \$500 million for FY 2010;
- Implementing new Personal Responsibility Education Program focused on teen pregnancy prevention - \$75 million for FY 2010;
- Seeking opportunities for uninsured children with special health care needs to receive assistance via temporary high risk pools - \$5 billion over five years; and

- Planning to partner in support of Community Health Center expansion with focus on expanding community capacity to key MCH services such as prenatal care and family planning and linking to other primary prevention and specialty services - \$11 billion over five years starting in FY 2011.



In the more intermediate term we are looking at opportunities in benefit package design including application of the Bright Futures for Children guidelines for new plans, development of Bright Futures Guidelines for Women, and the handful of important provisions promoting expansion of medical homes. We also want to assure we have strong MCH representation on new boards and commissions, particularly those guiding Key National Indicators development and Adult Medicaid Quality Measures with opportunities to focus on women's health, preconception and maternity care.

Our longer term focus is contributing state MCH expertise to state exchange design, Medicaid expansion, outreach and enrollment, provision of enabling and care coordination services, assuring health system capacity, and other crucial activities leading up to the 2014 coverage expansion.

We will provide additional health reform implementation updates as available.

Summary of HHS Health Implementation Call for States

The HHS Office of Intergovernmental Affairs is conducting a weekly conference call with state Governors' office designees on health reform implementation. The following is a summary of the May 13 and May 20 calls.

- HHS Secretary Sebelius and Attorney General Holder held a press conference May 13 about how the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) strengthens federal power to combat health care fraud. HHS is also establishing a new Center for Program Integrity at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
- Applications for high risk pools went to states indicating interest on Monday May 10. HHS held a TA call for state leads on May 18. [While not many details are available, the high risk pools may be a substantial opportunity for states to provide temporary coverage to some children with special health care needs until the exchanges are operating. We are strategizing on best way to link children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) programs with state leads in this area and appreciate your guidance on what would be most helpful – please direct comments to [Michelle Alletto](#) or call (202) 266-3045.]
- On May 20, representatives from the [HHS Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight](#) joined the call for states and said they have been holding specific TA calls on retiree reinsurance, new web portals, as well as high risk pools. The “high risk pool team” at HHS has begun holding individual state calls and will reach out to additional states to set up calls in the next week. The high risk pool team will be engaging states even where HHS – not the state – will be setting up the high risk pool.

HHS Issues Interim Final Rules Relating to Dependent Coverage of Children to Age 26

The Departments of Labor, Treasury, and Health and Human Services published interim final regulations that require group health plans and health insurance issuers in the group and individual insurance markets to allow parents to enroll their children up to age 26 for dependent coverage. Effective July 12, these interim final regulations implement the dependent coverage provisions in the Public Health Service Act (PHSA) Sec. 2714, and generally apply to plans or policy years beginning on or after September 23. Comments are being solicited and may be submitted on or before August 11 [here](#).

Congress Holds Hearing on Prematurity & Infant Mortality

The House of Representative’s Energy & Commerce Health Subcommittee held a hearing on May 12 entitled: “Prematurity and Infant Mortality: What Happens When Babies Are Born Too Early?” Groups testifying included the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Institute of Health (NIH), March of Dimes, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).

The hearing focused on the causes and consequences of premature birth and infant mortality. Representative Pallone has introduced the Stillbirth and SUID Prevention Education and Awareness Act aimed at improving state comprehensive death scene investigations for sudden unexplained infant death and increasing the rate of comprehensive and standardized autopsies.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than half a million babies in the U.S. – or about one in every eight – are born prematurely every year. CDC noted that prematurity is the “greatest risk factor for infant mortality,” and that racial disparity issues around both infant mortality and maternal mortality continue to exist despite the advances in technology in the medical field.

Groups made several recommendations to the Committee including:

- Enhancing states use of vital statistics and Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) data.
- Reauthorization of the PREEMIE Act (P.L. 109-450) to support expanded research, education and demonstration projects whose aim is to help reduce the rates of preterm labor and delivery.
- Establishing a NIH trans-disciplinary research center for prematurity.
- Establishment of a HHS Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) on Prematurity and Low Birthweight.
- Authorization of HRSA demonstration project grants to improve the dissemination of information on prematurity.
- Restricting Medicaid from paying for elective inductions and elective cesareans at any stage of pregnancy.



- Putting tiered financial incentives for providers in insurance programs to encourage vaginal birth after cesarean.

Also included in the testimony from Dr. Hal Lawrence, Vice President of Practice Activities from ACOG was a recommendation to “Improve funding for the Title V Maternal & Child Health Block Grant”. To see written testimony or to download a video of the hearing click [here](#).

