



LEGISLATIVE CORNER

Administration Releases Groundbreaking National Prevention Strategy

On June 16, the National Prevention, Health Promotion, and Public Health Council released the [National Prevention Strategy](#), a new comprehensive plan that will “help increase the number of Americans who are healthy at every stage of life.” The National Prevention Council, composed of 17 federal agencies and chaired by the Surgeon General, developed the strategy with consultation from outside experts and stakeholders. AMCHP provided input into the development of this plan and strongly supports its focus on shifting from a sick care system to one promoting wellness. We also commend its embrace of health across the life course and specific inclusion of maternal and child health issues.

The National Prevention Strategy was called for under the Affordable Care Act. The strategy’s four goals include: 1) Healthy and Safe Community Environments; 2) Clinical and Community Preventive Services; 3) Empowered People; and 4) Elimination of Health Disparities. While maternal and child health issues are addressed in each of the seven priority areas, we specifically direct your attention to the section on “Reproductive and Sexual Health” beginning on page 44. Note the federal commitment to “Increase access to comprehensive preconception and prenatal care, especially for low income and at-risk women [and] research and disseminate ways to effectively prevent premature birth, birth defects, and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) (page 45), and suggested actions for state and local partners on page 46. More information on the National Prevention Strategy and the National Prevention Council can be found [here](#).

AMCHP looks forward to working with the National Prevention Council and all interested stakeholders on implementing this plan which for the first time in our nation’s history provides a cross-sector strategy that identifies priorities for improving health.

House Passes Deep WIC Cuts

The U.S. House of Representatives voted June 17 largely along party lines (217-203) to cut hundreds of thousands of mothers and young children off of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) – eliminating access to critical nutritious foods, nutrition services and referrals to health care and social services.



The legislation, the Fiscal Year 2012 Agriculture spending bill (H.R. 2112) funds WIC at \$6.048 billion – a \$686 million reduction from the current fiscal year’s funding level of \$6.734 billion. Current funding allows WIC to serve roughly 8.9 million mothers and young children. According to colleagues at the National WIC Directors Association, between 200,000 and 750,000 low-income mothers and young children will be cut from the program in the midst of a still weakened economy if the House bill becomes law. Senate action has not yet taken place.

AMCHP will continue to advocate against these cuts and report as this unfolds, and expects House action on the Labor HHS Appropriations bill which sets Title V MCH Block Grant funding in late July.

Senate Introduces Combating Autism Act Reauthorization

Senators Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and Mike Enzi (R-WY) unveiled legislation to reauthorize the Combating Autism Act of 2006. This legislation ensures that the critical programs established under the original law continue for an additional three years, including CDC surveillance programs, HRSA intervention and training programs, and the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC). These programs are set to expire in September of this year without any Congressional action. Senators Richard Durbin (D-IL) and Scott Brown (R-MA) are original cosponsors



of this legislation. Representatives Chris Smith (R-NJ) and Mike Doyle (D- PA) will be introducing companion legislation in the House of Representatives.

GIH Offers State Grant Writing Assistance Fund

The Affordable Care Act offers a number of funding opportunities to state government agencies to support their efforts implementing the health reform law. Many states have found it difficult to prepare proposals to access these funds because of budgetary and staffing constraints, the quick turnaround time for responding to many federal grant announcements, and the major shifts in state government.

To address this issue, Grantmakers In Health (GIH), with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, announced the availability of the GIH State Grant Writing Assistance Fund. The fund will provide up to \$15,000 in matching funds per state to grantmakers who are interested in offering grant writing support to state government agencies. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the fund is depleted. See [here](#) for the full proposal request. Questions can be directed to Anna Spencer, GIH senior program associate, at (202) 452.8331 or aspencer@gih.org.

Maternal Health Quality Bill Introduced

Legislation was recently introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives calling for sweeping maternity care reform to improve the health and well-being of mothers and babies. The Maximizing Optimal Maternity Services for the 21st Century Act (H.R. 2141) is sponsored by Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard of California and places a national focus on maternity care practices by establishing an Interagency Coordinating Committee responsible for promoting the best evidence-based maternity practices across all federal programs. The legislation authorizes a public awareness media campaign to educate consumers about how to achieve the healthiest results for mothers and babies and expands federal research on best maternity practices, and authorizes data collection to pinpoint specific geographic areas of the country that lack maternity care providers. To see the full text of H.R. 2141 click [here](#).

