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Details of Budget Deal Cutting \$38 Billion Not Yet Released

At press time, no details have been released on which federal programs or agencies will be affected by the \$38 billion in cuts agreed to last Friday evening to avert a government shutdown. As reported, Congress approved a short term stop gap measure late on April 8 funding the government through this Friday. A mid-week vote is expected on a bill that cuts funding \$38 billion from enacted FY 2010 levels and reportedly drops most of the controversial policy provisions. AMCHP will share details on the extent of public health cuts as soon as they become available.

Update on 2012 Budget and Deficit Reduction Plans

While making the final votes this week on the FY 2011 budget, the House of Representatives is also expected to vote on a [Budget Resolution](#) that provides a non-binding blueprint for spending levels in FY 2012 and beyond. As reported, this resolution proposes to reduce spending by \$5.8 trillion over the next decade, and includes the following highlights:

- Repeals the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- Converts the federal share of Medicaid spending into a block grant indexed for inflation and population growth. In addition to creating a block grant the budget proposal rolls back the Medicaid expansion authorized by the ACA. For official analysis of the potential impact of proposed changes to Medicaid from the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office see page six [here](#).
- Holds overall domestic discretionary spending below 2008 levels and holds this category of funding to a five year freeze. Holding overall spending to 2008 levels could have a dramatic impact on maternal and child health programs.

- The budget also proposes a binding cap on total spending as a percentage of the economy.



While House passage will continue to shape debate and guide House spending proposals, the House resolution is not expected to be adopted in the Senate where Budget Chairman Kent Conrad (D-ND) is expected to release his budget proposal soon. Experts believe a bi-partisan solution on debt reduction calling for additional deep cuts in discretionary spending and entitlement changes could emerge in the Senate before the end of this year. Finally, it has been announced that President Obama will outline his goals and plans for deficit reduction this week. AMCHP is tracking these macro budget developments and advocating where possible for the continued prioritization of programs like the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant and other critical public health programs that invest in prevention and early detection.

Update on Pricing for Preterm Birth Drug Makena; CMS Issues Guidance

Last month, the [Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#) [approved a drug called Makena](#), a synthetic form of the hormone progesterone or 17p which can be used to prevent preterm births in women who had a previous preterm birth. According to the March of Dimes if all eligible women used the drug it could prevent 10,000 premature births per year.

KV pharmaceuticals was awarded exclusive rights to the drug and recently announced they are reducing the price of the drug from approximately \$1,500 to \$690 per injection. However, 17p has been available for years through compounding pharmacies at \$10 to \$20 per shot. As a result of the staggering increase in the drug price, the FDA recently announced that it does not intend to take

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enforcement action against pharmacies that compound 17p.

Additionally the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) recently issued a letter indicating that states can choose to “pay for the extemporaneously compounded 17p as an active pharmaceutical ingredients and this can be covered under the medical supplies, equipment and appliances suitable for use in the home portion of home health.” According to the letter, states can cover 17p under their current state plan and do not need to submit a state plan amendment to provide for coverage. A copy of the letter is [here](#).

House Committee Passes Legislation to Reclassify or De-Fund Important Provisions of the Affordable Care Act

On April 5, the House Energy and Commerce Committee voted to approve legislation designed to eliminate or reclassify cornerstone investments in maternal and child health included in the Affordable Care Act. Specifically, the Committee passed:

- H.R. 1213, a bill to repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund
- H.R. 1214, a bill to repeal mandatory funding for school-based health center construction
- H.R. 1215, a bill to amend Title V of the Social Security Act to convert funding for personal responsibility education programs from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriation

AMCHP sent a [letter](#) in opposition to this legislation and Members of Congress mentioned AMCHP during the Committee mark up as one of the organizations supporting these critical programs. It is expected that these bills will be voted on by the full House of Representatives soon. However, it is anticipated that the Senate will not consider this legislation.

AMCHP will continue to monitor these developments closely and keep you informed as the process moves forward.

CHIP Coverage of Children of Public Employees

On April 4 the Center for Medicaid, CHIP and Survey & Certification sent a letter to state health officials to provide guidance to states regarding a new option to receive federal matching funds for coverage of children of state employees through the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). A copy of the letter is [here](#).