Pregnancy Assistance Fund General Program Information Published

General information on the Pregnancy Assistance Funds authorized under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) has been published on the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Website. Under PPACA, The Pregnancy Assistance Fund is appropriated \$25,000,000 per year for fiscal years 2010 through 2019. Funds will be made available in the form of competitive grants to States who may use amounts received under a grant to make funding available to eligible high schools (grades 7-12), community service center, and institutions of higher education to establish, maintain or operate pregnant and parenting student services.

Funds may be used to supplement, not supplant, existing funding for such services. A State may also make funds available to its Attorney General to assist in providing services for eligible pregnant women who are victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or to provide technical assistance to other organizations. States may also use funds for public awareness and education concerning services available to pregnant and parenting teens and women, in keeping with the intent of the Fund.

Although the program information directs questions to the Office of Adolescent Health, we recommend waiting until guidance is released to contact the office for further details. We continue to work with federal partners to stay updated and we will alert you when more details and guidance are released. To learn more, visit [here](#).

AMCHP National Health Reform Implementation Update Call

AMCHP will host our next national health reform implementation call for all members on June 9 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. (EDT). We will share the latest updates from Washington and would like to provide plenty of time to hear from you particularly on immediate opportunities for MCH including the establishment of high-risk pools, teen pregnancy funds, and home visiting program preparation. To register for the call please click [here](#).

AHRQ Call for Comments

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Effective Health Care Program seeks comments to the following research project: “Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: Effectiveness of Treatment in at-risk Preschoolers”; “Long-term Effectiveness in All Ages”; and “Variability in Prevalence, Diagnosis, and Treatment.” These key questions will be open for public comment from May 19 to June 16. To learn more, visit [here](#).

NASHP Webinar on Opportunities and Challenges in Health Reform for Children’s Health

The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) will host a webinar, “Opportunities and Challenges in Health Reform for Young Children’s Health and Development,” on May 26 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. (EDT). NASHP Senior Program Director Catherine Hess will highlight the structural changes reform makes to the health care system that affect young children, with a particular focus on children’s health care quality. State responders, including Jane Borst, Bureau Chief, Family Health Bureau, Iowa Department of Public Health; and Terrie Fritz, Director of Child Health, Oklahoma Health Care Authority, will share their reactions and questions about the information presented by NASHP. To register, visit [here](#).

MCHB’s Customer Satisfaction Survey of its Resource Centers

The Health Resources and Services Administration’s Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) is conducting a Customer Satisfaction Survey of its Resource Centers. MCHB provides funding for the Maternal and Child Health Library. The goal is to use the feedback to help improve the quality of their Resource Centers’ services

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and learn how they can serve you better. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. CFI Group, an independent research and consulting firm, is conducting this survey for the MCHB. The survey is hosted via a secure server and your participation will remain anonymous. If you have any technical questions or issues while taking the survey, please contact MCHBSurvey@mail.cfigroup.com. To complete the survey, visit [here](#).

CDC's Environmental Public Health Tracking Program Needs Your Input!

Please complete this short, 11-question assessment developed by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, National Association of County and City Health Officials and the National Environmental Health Association. This questionnaire seeks information on the awareness of the Environmental Public Health Tracking Program and Network among public health practitioners. The information will be used to gauge awareness and identify needs to better target the public health community. Submit your valued input on the [questionnaire](#) by May 31.

MCH EPI Conference Call for Abstracts

The Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology (MCH EPI) conference organizers are accepting abstract submissions for consideration for this year's conference to convene on December 15. The deadline is May 31. To submit an abstract, visit [here](#).

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 (RWJF) Local Funding Partnerships program forges relationships between the 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](#).

RWJF Active Learning Research Call for Proposals

Active Living Research is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) that supports research to inform policy and environmental strategies for increasing physical activity among children and adolescents, decreasing their sedentary behaviors and preventing obesity. The program places special emphasis on reaching children and youth ages 3 to 18 who are at highest risk for obesity: Black, Latino, American Indian and Asian/Pacific Islander children, as well as children who live in under-resourced and lower-income communities. This call for proposals will support opportunistic, time-sensitive studies on emerging or anticipated changes in physical activity-related policies or environments. Rapid-response grants are expected to accelerate progress toward policy and environmental strategies to prevent and reduce childhood obesity. For maximum impact, studies should be completed in as short a time frame as realistically possible, and results disseminated using methods designed to reach local, state or national decision-makers in time to help inform key policy decisions. Detailed results of these studies, including methodologies and data analyses, along with the outcome of the efforts to reach policy audiences, also should be subsequently reported in peer-reviewed publications. Letters of intent are due by July 1. To learn more, visit [here](#).

