



## LEGISLATIVE CORNER

### Title V Funding Update

Last week the Senate failed to pass both a House passed Republican spending plan and a Democratic alternative to fund the remainder of FY 2011. The House bill (HR1) proposed to cut \$61 billion from federal spending and included a \$50 million cut to the Title V Maternal & Child Health Block Grant. The Senate defeated this measure by a vote of 44-56. A Senate alternative bill proposed to cut just over \$6 billion from federal spending and flat fund the Title V MCH Block Grant at current spending levels, but that too was voted down 42-58.

The defeat of both bills opens the door for further negotiations on spending between the House and the Senate. With the current continuing resolution (CR) expiring on March 18, House leaders reportedly are working on another multi-week CR with further cuts in federal spending for FY 2011. Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.), has stated that Republicans will introduce either two, three or four-week funding bills in order to prolong the negotiations and House Republican leaders have stated they plan to include at least \$2 billion in funding cuts per week to meet their goal of trimming \$60 billion from the budget by the end of the fiscal year.

AMCHP continues to meet with members of both the House of Representatives and the Senate to advocate on the importance of the Title V MCH Block Grant and to deliver the message that cuts to vital programs focused on women and children do more harm than good. With negotiations far from over, AMCHP continues to urge all members and friends to make sure their members of Congress are informed about the impact of any reductions to the Title V MCH Block Grant. Past Legislative Alerts may be found [here](#), and watch for continued alerts from AMCHP as additional details emerge. For more information, please contact any AMCHP Policy team member at (202) 775-0436.

### House Energy & Commerce Health Subcommittee Hearing on the Affordable Care Act's Mandatory Funding



On March 9, the House Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled: "Setting Fiscal Priorities in Health Care Funding," to review various mandatory funding spending authorized in the Affordable Care Act. Chair Joe Pitts (R-PA) said he would introduce legislation soon to make the spending discretionary and thus subject to the appropriations process.

According to *CQ Today*, in addition to reclassifying the funding as discretionary, some of the bills would strike money from particular programs. An internal subcommittee memo outlined five specific programs that Republicans seek to make discretionary (1) grants for state-based health insurance exchanges; (2) Prevention and Public Health Fund (\$17.75 billion over 10 years); (3) \$200 million construction and capital cost fund for school-based health centers; (4) state grants for sexual education and other "personal responsibility education" for adolescents (\$75 million per year, 2010 through 2014); and (5) grants to establish or expand primary care residency programs in teaching health centers (\$230 million, 2011-2015).

AMCHP will continue to monitor this situation closely and update you accordingly.

### Quality Measures for Medicaid-Eligible Adults

On March 1, AMCHP submitted comments on the initial core set of health quality measures for Medicaid-eligible adults. The Affordable Care Act calls for creation of a set of voluntary quality measures for adults enrolled in Medicaid similar to the process set up for voluntary pediatric quality measures created under CHIPRA. AMCHP's comments included a strong endorsement of the maternity quality measures which are part of the core set including

appropriate use of antenatal steroids, elective delivery prior to 39 completed weeks gestation, medical assistance with smoking and tobacco use cessation and prenatal and postpartum care. To read the full comments, visit [here](#).

### **President Obama Supports Legislation Enhancing State Flexibility**

President Obama recently announced his support for Sens. Wyden (D-OR), Brown (R-MA) and Landrieu's (D-LA) legislation moving up the date from 2017 to 2014 to allow states to obtain waivers from some of the provisions of the Affordable Care Act. According to Sen. Wyden's fact sheet about the bill, in order to do this a state must first meet the following tests: the waiver ensures that individuals get insurance coverage that is at least as comprehensive as provided under the federal law; the state waiver ensures that individuals get insurance coverage that is as affordable as it would otherwise under the federal law; the waiver ensures that as many people are covered as under the federal plan and the waiver will not increase the federal deficit.