New AMCHP Promising Practice for Perinatal Health PASOs (Perinatal Awareness for Successful Outcomes, or “steps” in Spanish) is the latest Promising Practice added to AMCHP’s [Innovation Station](#)! The program empowers Latino families to optimize maternal and child health within their social and cultural context through education, outreach, partnership and advocacy. Learn more about this program and other emerging, promising and best practices in maternal and child health at the [Innovation Station](#).



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, however, to be considered for the next round of reviews, please submit your application. If you have questions about the process, contact [Kate Howe](#) at (202) 266-3052.

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Webcast of the 2011 AMCHP Annual Conference Now Available!

If you missed out on a session at AMCHP's 2011 Annual Conference, don't worry! The Maternal and Child Health Bureau has posted an archive of AMCHP's annual meeting [here](#).

April is Autism Awareness Month

Please join AMCHP in celebrating National Autism Awareness Month! This month provides a special opportunity to increase public awareness of autism spectrum disorders (ASD), which are estimated to affect 1 in 110 children in the United States.



Be sure to check out AMCHP's [State Public Health Autism Resource Center \(SPHARC\)](#) for announcements and upcoming state activities. [The Autism Society](#), [Autism Speaks](#) and [Interdisciplinary Technical Assistance Center on Autism and Developmental Disabilities](#) (ITAC) websites also provide important information regarding Autism Awareness Month.

NASHP Webinar on Integrating Standards for Care in Children for States

The webinar, "Building Bright Futures: Integrating Standards for Care in Children's Coverage Programs," hosted by the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) to convene on April 13 from 2 to 3 p.m. EST, will provide an overview of Bright Futures, a standard of pediatric well-child and preventive care, developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) with support by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and its inclusion in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) as the standard of preventive care that health plans must provide to children, without cost. This webinar will also feature a state that has implemented Bright Futures across public programs and will include a discussion on integrating Bright Futures in providers' practices. To learn more and to register, please visit [here](#).

Webinar on Violence Prevention

The webinar, "Highlighting Public Health's Contribution to Violence Prevention at the Local, State, and National Level Webinar on Violence Prevention," to convene on April 19 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. EST, will emphasize how state and local health departments have successfully used their unique strengths to contribute to violence prevention efforts

in their communities, states and nationally. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about current national, state, and local violence prevention strategies led by health departments with emphasis on youth violence and child maltreatment prevention initiatives. To register, visit [here](#).

Evidence-Based Interventions for Children with Autism Conference

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Section of Developmental-Behavioral and Rehabilitative Pediatrics along with Arkansas Children's Hospital, Partners for Inclusive Communities, Interdisciplinary Leadership Education Excellence in Caring for Children with Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) and the Arkansas Department of Human Services will jointly sponsor the "Team Up 2011: Evidence Based Interventions for Children with Autism Conference." The conference will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas on May 19–21, at the Holiday Inn Airport and the speakers include experts from across the country. To learn more and to register, visit [here](#).

MCHB and CDC Offers MCH Epidemiology Training Course

The MCHB and CDC are offering a Training Course in MCH Epidemiology as part of their ongoing effort to enhance the analytic capacity of state and local health agencies. The course will be held from May 31 to June 4 in Minneapolis MN. This national program is aimed primarily at professionals in state and local health departments who have significant responsibility for collecting, processing, analyzing, and reporting maternal and child health data. Faculty working with state MCH departments also are eligible for the course. The course is geared to individuals with beginning to intermediate skills in using statistical and epidemiologic methods, preferably in maternal and child health or a related field. Visit [here](#) to complete an application. The application must be accompanied by a letter from your state MCH director indicating that he or she is aware that you are applying for the training course. This letter helps to foster communication between state MCH directors and data analysts. Completed applications must be submitted to Positive Outcomes, Inc. by April 15 at 5 p.m. EST. For additional information, call [Dr. Julia Hidalgo](#) at (443) 203-0305.