ON YOUR BEHALF

Melinda Sanders, Section Administrator for the Healthy Families and Youth Section of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, and Sharron Corle, Associate Director for Adolescent Health at AMCHP, attended the May 16 & 17 CityMatCH Partnership Meeting in Omaha, Nebraska. The meeting focused on two important MCH topics – early childhood systems and family planning.

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



General Maternal and Child Health

Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals Adopted

On May 3, the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice adopted Tier 1 and Tier 3 of the Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals (Core Competencies) as well as minor changes to Tier 2. The Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice (the Council) is a coalition of representatives from [17 national public health organizations](#).

Since 1992, the Council has worked to further academic/practice collaboration to assure a well-trained, competent workforce and a strong, evidence-based public health infrastructure. The Council is funded by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and staffed by the [Public Health Foundation](#).

The Core Competencies are a set of skills desirable for the broad practice of public health. They reflect the characteristics that staff of public health organizations (collectively) may want to possess as they work to protect and promote health in the community. The Core Competencies are designed to serve as a starting point for academic and practice organizations to understand, assess, and meet training and workforce needs. To view the core competencies, visit [here](#).

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FoSE Website Offers Information on Sex Education in the U.S.

The site, The Future of Sex Education (FoSE), launched by the Advocates for Youth, Answer, and the Sex Information and Education Council of the United States, as part of a project that began in July 2007 when staff first met to discuss how best to advance comprehensive sexuality education in public schools. The project was formalized in May 2008 with funding from the Ford Foundation, the George Gund Foundation, and the Grove Foundation. The site offers information about the project's mission and organizing partners, a history of sex education, and current barriers to sex education implementation. Resources include: a project fact sheet; a toolkit to help state and local organizations convene community-based strategic-planning summits; a public education primer; a glossary; and a strategic framework for advancing sex education policy and implementation at the national, state, and local levels. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Youth Groups Launches Beta Version of a New Website

The site, "SparkAction," is an online storytelling and action resource aimed at influencing the policies and practices that affect children and youth. The site is the merger of three websites: Connect for Kids, the Youth Policy Action Center, and the National Youth Development Information Center. To access the site, visit [here](#).

Two New Resources on Housing for Pregnant and Parenting Teens

The Healthy Teen Network and Child Trends have developed two resources on the core components of supportive housing — a [resource](#) defining the core components and a [report](#) on findings from the field based on a national survey, phone interviews, and case studies.

CDC Launches HIV Prevention Campaign

I Know is one part of CDC's national Act Against AIDS campaign which focuses on encouraging young African Americans to talk about HIV and what can be done to prevent it. To learn more, visit [here](#).

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Sustaining School-Based Services Issue Brief

The brief, “Sustaining School-Based Services: Insights From New Mexico’s Integrated School-Based Services,” published by Child Trends, outlines the benefits, challenges and strategies for sustaining integrated health, extended learning, and other social services in schools. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

New Report on Engaging Older Youth in Out-of-School Time Activities

The report, “Engaging Older Youth: Program and City-Level Strategies to Support Sustained Participation in Out-of-School Time,” published by Public/Private Ventures (P/PV) and the Harvard Family Research Project, provides results from a study of almost 200 out-of-school time programs in six cities designed to better understand how the programs promote sustained participation among older youth. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Children’s Health

ASTDD Posts a Recording of a Webinar on Improving Children’s Oral Health

The Association of State and Territorial Dental Director’s (ASTDD) School and Adolescent Health Committee has posted a recording of its March 30 webinar on “Integrating Oral Health into Coordinated School Health: Empowering School Nurses to Take Charge.” This webinar takes a close look at evidence-based oral health prevention programs in school settings. Drawing from the experience of dental professionals, as well as input from school nurses, this webinar discusses the benefits of implementing topical fluoride, sealant and comprehensive dental programs to improve the oral health of high-risk school-aged children through collaborations with public and private organizations and agencies. The webinar also features a review of free oral health resources for school nurses. To access the recording, visit [here](#).

HRSA Releases a Parent’s Guide to Newborn Screening

“The Parent’s Guide to Newborn Screening: These Test Can Save Your Baby’s Life,” published by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), outlines the importance of newborn screening and what parents should know. To download the guide, visit [here](#).

