



LEGISLATIVE CORNER

Congress continues its summer recess so there is not much to report from Capitol Hill.

On the health reform implementation front, we understand that the deadline for the home visiting needs assessment is likely to be changed but have no information on the expected release of the guidance or new due date.



Finally, we did want to share a heads up that when the Senate reconvenes on September 14, they are expected to consider the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act. **Senator Mike Johanns (R-NE) proposed an amendment to this bill that would use the Prevention Fund to offset other costs of the bill.** This would virtually eliminate the fund, and mark a severe blow to the monumental commitment to prevention and public health represented by the fund. Indications are the small business community is very supportive of the amendment. It is our understanding that later this week ASTHO will issue an action alert for all their members to call their senators' offices and encourage them to vote "no" on the Johanns Amendment. AMCHP is working with public health coalition partners to protect the fund, has joined [sign-on letters](#) opposing this offset and will share the ASTHO alert as soon as it becomes available.

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Nominations for AMCHP Board of Directors Now Being Accepted!

AMCHP's Governance Committee is currently accepting nominations for 2011 AMCHP Board positions. These leadership positions guide, direct, inform and contribute to moving AMCHP's strategic directions and goals forward.

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Positions that will be open in the 2011 election include:

1. President-Elect
2. Director-At-Large
3. Family Representative
4. Region II
5. Region III
6. Region V
7. Region VII

Volunteer leadership is critical to AMCHP's success. We hope that you will consider participating in the nominations process. More information about these positions, necessary qualifications and the nominations process may be found on the AMCHP website or by clicking [here](#). We ask that all nominations be forwarded to the Governance Committee by September 30 to ensure ample time for the Committee to review all candidates' materials. Please note: Only named AMCHP delegates may be nominated to the Board. To verify your membership status, contact [Julio Arguello, Publications & Member Services Manager](#).

AMCHP/Family Voices Call for Presentations

The 2011 Annual Conference of the Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP) will take place February 12-15, 2011, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. The conference will be co-located with the Family Voices National Conference (February 13-15, 2011), with the shared theme of Working Together to Improve Maternal and Child Health: The 2011 AMCHP and Family Voices National Conferences. The AMCHP and Family Voices co-located conferences are the ideal venues to present your ideas, research, innovative programming, best practices and effective outreach strategies to MCH and other public health practitioners, family leaders, researchers, federal officials, advocates, healthcare providers and directors of state programs. Click [here](#) for complete information about submitting your proposal and for the online submission system. Through this system you can submit a session proposal for the AMCHP conference, the Family Voices

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conference, or a shared session period to reach both audiences. The deadline for session proposal submissions is August 23, 2010. You will be notified about the outcome of your submission by October 15, 2010. If you have questions about the session proposal submission process, please contact [Colleen Campbell](#) or call (703) 964-1240, ext. 16.

Celebrating Title V at 75 Nationwide – September 8!

Please join AMCHP and MCHB in a national webinar to celebrate the legacy of the Title V MCH Services Block Grant and share thoughts on its future on September 8 at 3 p.m. EST. The webinar is designed to “virtually” connect MCH leaders across the country at the same time and kick off this fall’s commemoration of Title V in Washington, DC, and other state and local festivities. Plan an event in your agency around this important and informative webinar and join in the national celebration! More information will be forthcoming, including a “celebration guide” with ideas for activities to engage your state and local MCH leaders and helpful resources on Title V to help plan your own event. For more information, contact AMCHP at info@amchp.org, visit www.amchp.org or www.hrsa.gov/mchb75. Online registration is required, visit www.mchcom.com to obtain dial-in and webinar information!

AMCHP and ASIP to Co-host a Webinar on Health Reform and Infant Death

The webinar, “Opportunities in Health Reform to Prevent Infant Death,” sponsored by AMCHP and the Association of SIDS and Infant Mortality Programs (ASIP), is the third in a series of live, interactive webinars which have been developed to provide participants with the latest research, resources, information, and tools regarding MCH, SUID, SIDS, infant mortality and bereavement. The webinar will convene on September 16 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. EST. Registration and additional information to follow. For more information, please contact [Jessica Hawkins](#) or [Sandra Frank](#).

CMS Call for Comments

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has requested public comments on the Secretary of Health and Human Services’ recommended legislative changes to improve the quality of children’s care provided under Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program,

including state quality reporting recommendations. The Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) requires the Secretary to provide to Congress with recommendations for legislative changes designed to improve the quality of care provided to children under Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program. Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on August 30. To learn more, visit [here](#).