AMCHP and the text4baby State Enrollment Contest

AMCHP will be participating in the [text4baby State Enrollment Contest](#), a national competition to enroll pregnant women and new mothers in the text4baby program. The goal of the text4baby State Enrollment Contest is to reach twice as many users through a healthy competition among states. The top three states that have enrolled the most users in text4baby between May 10 and October 20 will be announced at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. The prize for each of the winning states will be a sponsored luncheon/press event for text4baby partners in that state.

Text4baby, the country's first free, health education program in the form of text messages, provides timely tips and expert advice sent directly to the cell phones of pregnant women and new moms. Pregnant women and new mothers who text "BABY" (or "BEBE" for Spanish) to 511411 receive weekly text messages, timed to their due date or their baby's birth date through the baby's first year. The messages, which have been developed by government and nonprofit health experts like the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, American Academy of Pediatrics, and March of Dimes, deal with nutrition, immunization and birth defect prevention, among other topics. For more information, contact [Cristina Sciuto](#).

Webinar on Infant Sleep Position and Bedsharing

The Association of SIDS and Infant Mortality Programs (ASIP) and AMCHP will host a webinar, "Infant Sleep Position and Bedsharing: Using PRAMS to Impact Programs and Policy," on June 29 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. EST. The webinar will feature Letitia Williams, MPH, Epidemiologist, PRAMS Project, CDC Division of Reproductive Health; and Danielle L. Broussard, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Chronic Disease Epidemiology Division of Clinical and Administrative Sciences Lead Chronic Disease Epidemiologist Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education Xavier University of Louisiana. This discussion is a continuation of the SUID/SIDS Webinar Series. Initiated in 2010, this series is designed to strengthen SUID, SIDS, Infant Safe Sleep and bereavement services across the United States. To register, visit [here](#).

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Satellite Conference and Live Webcast

The live webcast, “Communicating With and For the Maternal and Child Health Population: Issues and Challenges,” will convene on June 28 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. EST. The program will feature Cathy R. Taylor, DrPH, MSN, RN, Assistant Commissioner, Administration Director, Bureau of Health Services, Tennessee Department of Health, discussing successful, clear communication and knowledge transfer skills and strategies crucial to MCH health improvement and advocacy goals. The webcast is produced by the South Central Public Health Training Center and University of Alabama at Birmingham’s Maternal and Child Health Training Grant, in partnership with the Alabama Department of Public Health. To learn more, contact alphn@adph.state.al.us.

ABM Call for Abstracts

The Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine (ABM) is now accepting abstracts for the 16th Annual International Meeting to be held November 3-6 in Miami. 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 abstracts is June 24. To learn more, visit [here](#).

First Lady Michelle Obama’s Let’s Move! Child Care Initiative

The Let’s Move! Child Care is one of the first lady’s most recent additions to her Let’s Move campaign. This new initiative creates a collaboration between Let’s Move! and Healthy Kids, Healthy Future. The core of Let’s Move! Child Care is a voluntary set of standards to engage child care providers in creating healthier environments for children. The standards relate to physical activity, nutrition, screen time and infant feeding that mirror the best practices Healthy Kids, Healthy Future has been promoting over the past two years. Child care providers who participate in, and achieve the goals laid out by the initiative, will receive some manner of recognition for their efforts. Let’s Move! Child Care includes a web-based resource center with tools, training and technical assistance opportunities to support providers in their efforts to meet the voluntary standards. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Roundtable on the Transition to Adulthood

The Future of Children will host “Transition to Adulthood: Roundtable Discussions on Practice and Policy” on June 21 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST, in Washington, DC. This event will bring together researchers and practitioners in exploring the unique challenges faced by youth as they transition to adulthood. A webcast will be available shortly following this event. To register or to learn more, visit [here](#).

Call for Nominations

Healthy Teen Network is now accepting nominations for the 2011 Healthy Teen Network Annual Awards Program. The awards will recognize programs, groups and individuals committed to promoting the health and well-being of youth. The deadline is June 30. To learn more, visit [here](#).