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Call for Nominations for the 2011 MCH Section Awards

Each year the APHA Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Section recognizes leaders in the maternal and child health field at the Martha May Eliot Luncheon at the APHA Annual Meeting. At the luncheon, APHA also presents the prestigious Association-wide Martha May Eliot Award that honors an individual with exceptional achievement in the field of maternal and Child Health. This year, the MCH section is seeking nominations for the following awards:

- The Young Professional Award
- The Effective Practice Award
- The Outstanding Leadership/Advocacy Award
- The MCH Section Distinguished Service Award

The deadline to complete the nomination forms is April 30. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Call for Nominations for the Martha May Eliot Award

The Martha May Eliot Award honors a professional worker from the field of maternal and child health. This award is to recognize someone who is active in their fields, and their achievements, indicated by high quality and originality of contributions rather than longevity. Nominees are persons who have made unusual contributions to education, administration or research in the field of maternal and child health. The deadline for nomination materials is April 22. To learn more, visit [here](#).

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



General Maternal & Child Health

New Report on Community-Centered Health Homes

The report, “Community-Centered Health Homes: Bridging the Gap Between Health Services and Community Prevention,” published by the Prevention Institute, outlines an approach that community health centers can take to promote community health even as they deliver high quality

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medical services to individuals. To download the report, visit [here](#).

ASTHO Revises its MCH Resources

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) has revised its MCH Resources to help public health advocates make a compelling business case for maternal and child health. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CMCS Releases Bulletin on Medicaid and CHIP Policy

The Center for Medicaid, CHIP and Survey & Certification (CMCS) just released a recent bulletin on recent developments in Medicaid and CHIP policy. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Releases New Food Guide

The guide, “Improving the Food Environment Through Nutrition Standards: A Guide for Government Procurement,” published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), provides practical guidance to states and localities for use when developing, adopting, implementing and evaluating a food procurement policy. To download the guide, visit [here](#).

Children’s Health

New Brief Examines Policy and Service Approaches for Children and Parents

The brief, “Improving the Lives of Young Children: Meeting Parents’ Health and Mental Health Needs Through Medicaid and CHIP So Children Can Thrive,” published by the Urban Institute, discusses the delivery to parents and families of health services needed to support young children’s development. After addressing the reasons that two-generational services matter, the Medicaid policy framework, and the changes that health reform will bring, the authors focus on three policy opportunities for states: increasing Medicaid coverage among eligible parents of young children; increasing service receipt among parents; and increasing receipt of family-based services when children are Medicaid-eligible but their parents are not. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

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AAP Releases a Report on the Impact of Social Media Use on Children and Families

The report, “The Impact of Social Media Use on Children, Adolescents and Families,” published by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), discusses how pediatricians are in a unique position to help families understand Social Media sites (i.e., Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, etc.) and to encourage healthy use and urge parents to monitor for potential problems with cyberbullying, “Facebook depression,” sexting, and exposure to inappropriate content. To download the report, visit [here](#).

AHRQ Releases Two Reports on Child and Adolescent Healthcare

The reports, “National Healthcare Quality Report (NHQR)” and the “National Healthcare Disparities Report (NHDR),” published by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), measure trends in effectiveness of care, patient safety, timeliness of care, patient centeredness, and efficiency of care. New this year are chapters on care coordination, health system infrastructure. The reports present, in chart form, the latest available findings on quality of and access to health care. To download the reports, visit [here](#).

ON YOUR BEHALF

AMCHP Participates in the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA) Annual Conference

From March 27-30, AMCHP staff presented and exhibited at the National Conference 2011: Celebrating 40 Years of NFPHRA. Dr. Michael Fraser co-presented with NFPHRA, the National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSD) and the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) in a panel session titled, “Public Health Partners Discuss Health Care Reform Strategies.”

AMCHP Staff Participates in CDC Gestational Diabetes Mellitus Expert Meeting

On March 21-22, AMCHP staff Jessica Hawkins, participated in the CDC Division of Reproductive Health Gestational Diabetes Expert Meeting along with researchers, other national organizations and CDC staff.

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The goal of the meeting was for research partners to share research findings and to discuss opportunities for future collaboration regarding postpartum follow up and diabetes prevention in women with a history of gestational diabetes mellitus.