MCHB Call for Papers

The Health Resources and Services Administration’s Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) is seeking submissions for papers for a supplement to the *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, devoted to national, regional and state-level analyses of the [2007 National Survey of Children’s Health](#) (NSCH). If you are interested in contributing to the articles for this proposed supplement, please contact Drs. [Michael Kogan](#), [Reem Ghandour](#) or [Ashley Schempf](#). At this point, only a proposed title, authorship list, and up to one page outlining your research are required, however data analysis results are welcome. Please send this information by September 10. If you work in a state or local MCH department, MCHB and the CDC are sponsoring a program to assist people with writing manuscripts for publication. If your topic is chosen, and would like assistance in preparing a manuscript on state-level data from this data set, please contact [Michael Kogan](#).

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



Adolescent Health

Opinion Leaders Report on Adolescent Health

The report, “Concern for Our Teens: Opinion Leaders Speak Out on Adolescent Health,” published by the National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health, is based on interviews with opinion leaders from the business, college, and military sectors. Interviews were conducted with human resource directors and managers of wellness and benefits from a cross section of six large and small firms in both the manufacturing and service sectors;

directors of student health services or student services from seven public, private, and community colleges; and nine command-level leaders, both non-commissioned and commissioned, from several branches of the military. Topics include adolescents' health status and access to care, the role of the community in health education and wellness, and public and private policies to improve adolescent health. To download the report, visit [here](#).

Children's Health

New Report on Parents with Children with Special Needs

The report, "Shared Participation: Strategies to Increase the Voice of Families from Diverse Backgrounds as Partners and Advisors," published by Family Voices of Wisconsin, documents conversations with parents of children and youth with special needs (CYSN) about their perceived barriers to working in partnership with professionals on decision-making, recommendations for supporting partnerships and decision-making, and recommendations for parent participation on advisory committees. The report is based on listening sessions with Latino and African-American parents of CYSN and technical assistance conference calls with Native-American parents of CYSN. Contents include common themes across groups for recruiting and supporting parents new to advisory roles and a checklist for recruiting and supporting parents from diverse backgrounds for advisory roles. To download the report, visit [here](#).

Women's Health

New Brief on State Options for Covering Pregnant Women in CHIP

The brief, "Covering Pregnant Women: CHIPRA Offers a New Option," published by Families USA, examines the ways that states provided coverage to pregnant women before the enactment of CHIPRA and current options and guidance for providing comprehensive benefits to pregnant women in CHIP. Information on services covered and state eligibility levels is included. Links to additional resources for states are also provided, including a letter from the Center for Medicaid and State Operations to state health officials on the new option to cover pregnant women, frequently asked questions, and a sample state plan amendment for

coverage of pregnant women. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

Updated Fact Sheet on Emergency Contraception

The Kaiser Family Foundation has issued an updated and expanded fact sheet that highlights key trends and policies on access to emergency contraception. To download the fact sheet, visit [here](#).

NCBDDD Resources Now Available

The National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) now has new diabetes and pregnancy (pre-gestational and gestational) educational booklets available for distribution, including:

- [Diabetes and Pregnancy](#): An easy-to-read booklet developed for women who have been diagnosed with diabetes during pregnancy and want to learn more about how to take care of themselves during and after pregnancy.
- [Got Diabetes](#): An easy-to-read booklet developed for women who have diabetes and are thinking about getting pregnant or are already pregnant.

ON YOUR BEHALF

AMCHP staff, including Mike Fraser, Melody Gilbert and Vanessa White participated in an influenza meeting, "Pandemic Influenza Revisited: Special Considerations for Pregnant Women and Newborns," on August 12-13, in Atlanta, GA. This meeting was a collaboration among AMCHP and the March of Dimes, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion and the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases and Influenza Coordination Unit.

The purpose of the meeting was to identify successful pandemic response efforts, persistent gaps in knowledge likely to impact future influenza seasons, and best practices for preventing and treating influenza illness in pregnant and postpartum women and newborns. The

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meeting included discussions concerning prophylaxis and treatment of pregnant and postpartum women with anti-influenza medications, influenza vaccine, newborn issues, and infection control in obstetric settings. Issues related to communication of information to pregnant women and their healthcare providers during the 2009 H1N1 pandemic was also discussed.



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 [Darlisha Williams](#) at (202) 266-3057.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

AMCHP Program Manager of Family Involvement Job Opportunity

This 50 percent part-time position supports and assists the Associate Director for Workforce and Leadership Development, Family Involvement in the development, implementation and evaluation of program activities related to family involvement and leadership development. The

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Program Manager will also assist in implementing project activities related to children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) impacting CYSHCN, birth defects and disabilities and early childhood. To learn more about this open position, visit AMCHP's [Career Center](#).

AMCHP Senior Epidemiologist Job Opportunity

AMCHP is seeking a Senior Epidemiologist to be accountable for the development and implementation of program activities related to maternal and child health data and assessment. The Senior Epidemiologist, a member of the Women's and Infant Health team, develops and maintains partnerships with relevant federal agencies, funders, and other national organizations, coalitions and groups concerned with MCH epidemiology. For more information about this open position, visit AMCHP's [Career Center](#).