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



General Maternal & Child Health

The National Minority Quality Forum Releases Updated HIV/AIDS Index

The U.S. HIV/AIDS Index enables users to map available HIV and AIDS statistics at the national, state, U.S. congressional district, and county levels by age, gender, race and ethnicity. The index is a project of the National Minority Quality Forum and builds upon the HIV/AIDS atlas that the forum introduced in 2009. The updated resource uses data on the number of persons living with HIV and AIDS collected from surveillance branches within the departments of health in all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The index enables users to map HIV and AIDS prevalence and total counts and reveals visible health-disparity zones around the country. It is intended to help health professionals, policymakers, advocacy groups, and researchers improve surveillance, prevention initiatives, early diagnosis, and routine testing efforts in the hardest-hit communities. To view the index, visit [here](#).

Website Allows a State to Map its Progress on Health Reform Implementation

The site, StateRefor(u)m, is an online network for health reform implementation, which allows a state to upload documents or submit comments that shows its progress. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Adolescent Health

CDC Releases New Report on Nonfatal Bathroom Injuries Among Adolescents

The report, “Nonfatal Bathroom Injuries Among Persons Aged ≥15 Years - United States, 2008,” published in the June 10 issue of the CDC’s Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, describes the results of an investigation into how in 2008, approximately 21.8 million persons aged ≥15 years sustained nonfatal, unintentional injuries, resulting in approximately \$67.3 billion in lifetime medical costs. Information about where injuries occur is limited, but bathrooms commonly are believed to be a particularly hazardous location. To investigate this assumption, CDC analyzed data from a nationally representative sample of emergency departments (EDs) to describe the incidence and circumstances of nonfatal injuries in bathrooms (in any setting) among persons aged ≥15 years in the United States. To view the report, visit [here](#).

CDC Releases Report on the Health Risks Among Sexual Minority Adolescents

The report, “Sexual Identity, Sex of Sexual Contacts, and Health-Risk Behaviors Among Students in Grades 9–12 in Selected Sites—Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance, United States, 2001–2009,” published in the June 10 issue of the CDC’s Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, which documents the disproportionate rates at which sexual minority students reported many health risks, including tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use; sexual risk behaviors; and violence. To view the report, visit [here](#).

SAMHSA Releases Three-Part Video Series for LGBTQ Youth

The series, “Larkin Street Stories: Serving Homeless LGBTQ Youth,” produced by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) Homelessness Resource Center, offers tips on best practices for providers serving lesbian, gay, bisexual,

transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth who are homeless. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Three Reports on the High Costs of Unintended Pregnancy Rates

The three new reports, “[Unintended Pregnancy Rates at the State Level](#),” “[The Public Costs of Births Resulting from Unintended Pregnancies: National and State-Level Estimates](#),” and “[Unintended Pregnancy and Taxpayer Spending](#),” published by the Guttmacher Institute, discusses the rates and public costs of unintended pregnancy.

ETR Associates Publishes Guide on Reducing Adolescent Sexual Risk

The guide, “Reducing Adolescent Sexual Risk: A Theoretical Guide for Developing and Adapting Curriculum-Based Programs,” published by the Education, Training and Research (ETR) Associates, helps reproductive health professionals, educators, curricula selection committees and others design or adapt curricula so that they focus on risk and protective factors that are related to sexual risk behavior and use instructional principles most likely to improve the targeted factors. To download the guide, visit [here](#).

Children’s Health

New Brief Addresses Children Facing Complex Coverage Under the ACA

The brief, “Addressing Coverage Challenges for Children Under the Affordable Care Act,” published by the Urban Institute, estimates the number of children in several coverage and family scenarios to draw attention to those who might require special attention as Affordable Care Act (ACA) regulations are developed and the law is implemented. The analysis provides estimates of the number of children in several scenarios and identifies groups of children that warrant special consideration as regulations are developed and implementation of the ACA continues. Topics include dependent employer-sponsored insurance coverage issues, family eligibility issues in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program, and children with absent parents. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

PUBLICATIONS CONT.