AMCHP Peer-to-Peer Exchange on Medical Home

On March 24-25, AMCHP held a Peer-to-Peer Exchange in Salt Lake City, Utah which addressed the topic of medical home for children and youth with autism. State Autism Implementation Grantees from AK, IL, ME, MO, NJ, NM, NY, RI and WI, and Melody Gilbert from AMCHP participated in the exchange. The exchange convened a half-day meeting for grantees, and a full-day medical home meeting with more than 100 public health leaders from around the state of Utah.

AMCHP CEO Presents at Two Meetings in Utah

On April 5, AMCHP CEO Mike Fraser, PhD CAE presented at the Utah Public Health Association’s conference “Reaching New Heights: Realizing our Full Potential” on health reform, and he also presented at the Utah Perinatal Association meeting on “Celebrating 75 Years of Maternal and Child Health: Trends and Challenges Moving Forward.”

AMCHP CEO Presents at a Luncheon Panel for HealthConnect One

HealthConnect One is a Chicago-based national organization that supports the MCHB Community Based Doula Program. AMCHP CEO Mike Fraser, PhD CAE was invited to present at their luncheon panel on health reform and discussed opportunities to support MCH in the Affordable Care Act.

AMCHP Participates at the Delaware Healthy Mother and Infant Consortium

On April 6, the Delaware Healthy Mother and Infant Consortium held its 6th Annual Summit on Maternal and Child Health which focused on Delaware’s efforts to improve birth outcomes and understand approaches to applying a life course perspective to health. AMCHP member Alisa Olshefsky had a key role in planning the Summit and served on several panels. AMCHP staff Lauren Raskin Ramos represented AMCHP at the event.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

AMCHP Associate Director for Women's and Infant Health

This position is accountable for the development, implementation and evaluation of program activities related to women's and infant health and maternal and child health data and assessment through cooperative agreements and other funding sources. The Associate Director leads the Women's and Infant Health Team and contributes to the advancement of MCH programs. This position leads the tracking, analysis, and reporting on federal and state programs impacting women's and perinatal health, leads work to strengthen the capacity of MCH epidemiology at the state and national levels, and plays a critical role in fund development for women's and infant programmatic efforts. The Associate Director develops and maintains partnerships with relevant federal agencies, funders, and other national organizations, coalitions and groups concerned with women's and infant health. The Associate Director leads technical assistance efforts for the organization related to women's and infant health. This position reports to the Director of Programs. For more information about this open position, visit [AMCHP's Career Center](#).

The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation - Public Policy Fellowship Program 2011-2012

The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation is seeking exemplary professionals and/or family members of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities who are currently working or volunteering in the field of inclusive services and supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities for an intensive one-year Public Policy Fellowship in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the Fellowship is to prepare both early career and seasoned leaders to assume leadership in the public policy arena in their home state and/or nationally. During this one year Fellowship, the successful applicant will learn how federal legislation is initiated, developed, and passed by the Congress, as well as how programs are administered and regulations promulgated by federal agencies. To learn more, visit [here](#).

University of South FL Chair of the Department of Community and Family Health and the Director of the Lawton and Rhea Chiles Center for Healthy Mothers and Babies

The University of South Florida, College of Public Health is searching for a dynamic leader to serve in the joint role as its Chair of the Department of Community and Family Health and the Director of the Lawton and Rhea Chiles Center for Healthy Mothers and Babies. The Chair/Director will be an integral member of the College's leadership team reporting to the Dean of the College and will assume responsibility for leading the department and the Chiles Center to a position of academic and professional eminence. Specifically, the Chair/Director will be responsible for managing department and Chiles Center fiscal and human resources; fostering excellence in education, research and public health practice; recruiting, mentoring, and retaining a diverse and talented faculty and staff; recruiting and nurturing excellent students; actively participating in local, national and international service efforts; and contributing to the reputation and overall expression and development of the College and University. The deadline to complete the application is May 1. For more information about the position, please contact [Sandy Wirth](#) or call (813) 974-6494. To see the full job description, visit [AMCHP's Career Center](#).