Women’s Health

CDC Issues Infertility Plan

The goal of the plan, “Outline of the National Action Plan for the Prevention, Detection and Management of Infertility,” published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is to promote, preserve and restore the ability of people who live in the United States (U.S.) to conceive and the ability of women in the U.S. to carry a pregnancy to term and deliver a healthy child. To learn more, 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 contributed 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.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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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](#).

Fellowships for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

The Doris Duke Fellowships for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect aim to identify and nurture promising leaders in child abuse prevention in doctoral and dissertation students. Each fellow will receive an annual stipend of \$25,000. The deadline to apply is December 15. To learn more, 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!

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SAMHSA Funding for Community Resilience and Recovery Initiative

Deadline: **May 28**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is accepting applications

for fiscal year (FY) 2010 Community Resilience and Recovery Initiative (CRRRI) grants. The purpose of this place-based initiative is to improve behavioral health outcomes through enhanced coordination and evidence-based health promotion, illness prevention, treatment, and recovery support services in communities affected by the recent economic downturn. Through coordinated services the CRRRI will work in funded communities to: reduce depression and anxiety; reduce excessive drinking (and other substance use if the community chooses); reduce child maltreatment and family violence; enable communities to better identify and respond to suicide risk; build a sense of cohesiveness and connectedness; enable coordination across service systems and community organizations; and improve community resilience and reduce the impact of the economic downturn on behavioral health problems. The intent of the program is to help communities mobilize to better manage behavioral health issues despite budgetary cuts in existing services and to promote a sense of renewal and resilience. To learn more, visit [here](#).

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

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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 regarding the value of good health at any age; Information to increase the individual's or family's motivation to take more responsibility for their own health; Information about and access to health promotion and educational activities; 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](#).

Administration for Children and Families Funding for Child Care Research Partnership Grants

Deadline: **June 4**

Funds are provided for Child Care Research Partnership grants to support research that addresses issues of significance related to Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) services and programs and informs policy decisions and solutions, particularly for underserved populations. Funding is dependent on availability and government interest. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for MCH Autism Intervention Research

Deadline: **June 7**

The Health Resources & Services Administration's (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Research Program will award grants to conduct research on evidence-based practices for interventions to improve the health and well-being of children and adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other developmental disabilities. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for First Time Motherhood/ New Parents Initiative

Deadline: **June 11**

The First-Time Motherhood/ New Parents Initiative (FTM/NPI) are demonstration grants to fund states to increase public awareness of resources available to women preparing for childbirth and new parents through

advertising campaigns and toll-free hotlines. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for MCH Research Network Programs

Deadline: **June 14**

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) will award a cooperative agreement that will support the establishment and maintenance of an MCH Life Course Health Development Research Network. The Network will advance public health research on the epidemiology, social determinants, and on the origins and impacts of health disparities, from a life course perspective. A cooperative agreement provides Federal funding for a project in which the Federal Program works in partnership with the cooperative agreement recipient. Substantial MCHB scientific and/or programmatic involvement with the awardee is anticipated during the performance of the project and will be clearly outlined in the application guidance. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding to Improve Services for Children and Youth With ASD and Other Developmental Disabilities

Deadline: **June 14**

The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) will award grants to improve access to comprehensive, coordinated health care and related services for children and youth with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other developmental disabilities. Grantees will implement an existing state plan to improve the system of services for children and youth with special health care needs who have ASD and other developmental disabilities as defined by the following components: partnerships between professionals and families of children and youth with ASD, access to a culturally competent family-centered medical home which coordinates care with pediatric subspecialties and community-based services, access to adequate health insurance and financing of services, early and continuous screening for ASD and other developmental disabilities, community services organized for easy use by families, and transition to adult health care. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for Part D: Coordinated HIV Services and Access to Research for Women, Infant, Children and Youth

Deadline: **June 14**

The Health Resources & Services Administration's (HRSA) will award grants to provide family centered care involving outpatient or ambulatory care (directly or through contracts) for women, infants, children, and youth with HIV/AIDS.

This means all Part D grantees are expected to directly provide or coordinate for the provision of primary medical care to the clients they serve. The projects are expected to conduct case finding in order to bring infected people into care. Once in care, specific efforts must be made to retain individuals in care. Grantees are expected to provide care, treatment, and support services or create a network of medical and social service providers, who collaborate to supply services. To learn more, visit [here](#).