AAP & NACH Offers State Medicaid Fact Sheets

The 2011 State Medicaid Fact Sheets, a joint effort of the National Association of Children's Hospitals (N.A.C.H.) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), provide key data to demonstrate the importance of the Medicaid program to children and children's hospitals. The fact sheets can be used with state and federal policymakers and can be adapted to meet your targeted advocacy needs. To download the fact sheets, please visit [here](#).

OHRC Releases New Tip Sheet on Child Oral Health

The tip sheet, "Medical Providers and Head Start: What You Should Know About Oral Health and How You Can Help," published by the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC) at Georgetown University, assists medical providers (i.e., physicians and nurse practitioners) in identifying approaches they can take to improve the oral health of pregnant women, infants and children enrolled in Head Start. To download the tip sheet, visit [here](#).

ON YOUR BEHALF

AMCHP Working On Your Behalf

- On May 23-26, AMCHP staff Jessica Hawkins attended the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's American Healing Conference in North Carolina. This two-day conference provided opportunities for exchange around systems change, policy, community mobilization and action-oriented research strategies to foster more equitable outcomes in education, health and economic security for vulnerable children and their families.
- On June 1, AMCHP staff Joshua Brown presented a webinar to the Genetics Alliance for their "Genetics Day on the Hill 2011," where he spoke about advocating for the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant. Genetic Alliance is the world's leading nonprofit health advocacy organization committed to transforming health through genetics and promoting an environment

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of openness centered on the health of individuals, families and communities.

- On June 7, AMCHP CEO Mike Fraser met with Dr. Mary Wakefield, HRSA Administrator, to discuss the HRSA process for recruiting a new MCHB Associate Administrator and discuss the FY 2011 and FY 2012 budgets for Title V.
- On June 8, AMCHP CEO Mike Fraser and Brent Ewig, AMCHP's Director of Policy met with Andrew Rein, CDC's Associate Director for Policy, and Ed Hunter, CDC's Washington Office Director, to discuss the agency's FY 2011 and FY 2012 budgets and opportunities to support MCH through new funding in the Affordable Care Act.
- On June 9, AMCHP CEO Mike Fraser met with CDC Director Tom Frieden, at a Campaign for Public Health Roundtable. The Roundtable focused on support for prevention and the CDC budget in FY 2011 and FY 2012.
- On June 12-14, AMCHP CEO Mike Fraser, along with AMCHP staff members Sharron Corle, Kate Howe, Jessica Hawkins, Lissa Pressfield, Lauren Raskin Ramos, Cristina Sciuto and Karen VanLandeghem attended the 3rd National Summit on Preconception Health and Health Care hosted by the Florida Department of Health and the National Preconception Health and Health Care Initiative steering committee. Both state and federal initiatives, infant mortality initiatives, the importance of including men in the preconception health conversation, the importance of partnerships and collaboratives, and the roles of the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) and clinicians in the campaign to address preconception health were highlighted and discussed over the two days. Additionally, AMCHP staffers participated in a World Café, the output of which will be shared with an advisory group to determine next steps in the campaign to advance preconception health in the United States.
- On June 12, with funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, AMCHP held a "Thought Leaders

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Roundtable” to bring together representatives from Florida, Michigan, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Alaska, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s Division of Reproductive Health (CDC-DRH) and National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (CDC-NCBDDD), the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the Association of Women’s Health Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN), CityMatCH and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Center for Maternal and Infant Health to discuss opportunities in health care reform to advance preconception health in states. An action report and white paper outlining recommendations identified during the Roundtable will be drafted in the coming months. Cheri Pies, MSW, DrPh, Clinical Professor at the University of California-Berkeley School of Public Health, facilitated the meeting with the support from AMCHP staffers Karen VanLandeghem and Cristina Sciuto.