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!



HRSA Funding for Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention

Deadline: **April 14**

The purpose of these grants is to assure all infants born in the U.S. have their hearing screened at birth and receive timely and appropriate follow up care in the context of a medical home with links to family to family support for families in which an infant is found to have a hearing loss. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for the National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Disease and Tuberculosis Prevention, Public Health Conference Support

Deadline: **April 15**

The purpose of conference support funding is to provide partial support for specific non-Federal conferences in the areas of health promotion and disease prevention and education programs. Conferences supported under this program announcement must be specific to one of the following focus areas; HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Outreach and Enrollment Grants - Cycle II

Deadline: **April 18**

On February 4, 2009, the president signed into law the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA). CHIPRA reauthorizes and fully funds the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) through Federal fiscal year 2013. The Affordable Care Act further extended the CHIP program through 2019 and authorized funding through 2015. CHIPRA provided a total of \$100 million devoted to outreach and enrollment activities, with \$80 million to be provided in grant funds to states, local governments, community-based and nonprofit organizations, and others, and \$10 million in grant funds exclusively for Indian health providers, and Tribal entities. The remaining \$10 million is devoted to a national enrollment campaign. In September 2009, CMS awarded \$40 million in grant funds to 68 grantees across 42 states, and in April 2010, CMS awarded nearly \$10 million to 41 tribal health provider grantees in 19 states. Cycle II will again offer \$40 million in grant funds to be made available for a two year period. Cycle II is designed to be more

targeted than Cycle I, encouraging prospective grantees to design their proposals based on a menu of focus areas. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for Community Approaches to Reducing Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Deadline: **April 20**

The purpose of the program is to announce the availability of fiscal year 2011 funds for project grant applications to support the planning, implementation, and evaluation of innovative, interdisciplinary projects to reduce STD disparities, promote sexual health, and advance community wellness using community engagement methods (e.g., community-based participatory research) and multi-sector partnerships to build local capacity to impact STD disparities in communities with disparately high STD burden. To learn more, visit [here](#).

USDA Food and Nutrition Service Funding for Team Nutrition Training Grants

Deadline: **April 25**

The purpose of this grant is for state agencies to expand and enhance their training programs that incorporate and implement the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and USDA Foods in meals served under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). States must apply Team Nutrition's three behavior-focused strategies in their proposals. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for Effective Strategies to Reduce Motor Vehicle Injuries Among American Indians/Alaska Natives (Teens)

Deadline: **April 25**

The purpose of the program is to design, implement and evaluate Native American community-based interventions with demonstrated effectiveness for preventing motor vehicle injuries within the following areas: 1) strategies to reduce alcohol-impaired driving among high risk groups; 2) strategies to increase safety belt use among low use groups; and 3) strategies to increase the use of child safety seats among low use groups. The purpose of this funding is to assist tribes in supporting developing evidence-based effective strategies in programs focused on teen drivers that will take into consideration the unique culture of Native Americans. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CMS Funding for Medicaid Incentives for Prevention of Chronic Diseases

Deadline: **May 2**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced a new program that will test and evaluate the effectiveness of a program to provide financial and non-financial incentives to Medicaid beneficiaries of all ages who participate in prevention programs and demonstrate changes in health risk and outcomes, including the adoption of healthy behaviors. A grant solicitation directs that applicants must demonstrate they are addressing at least one of the following prevention goals: tobacco cessation, controlling or reducing weight, lowering cholesterol, lowering blood pressure, and avoiding the onset of diabetes or improving the management of the condition. The Office of the Governor or the state Medicaid agency may apply for funding under this grant opportunity. AMCHP encourages state MCH leaders to consider exploring collaborations to pursue this opportunity with your state chronic disease and Medicaid colleagues. State notices of intent are due to CMS by April 4. Complete grant applications are due to CMS by May 2. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Funding for Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships

Deadline: **May 5**

The purpose of the program, Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships, is to build local public health capacity to establish a comprehensive community-wide Teen Dating Violence Prevention Initiative that focuses on 11 to 14-year-olds to promote respectful, nonviolent dating relationships among youth in high-risk urban communities. Demonstration sites will build capacity to implement two models of TDV prevention (standard and comprehensive) to see how effective, feasible, and sustainable these approaches will be in high-risk urban communities. To learn more, visit [here](#).