FNS Funding for CACFP Child Care Wellness Grant FY2010

Deadline: **June 18**

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-80) authorized the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to award \$8 million in grants to state agencies administering the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) for projects aimed at improving the health and nutrition of children in child care settings. The submission of an application does not guarantee funding. Funding approved for CACFP Child Care Wellness Grants will be provided through a Grant Award/Letter of Credit process, in the same manner as other federal funds, upon receipt of a properly executed Grant Agreement and subject to the availability of funding. All CACFP Child Care Wellness Grant funds must be obligated and all activities under the Grant must be completed within two to three years after distribution of grant funding. States may designate a two or three year grant period based on proposal complexity and award amount. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for Innovative Strategies for Serving Children and Youth with Epilepsy (Project Access)

Deadline: **June 21**

The Health Resources & Services Administration's

(HRSA) will award grants to support innovative strategies in improving access to care for children and youth with epilepsy through one or two of the following approaches: focusing on Mental Health issues for children and youth with epilepsy; implementing telemedicine/telehealth; implementing a training program aimed at educating providers (PCP, Pediatricians) on epilepsy care, particularly in rural and medically underserved areas; partnering with a Community Health Center/ Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Clinic utilizing a chronic health model; and/or through partnering with a disease-specific organization (autism, cerebral palsy, etc) in addressing issues around co-morbidities in an effort to increase awareness about epilepsy. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CJ Foundation for SIDS Grant Opportunity

Deadline: **July 8**

The CJ Foundation for SIDS will offer two grant opportunities for 2010, including a Program Services Grant and the Program Services Mini-Grant (formerly the Express Grant). Programs offering education or bereavement services relating to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) and/or Infant Safe Sleep are eligible to apply for funding. The guidelines for both the Program Services Grant and Program Services Mini-Grant are now available. The application materials will not be posted on the CJ Foundation's website. To request the grant program information, accompanying materials, and application guidelines, please contact Wendy S. Jacobs directly. Please specify which guidelines (Program Services, Mini-Grant, or both) you would like to receive and if you would like the guidelines sent to you by email or mail. While you are welcome to request the guidelines for both types of grants, an organization may apply for either a Program Services Grant or a Program Services Mini-Grant, not both. Remember that in order to apply for a grant, you must follow the application guidelines provided by the CJ Foundation for SIDS. For more information or to apply, please contact [Wendy S. Jacobs](#), Assistant Executive Director of Programs & Grants, or call her at (866) 314-7437.

HRSA Funding for 2010 LEND Planning Grants

Deadline: **June 21**

The purpose of the Maternal and Child Health Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Other Related

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Disabilities (LEND) program is to improve the health of infants, children, and adolescents who have, or are at risk for developing, neurodevelopmental and other related disabilities by preparing trainees from a wide variety of professional disciplines to assume leadership roles and to ensure high levels of interdisciplinary clinical competence. Institutions applying for a LEND planning grant in this competition must demonstrate that proposed interdisciplinary training opportunities in autism will increase diagnosis of or rule out individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) or other developmental disabilities. Trainees in these programs should receive an appropriate balance of academic, clinical, and community opportunities; are culturally competent; are ethnically diverse; demonstrate a capacity to evaluate, diagnose or rule out, develop, and provide evidence-based interventions to individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities; and demonstrate an ability to use a family-centered approach (Combating Autism Act of 2006, Sec.399BB,(e)(1)(A)(B)). This grant opportunity is a one-year planning grant. Only applicants from States without an existing LEND program are eligible to apply under this announcement. HRSA would like to foster knowledge transfer and exchange between LEND and at least one minority-serving institution. Therefore, HRSA will consider collaboration with minority-serving institutions when selecting applications for funding. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HHS Funding for CHIPRA Pediatric Healthcare Quality Measures Program Centers of Excellence

Deadline: **June 30**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), solicits cooperative research demonstration and dissemination projects for the purpose of implementing the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) of 2009 section on advancing and improving pediatric quality measures. Under this FOA, the CHIPRA Pediatric Healthcare Quality Measures Program Centers of Excellence (U18) AHRQ anticipates making seven to nine awards that total \$55 million over a four-year period. The maximum annual award can be no greater than \$2 million. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CALENDAR



[Ninth National Conference on Immunization and Health Coalitions](#)

May 26-28
Chicago, IL

[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

[Summit: Substance Exposed Newborns](#)

June 23-24
Alexandria, VA

[Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\) Meeting](#)

June 23-24
Atlanta, GA

[18th Annual Health Forum and American Hospital Association Leadership Summit](#)

July 22-24
San Diego, CA

[Fourth Annual National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media](#)

August 17-19
Atlanta, GA

[CityMatCH Urban MCH Leadership Conference](#)

September 11-14
Chicago, IL

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