If the state's law meets the above requirements the Secretary of Health and Human Services may grant a waiver to the states from having to comply with the following requirements: the individual mandate; employer penalty for not providing coverage; exact standards for a basic health insurance policy; health insurance exchange; and the design for how federal subsidies would have to reduce premiums and co pays for people. It is important to note that the waiver doesn't affect other requirements of the health reform law. However, it includes a coordinated waiver process that allows other programs that allow state waivers to be waived through this coordinated process.

According to press reports, prospects for the proposal's approval in the near term appear dim as Congress would have to approve this change.

### **Medicaid Maintenance of Effort**

On February 25, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) sent a letter to state Medicaid directors to provide guidance on the "maintenance of effort" (MOE) provisions in the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

The letter addresses general questions about the ACA MOE provisions for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The letter also specifically addresses questions related to the non-application of the

MOE provisions for certain adult populations in states with a budget deficit, section 1115 waivers and demonstration projects, and the treatment of premiums. Click [here](#) to read the letter.

### **Maternal Mortality Legislation Introduced**

Representative John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI) introduced H.R. 894, the Maternal Health Accountability Act of 2011 on March 3. This legislation would provide grant funding for states to establish Maternal Mortality Review Committees to examine pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated deaths and to identify ways to reduce maternal mortality rates. It would also improve data collection to eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes.

The Maternal Health Accountability Act of 2011 as a condition of receiving grants will require states to do the following provisions:

- Require health professionals and facilities to report pregnancy-related deaths
- Investigate and develop case findings and summaries for each occurrence
- Establish review committees with ob-gyns, nurses, social workers, health care facility representatives and other relevant stakeholders to recommend prevention strategies
- Disseminate findings and recommendations

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services would develop a research plan to identify and monitor severe maternal morbidity in the United States, which by some accounts has risen 25% between 1998 and 2005, to approximately 34,000 cases a year. The Department of Health and Human Services, in consultation with national stakeholder organization, would also:

- Research disparities in maternal care, risks, and outcomes, and improve the capacity of the performance measures to measure disparities
- Expand access to services that have been demonstrated to improve the quality and outcomes of maternity care for vulnerable populations

- Compare the effectiveness of various interventions to reduce to reduce maternal health disparities.

AMCHP's Legislative and Health Care Finance Committee will be looking at this bill to develop an AMCHP position. No Congressional action is scheduled on the bill at this time, and it seems unlikely the House would authorize new funding while simultaneously cutting the Title V MCH Block Grant, but AMCHP will closely monitor the situation and provide additional updates if needed. More information and a copy of the bill is available [here](#).

## GET INVOLVED

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### **AMCHP CEO to Present at ADPH's Conference via Live Webcast!**

Mike Fraser, PhD, CAE will discuss "Leadership and Advocacy: Trends and Challenges in Maternal and Child Health" on March 23 from Noon to 1:30 p.m. CST. The event will be produced by the South Central Public Health Training Center (SCPHTC) and UAB's Maternal and Child Health Training Grant in partnership with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH). To register, visit [here](#). To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **STAT Team Members Call for Applications**

Safe States' State Technical Assessment Team (STAT) Program is designed to assist state health departments in developing and enhancing injury and violence prevention (IVP) programs. STAT brings an expert team of IVP professionals into states to assess the current status of the state health department's IVP program and to make constructive recommendations for improvement based on STAT Standards and Indicators. Safe States is currently soliciting applications for Team Members to participate on STAT visits to take place July 11-15 in West Virginia and August 1-5 in Arkansas. Applications for 2011 STAT team members are due by March 22. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **March is Brain Injury Awareness Month**

CDC estimates that 1.7 million Americans sustain a traumatic brain injury (TBI), including concussions, each year. Of those individuals, 52,000 die, 275,000 are hospitalized, and 1.4 million are treated and released from an emergency department. This March, in recognition of Brain Injury Awareness Month, CDC and partners are working together to spread the word and raise awareness about TBI prevention, recognition, and response to help address this important public health problem. CDC developed the "[Heads Up](#)" educational initiatives to offer information to health care professionals, school professionals, sports coaches, parents, athletes and others. Check out Brain Injury Awareness Month updates from CDC on [Facebook](#), and learn how you can get involved.