NIH Funding for Combined Multipurpose Strategies for Sexual and Reproductive Health (R21/33)

Deadline: **May 18**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health (NIH), invites

research applications for projects focused on development of combined multipurpose prevention strategies for sexual and reproductive health. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Administration on Aging Funding for Lifespan Respite Care Program

Deadline: **May 20**

Development and enhancement of lifespan respite care at the state and local levels; the provision of respite care services for family caregivers caring for children or adults; training and recruiting of respite care workers and volunteers; the provision of information to caregivers about available respite and support services; and assistance to caregivers in gaining access to such services. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for Public Health Training Center

Deadline: **May 23**

The purpose of the Public Health Training Centers Program is to improve the Nation's public health system by strengthening the technical, scientific, managerial, and leadership competence of the current and future public health workforce. A public health training center plans, develops, operates, and evaluates projects that are in furtherance of the goals established by the Secretary in the areas of preventive medicine, health promotion and disease prevention, or improving access to and quality of health services in medically underserved communities. To learn more, visit [here](#).

SAMHSA Planning Grants for Expansion of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and their Families

Deadline: **June 2**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for fiscal year 2011 for Planning Grants for Expansion of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and their Families (System of Care Expansion Planning Grants). The purpose of these grants is to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for improving and expanding services provided by systems of care (SOC) for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families. A "system of care" is an organizational philosophy and

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framework that involves collaboration across government and private agencies, providers, families and youth for the purpose of improving access and expanding the array of coordinated community-based, culturally and linguistically competent services and supports for children and youth with a serious emotional disturbance and their families. Since the inception of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families Program (i.e., Children's Mental Health Initiative or CMHI) in 1992 by an act of Congress, the SOC approach has served as the conceptual and philosophical framework for systemic reform in children's mental health. To learn more, visit [here](#).

RWJF Grant for Childhood Obesity Prevention

Deadline: **July 1**

The purpose of this funding opportunity, provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), is to support research to analyze and improve policy and environmental strategies to increase physical activity among children and adolescents. Proposals will support opportunistic, time-sensitive studies on emerging or anticipated changes in physical activity-related policies or environments. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis until the deadline. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Administration for Children and Families Grants to Tribes, Tribal Organizations and Migrant Programs for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Programs

Deadline: **July 5**

The primary purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to provide financial support to selected Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Migrant Programs for child abuse prevention programs and activities that are consistent with the goals outlined by Title II of Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. This legislation specifies that one percent of the available funding from Title II will be reserved to fund Tribes, Tribal Organizations and Migrant Programs. The goal of the programs and activities supported by these funds is to prevent the occurrence or recurrence of abuse or neglect within the Tribal and Migrant populations. The funds must support more effective and comprehensive child abuse prevention activities and family support services, including an emphasis on strengthening family life and reaching out to include fathers, that will

enhance the lives and ensure the safety and well-being of Migrant and Native American children and their families. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CALENDAR



MCH Events

[National Autism Awareness Month](#)

April 2011

[Hospitals and Communities Moving Forward with Patient- and Family-Centered Care: An Intensive Training Seminar—Partnerships for Quality and Safety](#)

May 2-5

St. Louis, MO

[Team Up 2011: Evidence Based Interventions for Children with Autism Conference](#)

May 19–21

Little Rock, AR

[3rd National Summit on Preconception Health & Healthcare](#)

June 12-14

Tampa/St. Petersburg, FL

[2011 Western Regional Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology \(MCH EPI\) Conference](#)

June 19-20

San Francisco, CA

[2011 National School-Based Health Care Convention](#)

June 26-29

Chicago, IL

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[25th Anniversary Postpartum Support International Conference](#)

September 14-17

Seattle, WA

[NASHP 24th Annual State Health Policy Conference](#)

October 3-5

Kansas City, MO

[2011 AUCD Conference](#)

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Crystal City, VA



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