- On June 13, AMCHP staff members Sharron Corle and Jessica Hawkins presented findings from the Preconception Health and Adolescents Action Learning Collaborative (PHA ALC) along with ASTHO partner Ellen Schleicher-Pliska. Missouri, Oregon, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Utah worked for 18 months to develop innovative strategies to bridge the gap between women’s and adolescent preventive health efforts, with particular emphasis on preconception health. Strategies included developing recommendations for addressing preconception health in youth and adolescents with disabilities and conducting focus groups to develop “Reproductive Life Plan” tools, among others. A representative from the South Carolina team presented the interactive website launched in South Carolina to engage adolescents in taking charge of their reproductive health. The website can be accessed [here](#).
- On June 12-16, AMCHP Senior Epidemiologist Caroline Stampfel attended the 2011 Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA. This annual

meeting of epidemiologists was attended by over 1,000 people and had numerous poster and breakout sessions featuring cutting edge work in MCH epidemiology.



Do you have a successful program that has improved Child Health outcomes in areas such as injury and violence prevention, school readiness, mental health, oral health, and more? Then consider sharing your program in [Innovation Station](#), AMCHP’s searchable database of emerging, promising and best practices in maternal and child health. You’ll have a chance to:

- Share successes with your peers
- Enhance the MCH field
- Contribute to program replication
- Get expert feedback from the Review Panel
- Receive national recognition

The online submission process is simple, and applications are accepted on a rolling basis. If you are looking for examples of successful child health programs, be sure to check out the Innovation Station profiles on the [Alaska Childhood Understanding Behaviors Survey \(CUBS\)](#) and [The Boys’ Health Advocacy Program!](#)

For more information, contact [Kate Howe](#) at (202) 266-3056 or visit amchp.org/bestpractices.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

CDC Chief Operating Officer

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is seeking exceptional candidates for the position of Chief Operating Officer (COO). This position is located in the Office of the Director in Atlanta, GA. The selectee will report



directly to the CDC Director, serving as a key management official responsible for the development of program systems that enhance CDC's mission and public health goals. The Chief Operating Officer coordinates internally with the Centers/Institutes/Offices (CIO's) to develop and implement strategies for increasing the efficiency and value of management systems throughout CDC/ATSDR and provides leadership in improving business, information management, human capital, and infrastructure systems. To learn more, visit [here](#).

March of Dimes Director of the Perinatal Data Center

This position will direct and manage the March of Dimes Perinatal Data Center (PDC), which analyzes maternal and infant health data and interprets this information for use by the Foundation, health professionals, researchers and the media. PDC disseminates perinatal information through several venues, chiefly [PeriStats®](#), March of Dimes' leading perinatal health website that provides free access to United States, state, county and city maternal and infant health data. The PDC evaluates March of Dimes programs and projects and also provides guidance to the Foundation and its constituents on epidemiological and statistical analyses and presents analytical findings at national conferences and in peer-reviewed journals. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement

Deadline: **June 24**

The purpose of the 2011-2016 Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreement program is to assist state, local, and territorial/freely associated state health departments in demonstrating measurable and sustainable progress toward achieving the 15 public health preparedness capabilities and other activities that promote safer and more resilient communities. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for Combating Autism Act Initiative (CAAI) National Interdisciplinary Training Resource Center

Deadline: **June 24**

The purpose of the Combating Autism Act Initiative (CAAI) National Interdisciplinary Training Resource Center is to improve the health of infants, children and adolescents who have, or are at risk for developing, autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and other developmental disabilities. The Resource Center will accomplish this by providing technical assistance to interdisciplinary training programs (such as the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Other Related Disabilities (LEND) and Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics (DBP) programs, and others) to better train professionals to utilize valid and reliable screening tools to diagnose or rule out and provide evidence-based interventions for children with ASD and other developmental disabilities. The National Interdisciplinary Training Resource Center will assist training grantees in accomplishing these activities and ensure coordination of CAAI projects. The goal of the CAAI projects is to enable all children to reach their full potential by developing a system of services that includes screening children early for possible ASD and other DD; conducting early, interdisciplinary, evaluations to confirm or rule out ADS and other DD; and, if a diagnosis is confirmed, providing evidence-based, early interventions. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Funding for Street Outreach Program

Deadline: **June 24**

Every day, in communities across the country, young people run from or are asked to leave homes characterized

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!

by abuse, neglect or parental drug and alcohol abuse. Once on the streets, these young people often lose touch with the caring adults in their extended families, schools and communities that can help and protect them. As a result, they frequently fall victim to exploitation and abuse. They disproportionately suffer from serious health, behavioral and emotional problems. And they are often unable to find or keep the safe, stable housing that is so crucial to a successful transition to adulthood. Since 1996, projects funded by the Street Outreach Program have provided services to youth living on the streets and in unstable situations by reaching out to them. These projects aim to increase young people's safety, well-being, and self-sufficiency, and to help them build permanent connections with caring adults, with the goal of getting them off the streets. To learn more, visit [here](#).