### **EPA Call for Comments**

EPA is working on a new edition of "America's Children and the Environment." Drafts of the indicators planned for inclusion in the "Third Edition of America's Children and the Environment (ACE3)" are now available for public review and comment. The deadline for comments is April 6. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **New Resource for Substance Use During Pregnancy**

The Indiana Perinatal Network has launched a web-based provider training program entitled, "Integrating Screening and Treatment of Substance Use into Prenatal Care." The 54-minute program addresses tobacco, alcohol and other drug use during pregnancy and incorporates practical role-play scenarios with clinical and research-based materials and interventions. This unique, award-winning program features Dr. James Nocon, associate professor from the Indiana University School of Medicine and director of the Prenatal Recovery Clinic at Wishard Hospital in Indianapolis. It also includes helpful resources and detailed clinical presentations on substance use related topics. The program is approved for CME's, nursing contact hours and social work CEU's and was produced in cooperation with IN ACOG, IN AAP, the IU School of Medicine, March of Dimes, the Indiana State Department of Health and Indianapolis Healthy Start. To learn more, visit [here](#) or call the Indiana Perinatal Network at (866) 338-0825.

### **National Health Care Transition Center Webinar**

This webinar convening on March 23 from 2 to 3 p.m. EST, will present findings from a January 2011 report, “Health Care Transition for Youth with Special Health Care Needs” published by Got Transition? The National Health Care Transition Center. The report authors, Peggy McManus and Katherine Rogers of the National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health, will discuss their analysis of national and state transition outcome data from the 2005-06 National Survey of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs. McManus and Rogers will also present a preliminary summary of Title V State activities and initiatives addressing transition to adult health care. To register, visit [here](#).

### **Call for Abstracts for the Western MCH EPI Conference**

The 2011 Western Regional Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology (MCH EPI) Conference organizers invite local, state and federal public health professionals working to improve the health of women, children and families to submit abstracts for the June 19-20 Conference. The abstract submission deadline is March 15. To submit an abstract, 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](#).

### **ODPHP Call for Proposals**

The Office on Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) has issued an RFP – targeted toward states, territories, and tribes - to integrate Healthy People 2020 into their health improvement planning activities with an emphasis on multi-sector collaboration. The proposals are due April 1. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### ***General Maternal & Child Health***

#### **CDC Offers Online Violence Prevention Course**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is offering a free online course “Principles of Prevention” to help the nation prevent violence. The course—which offers continuing education credits—teaches key concepts of primary prevention, the public health approach and the social-ecological model. The course is designed for those working to stop violence from ever happening. It helps professionals move from the problem to the solution. To learn more, visit [here](#).

#### **NCCC Issues New Assessment Tool for Disability Organizations**

The tool, “Cultural and Linguistic Competence Assessment for Disability Organizations,” released by the National Center for Cultural Competence (NCCC) at Georgetown University, supports the cross-section of organizations concerned with disability in planning for and incorporating cultural and linguistic competence. Contents include definitions, key concepts and an instrument for collecting data specific to the goals and core functions of disability organizations. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### ***Women’s Health***

#### **The Kaiser Family Foundation Releases Summary of its Roundtable on Women, Girls and Gender Equality**

The Kaiser Family Foundation has released a summary of its November 2010 roundtable discussion focused on the women, girls and gender equality principle of the U.S. Global Health Initiative (GHI). This principle, the first of seven core principles of the GHI, aims to sharpen the focus on women and girls across U.S. government global health efforts. The roundtable included experts from a variety of organizations, including officials from the U.S. government, and gender experts from non-governmental organizations and U.S. government implementing partners. Much of the discussion centered on the draft guidance developed by the U.S. government to inform the implementation of the principle in countries by U.S. teams. In addition to the summary, the Foundation has also issued a matrix