RWJF Scholars in Health Policy Research Program Fellowship Opportunities

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Scholars in Health Policy Research program is looking for up to nine highly qualified individuals for two-year fellowships at one of three nationally prominent universities with the expectation that they will make important research contributions to future U.S. health policy. The program seeks recent graduates of doctoral programs in economics, political science and sociology, including junior faculty, to apply. The program will give preference to applicants who have not previously worked extensively in health or health policy research. The deadline to apply is October 13. 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!



FNS Funding for WIC Breast Feeding Peer Counseling Curriculum Update and Training

Deadline: **August 20**

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will fund a competitive cooperative agreement award of up to \$350,000 in Fiscal Year 2010 to a qualified applicant to: (1) update two existing FNS breastfeeding peer counseling training curricula and (2) coordinate and conduct trainings, based on each of the updated curricula, in a, train-the-trainer format for WIC state agency staff in each of the seven FNS geographic regions. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 Supplemental Funding to Support Enhanced Evaluation within ARRA Funded Obesity Communities

Deadline: **August 20**

The purpose of this supplemental funding opportunity is to expand existing collection and evaluation of individual-level data on height and, weight (used to create BMI) and, where applicable, other biometric and related measurements, in selected communities funded for obesity prevention. In addition, awardees should add or expand the use of supplementary observational measures of policy/environmental changes to augment individual-level measurements. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for Enhanced Comprehensive HIV Prevention Planning and Implementation for Metropolitan Statistical Areas Most Affected by HIV/AIDS

Deadline: **September 2**

The purpose of this program is to facilitate the development and implementation of Enhanced Comprehensive HIV Prevention Plans (ECHPPs) for Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) most affected by the HIV epidemic in order to reduce HIV risk and incidence in those areas. This program will be conducted in two phases. In Phase I, which will be supported under this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) and will have a one year project period, grantees will develop focused ECHPPs for the targeted MSAs and begin the implementation of those plans. The plans will be guided by the best available evidence and tailored by the jurisdiction with intensive guidance from HHS/CDC. The enhanced plans are intended to identify the optimal combination of coordinated

HIV prevention, care, and treatment services that can maximize the impact of these services on reducing new HIV infections within that jurisdiction. In Phase II, which will be supported under a separate FOA, a subset of the jurisdictions funded under Phase I will be selected, through a competitive process, to further implement their ECHPPs over a two year project period. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for State Competitive Supplemental Funding for Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

Deadline: **September 8**

The purpose of this supplement is to provide state health departments with resources to maintain previous projections in sample size, enhance and expand the utility of BRFSS, and support ongoing state-based public health surveillance infrastructure. Resources are needed specifically to collect BRFSS data to assess the prevalence of Influenza Like Illness (ILI) at state and local levels to support Pandemic Influenza response and preparedness activities as well as to support optional modules of public health significance at the state level (Components IA, IB, and IC). Financial support will be provided for activities related to data collection for the evaluation of interventions and assessment of the effectiveness of activities funded with Affordable Care Act through the Communities Putting Prevention to Work (ACA CPPW) (Component II). Those states eligible to apply for Component II will be notified individually. The amount of funding for individual states will be determined through a competitive evaluation. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for PS10-1001 HIV Prevention Projects Supplemental Resources to Enhance HIV Prevention Strategies

Deadline: **September 13**

The purpose of the supplemental funding is to enable state and local health departments to address gaps within or enhance their HIV prevention portfolio. Jurisdictions should assess current activities within their current HIV prevention plan and, where appropriate and feasible, utilize these funds to further enhance or address gaps. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CALENDAR



Special Events

[Celebrating Title V at 75 Nationwide Webinar](#)

September 8
3 to 4 p.m. EST

[MCHB 75th Anniversary of Title V Commemoration](#)

October 20
Washington DC

[Looking to the Future: What are the Opportunities and Challenges of Health Reform for Improving Maternal and Child Health?](#)

October 21
Washington, DC

[Working Together to Improve Maternal and Child Health: The 2011 AMCHP and Family Voices National Conferences](#)

February 12-15, 2011
Washington, DC

Other MCH Events

[CityMatCH Urban MCH Leadership Conference](#)

September 11-14
Chicago, IL

[AHRQ's 2010 Annual Conference](#)

September 27-29
Bethesda, MD

[National Academy for State Health Policy Conference](#)

October 4-6
New Orleans, LA

[2010 AUCD Conference](#)

October 30-November 3
Crystal City, VA

[WIC Food Package Evaluation Symposium](#)

November 30
Washington, DC

[Fourth National Conference on Genomics and Public Health](#)

December 8-10
Bethesda, MD

[Registration Now Open: 16th Annual MCH EPI Pre-Conference Data Skill Trainings](#)

December 13-14
San Antonio, TX

[16th Annual CDC MCH EPI Conference](#)

December 15-17
San Antonio, TX



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