ACF Funding for Basic Center Program

Deadline: **June 24**

In the early 1970s, an alarming number of youth were leaving home without parental permission, crossing state lines, and falling victim to exploitation and other dangers of street life. In response to the widespread concern about the problem of runaway and homeless youth, Congress authorized the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act of 1974 (RHYA), which provided financial support for states through a competitive grant program. The implementation and administration of the program was placed in the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Today, FYSB continues to administer the Basic Center Program (BCP) funding to the organizations and shelters that serve and protect runaway, homeless, and street youth. BCP funds are allotted annually based on each state's relative population of youth less than 18 years of age, subject to certain adjustments as described in 42 U.S.C. section 5711 (b). To learn more, visit [here](#).

ACF Funding for Infant Adoption Awareness Training Grants

Deadline: **June 27**

These grants will be available to national, regional, or local adoption organizations for the purpose of training the staff of eligible health centers in providing adoption information and referrals to pregnant women on an equal basis with all

other courses of action included in nondirective counseling to pregnant women. The focus of these projects is to increase and maximize the penetration of training delivered to the target population: public and nonprofit private entities that provide health services to pregnant women, including voluntary family planning projects; community health centers, migrant health centers, and centers serving homeless individuals and residents of public housing; and school health clinics. Grant recipients will work collectively to strengthen the curriculum to address identified areas of need. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Funding for Phase II of the Coalition for a Healthier Community Program

Deadline: **June 28**

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support the implementation of evidence-based health strategies targeting women and girls through a public health system approach which is gender-based, cost beneficial and sustainable. This limited competitive cooperative agreement seeks applications from Coalition for Healthier Community grantees to implement an evidence-based intervention to address a health problem identified through their needs assessment and gender analysis as having an adverse impact on the health of women and/or girls. Phase II funding is contingent upon satisfactory completion of Phase I, an application that addresses the requirements of this announcement as determined by an objective review panel and availability of federal funds. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for Developing Support and Educational Awareness for Young (<45) Breast Cancer Survivors in the United States

Deadline: **June 30**

The purpose of this project is to provide structured support services (including case management/patient navigation assistance) to young women diagnosed with breast cancer and their families and/or caregivers; and develop educational and awareness resources aimed at enhancing patient and provider knowledge of health behaviors and other strategies for reducing the risk of recurrences, development of new malignancies, chronic disease onset, and improving overall health and quality of life of young breast cancer survivors cancer (YBCS). To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for Oral Health Training and Technical Assistance National Cooperative Agreement (NCA)

Deadline: **June 30**

The purpose of the Oral Health NCA is to provide specialized training and technical assistance to HRSA awardees including HRSA-supported service delivery and workforce programs, Primary Care Associations, State Offices of Rural Health and Primary Care Offices, around increasing access to primary oral health care services for underserved and vulnerable populations. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for ACA Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program

Deadline: **July 1**

The goal of the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) competitive grant program is to award additional funding to states that have sufficiently demonstrated the interest and capacity to enhance their home visiting efforts. Successful applicants will be awarded Federal fiscal year (FY) 2011 competitive grant funds, on top of the FY 2011 MIECHV formula based funds, to support the effective implementation of home visiting programs that are part of comprehensive, high-quality early childhood systems in all states. The purpose of this announcement is to promote quality implementation of home visiting programs to attain the outcomes desired. These competitive awards will continue the Health Resources and Services Administrations (HRSA) and Administration for Children and Families (ACF) commitment to comprehensive family services, coordinated and comprehensive statewide home visiting programs, and effective implementation of evidence-based practices by offering a competitive opportunity to amplify program efforts supported by the MIECHV formula grants program and other state resources. Innovator Grants recognize states and jurisdictions that have already made significant progress towards a high-quality home visiting program or in successfully embedding their home visiting program into a comprehensive, high-quality early childhood system. States applying for this grant will use the funds to either (1) enhance one or more priority elements of a home visiting program or (2) initiate a statewide expansion of one home visiting priority element currently operating at a local or regional level. Approximately \$66 million of the