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with country-level indicators related to women, girls and gender across all GHI countries. The matrix was designed to inform discussions related to the GHI principle. These materials are part of a series of projects being undertaken by the Foundation exploring the application of the women, girls and gender equality principle of the GHI. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### Children's Health

#### Child Trends Issues Two Fact Sheets on Children and Adolescent

Child Trends recently released two new fact sheets that identify what works to promote positive social skills and prevent externalizing behavior in children and adolescents. Both fact sheets are based on rigorously evaluated out-of-school time programs that work (or don't work) to enhance children's development. The two fact sheets are:

- [What Works for Promoting and Enhancing Positive Social Skills: Lessons from Experimental Evaluations of Programs and Interventions](#): This fact sheet reviews 38 programs to identify what works to promote social skills among children and adolescents (such as getting along with others, expressing empathy to others, trying to resolve conflicts, and regulating emotions and behaviors). The fact sheet includes a chart summarizing the programs and whether they were found to work, not proven to work, or had mixed findings.
- [What Works for Acting-Out \(Externalizing\) Behavior: Lessons from Experimental Evaluations of Social Interventions](#): Presents lessons learned from 123 programs for children and adolescents that are designed to prevent and/or reduce acting-out or externalizing behavior (such as verbal and/or physical intimidation or physical aggression, defiant or argumentative behavior, hyperactivity, impulsivity, and delinquent behaviors). A chart summarizing the programs and whether they were found to work or had mixed findings is included.

Related research is available from the Child Trends [LINKS](#) (Lifecourse Interventions to Nurture Kids Successfully) database.

#### AHRQ Issues New Guides on Human Growth Hormone to Treat Cystic Fibrosis

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ) Effective Health Care Program has released a clinician guide and a consumer guide on the topic of the effectiveness of human growth hormone (HGH) in the treatment of cystic fibrosis (CF). The information is based on a review of 79 clinical studies on using HGH for children with CF. The two guides are:

- [Use of Recombinant Human Growth Hormone for Pediatric Patients with Cystic Fibrosis](#): Addresses the benefits and harms of using HGH to improve pulmonary and overall health outcomes for children with CF. Additional topics include outcomes, future research, and what to discuss with caregivers.
- [Human Growth Hormone for Children with Cystic Fibrosis: A Review of the Research for Parents and Caregivers](#): Provides information on what CF is and how it affects growth; what HGH is and how it is used as a medicine; the benefits, risks, and costs of treating CF with HGH; and what to ask a child's doctor.

Additional resources on this topic, including the research review, a continuing medical education activity, a slide presentation, and a podcast, are available [here](#).

## ON YOUR BEHALF

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#### AMCHP Participates at the National Healthy Start Association Conference

Several AMCHP staff recently presented and exhibited at the National Healthy Start Association 12th Annual Spring Conference: Healthy Start 20 Years and Beyond Improving the Health of Families. Dr. Michael Fraser and Joshua Brown presented on "Advocating for MCH: Pitfalls, Perils and Partnerships." Additionally, AMCHP's collaborative work on the Partnership to Eliminate Disparities in Infant Mortality was highlighted in a workshop session titled "Working Together to Eliminate Racial Inequities Nationwide."

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### AMCHP Staff Attends Adolescent Health Partner Meeting

On Thursday, March 3, AMCHP staff Brent Ewig and Sharron Corle attended a meeting of adolescent health partners hosted by the National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health. The group, attended by representatives from other organizations concerned with adolescent health such as ACOG, AAP, NACCHO, the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, Healthy Teen Network, the National Institute for Health Care Management, dialogued about findings from a recent report on the future directions for the Office of Adolescent Health, discussed the issue of confidentiality and Medicaid programs (specifically the use of an Explanation of Benefits with adolescents), and considered adolescent health standards proposed by the National Quality Forum.