competitive funding will be awarded in FY 2011 for seven to 10 four-year grants. The total grant award may range between \$6.6 million to \$9.43 million annually. The number of grants awarded for FY 2011 will be contingent upon the quality of the applications and availability of funding. Applicants may apply for a ceiling amount up to \$9.43 million annually. Funding beyond the first year is dependent on the availability of appropriated funds for the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program in subsequent fiscal years, grantee satisfactory performance, and a decision that continued funding is in the best interest of the Federal government. Development Grants are for states and jurisdictions that currently have modest home visiting programs and want to build on existing efforts, while focusing on one of the priority elements listed below. The intent is for states to use Development Grants as stepping stones towards becoming competitive in receiving an Innovator Grant in the future. Approximately \$33 million of the competitive FY11 funding will be awarded for 10-12, two-year grants. The total grant award may range between \$2.75 million and \$3.3 million annually. Applicants may apply for up to \$3.3 million per year. Funding beyond the first year is dependent on the availability of appropriated funds for the MIECHV program in subsequent fiscal years, grantee satisfactory performance, and a decision that continued funding is in the best interest of the Federal government. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for School-Based Comprehensive Oral Health Services Grant Program

Deadline: **July 1**

The purpose of the MCHB School-Based Comprehensive Oral Health Services (SBCOHS) grant program is to demonstrate the successful integration of comprehensive oral health care into an existing School-Based Health Center (SBHC) program focused primarily on early childhood and elementary/middle-school aged children of greatest need to assure the delivery of quality oral health education and preventive and restorative services. By augmenting an existing school-based health care delivery system with culturally competent, comprehensive, quality oral health care and education, the funded MCHB SBCOHS projects will demonstrate effective ways to strengthen existing SBHC capacity to respond to the oral health needs of young people and increase access to

dental health education and services for underserved, high-risk populations, including children and youth enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). 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](#).

ACF 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](#).

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Deadline: **July 7**

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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](#).

Department of Education Funding for Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities

Deadline: **July 11**

The purpose of the Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities program is to promote academic achievement and to improve results for children with disabilities by providing technical assistance (TA), supporting model demonstration projects, disseminating useful information, and implementing activities that are supported by scientifically based research. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for School-Based Comprehensive Oral Health Services Grant Program

Deadline: **July 15**

The purpose of the MCHB School-Based Comprehensive Oral Health Services (SBCOHS) grant program is to demonstrate the successful integration of comprehensive oral health care into an existing SBHC, focused primarily on early childhood and elementary/middle-school aged children of greatest need to assure the delivery of quality oral health education and preventive and restorative services. By augmenting an existing school-based health care delivery system with culturally competent, comprehensive, quality oral health care and education, the funded MCHB SBCOHS projects will demonstrate effective

ways to strengthen existing school-based health center capacity to respond to the oral health needs of young people and increase access to dental health education and services for underserved, high-risk populations, including children and youth enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). To learn more, visit [here](#).

The Office of Public Health and Science Funding for FY11 Sustainable Comprehensive Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Clinical Program for Low Socio-economic Status (LSES) Women of Childbearing Age

Deadline: **July 15**

The purpose of this project is to implement and to evaluate the success of tobacco cessation and prevention programs in selected Federal Clinical Partners to address tobacco use among LSES women of childbearing age. The Federal Clinical Partners are: the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and/or Indian Health Service (IHS) federally-funded healthcare clinics, and/or Medicaid-reimbursed providers. Successful applicants will design tobacco cessation and prevention programs to be implemented in the Federal Clinical Partners' organizations that: 1) Are based on Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence, Clinical Practice Guideline, 2008 Update (Public Health Service Guideline); 2) Employ implementation process steps that will ensure project sustainability after the grant period ends for the Federal Clinical Partners; 3) Ensure that a certified tobacco specialist uses the 5As (Ask, Advise, Assess, Assist, Arrange; see the Public Health Service Guideline for detailed information) with every patient; 4) Ensure LSES women of childbearing age identified as tobacco users are offered brief intervention, counseling, follow-up, and other cessation services listed in the Public Health Service Guideline; and 5) Demonstrate increased quit attempts, abstinence, and/or cessation for LSES women of childbearing age using the services of the Federal Clinical Partners. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for Craniofacial Malformations Information for Affected Families, Health Care Providers, and School Professionals

Deadline: **July 18**

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to develop and

disseminate information on strategies to increase access to health care services and eliminate any disparities in access to services and to develop and disseminate up-to-date educational materials on craniofacial malformations to affected families, relevant health care providers, and school professionals. This program addresses the Healthy People 2020 focus areas of Maternal, Infant, and Child Health, access to Health Services, and Oral Health. To learn more, visit [here](#).

ACF Funding for Early Head Start University Partnership Grants: Buffering Children from Toxic Stress

Deadline: **July 18**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces the Early Head Start University Partnership Grants: Buffering Children from Toxic Stress. These grants fund research activities to implement promising parenting interventions which augment ongoing Early Head Start services, in order to improve outcomes for the most vulnerable infants and toddlers. The purpose of this announcement is to report the availability of grant projects to promote knowledge of how Early Head Start programs can buffer children from the effects of toxic stress by supporting parenting/caregiving. Grantees will be required to demonstrate a partnership or partnerships with Early Head Start programs as an integral part of the research plan development and execution. To learn more, visit [here](#).

ACF Funding for Improving Service Delivery to Youth in the Child Welfare System

Deadline: **July 19**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to develop and evaluate programs that promote the safety and well-being of children and families and that allow youth, where safe and appropriate, to return to families from which they have been removed, by building relationship skills to mitigate risk and to promote protective and resiliency factors in youth who have experienced trauma or abuse. Projects will target youth in the child welfare system, or those at risk of entering the child welfare system, including LGBTQ, pregnant and parenting teens, and other youth with significant risk factors. To learn more, visit [here](#).

ACF Funding for Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Program: Regional Performance and Innovation Consortia

Deadline: **August 8**

The Office of Community Services (OCS) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces that competing applications will be accepted for a new grant to establish Regional Performance and Innovation Consortia (RPIs). This cooperative agreement will fund 10 RPIs to serve as regional focal points to lead T/TA capacity-building activities. RPIs will coordinate activities designed to strengthen the ability of State Associations to leverage resources; promote and sustain relationships between State Associations and the corresponding State CSBG Lead Agencies; and increase the capacity of State Associations to address the broad T/TA needs of CSBG-eligible entities. The core functions of the RPIs are T/TA coordination and information dissemination. For purposes of this funding opportunity, the well-defined geographic areas will align with established ACF Regions. Regional coordinators will be physically located in the geographic area they propose to serve. Funding will be limited to one award per region. Within each region, a single State Association will serve as the grantee. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Funding for Prevention of HIV Transmission/Acquisition through a better understanding of Reproductive Health (R01)

Deadline: **August 11**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), National Institutes of Health (NIH), invites Research Project Grant (R01) applications to further the understanding of HIV acquisition/transmission by increasing the knowledge regarding the intersection between reproductive health and HIV prevention. The emphasis of the FOA is to encourage comprehensive behavioral-biomedical approaches that can lead to new insights in HIV prevention research. This FOA is not intended to fund drug discovery or large scale clinical trials. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Strategies for the Protection of Pregnant Women and Infants Against Infectious Diseases (R01)

Deadline: **October 13**

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to encourage new and innovative mechanistic studies of pathogens that impact placental function and fetal well-being, with the long-term goal of informing the development of interventions against these pathogens and reducing the burden of infection-related pregnancy loss and infant morbidity and mortality. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CALENDAR



MCH Events

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

June 26-29
Chicago, IL

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

September 14-17
Seattle, WA

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

October 3-5
Kansas City, MO

[Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine's 16th Annual International Meeting](#)

November 3-6
Miami, FL

[2011 AUCD Conference](#)

November 6-9
Crystal City, VA

[17th Annual MCH Epidemiology Conference](#)

December 14-16
New Orleans, LA