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 Associate Director for Women's and Infant Health (Part-time)

This **part-time** 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 ACA - Health Center Planning Grants**

Deadline: **March 18**

The purpose of planning grants is to demonstrate the need for health services in the community from public or nonprofit organizations seeking a grant to plan for the development of a comprehensive primary care health center under the Health Center Program authorized under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act. The purpose of the Health Center Program is to extend comprehensive primary and preventive health services (including mental health, substance abuse and oral health services) and supplemental services to populations currently without access to such services, and to improve their health status. To learn more, visit [here](#).

**CDC Funding for Comprehensive STD Prevention Systems-Infertility Prevention Project**

Deadline: **March 21**

The goal of this supplement is to provide additional support to project area STD prevention programs for the expansion of Chlamydia and gonorrhea (CT/GC) screening and treatment services. Plans for targeted CT/GC screening and treatment activities should reflect program decisions based on local epidemiology and disease prevalence estimates. To learn more, visit [here](#).

**HRSA Funding for the National Healthy Tomorrows Technical Assistance Resource Center**

Deadline: **March 25**

The purpose of this program is to support activities of the Healthy Tomorrows Partnerships for Children Program (HTPC) which strives to improve access and delivery of maternal and child health services through governmental and professional partnerships. Specifically, this cooperative agreement is designed to promote problem-solving approaches which enhance community and provider participation. This provider partnership will encourage private sector and other support for improved coordination of and access to health resources at the community-level for pregnant women, infants, and children. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **HRSA Funding for Autism Intervention Research Network on Behavioral Health**

Deadline: **March 28**

The purpose of the Autism Intervention Research Network on Behavioral Health (AIR-B Network) is to establish and maintain a network infrastructure from which to conduct research on evidence-based interventions to improve the behavioral, mental, social, and/or cognitive health and well-being of children and adolescents with ASD and other developmental disabilities. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **CDC funding for Evaluation of the Impact of Work or School Exclusion Criteria on the Spread of Influenza and Influenza-like-Illness**

Deadline: **March 29**

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to facilitate research to determine the effectiveness of different exclusion criteria in preventing influenza-like-illness (ILI) and laboratory-confirmed influenza in either health care or non-health care work settings or school settings. The objectives of the studies are to assess the effectiveness of illness exclusion criteria to prevent illnesses in work and/or school settings. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **HRSA Funding for Autism Intervention Research Network on Physical Health**

Deadline: **March 29**

The purpose of the Autism Intervention Research Network on Physical Health (AIR-P Network) is to establish and maintain a network infrastructure from which to conduct research on evidence-based practices for interventions to improve the physical health and well-being of individuals with ASD and other developmental disabilities. Physical health may include but is not limited to medical, dental, visual, nutrition and speech/hearing components. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **ANA Funding for Environmental Regulatory Enhancement**

Deadline: **April 1**

The Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans (ANA) announces the availability of Fiscal Year 2011 funds for community-based projects for the Environmental Regulatory Enhancement program. The Environmental program provides funding for projects that support the development, enforcement and

monitoring of tribal environmental quality and regulatory programs. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **ANA Funding for Social and Economic Development Strategies Tribal Governance-SEDS TG**

Deadline: **April 5**

The Administration for Native Americans (ANA), within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), announces the availability of Fiscal Year FY 2011 funds for new community-based projects under the ANA Social and Economic Development Strategies Tribal Governance (SEDS-TG) program. ANA's FY 2011 SEDS TG will fund tribal governance projects formerly funded under SEDS and will expand the governance priority to emphasize projects that strengthen the internal capacity and infrastructure of tribal governments to increase services provided to children and families. The FOA will also emphasize increasing the tribal government's ability to exercise local control and decision making over their resources. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **CDC Funding for Affordable Care Act (ACA): Childhood Obesity Research Demonstration**

Deadline: **April 8**

The objective of the demonstrations is to determine whether an integrated model of primary care and public health approaches in the community can improve underserved children's risk factors for obesity. These approaches may include policy, systems, and environmental supports that encourage nutrition and physical activity for underserved children and their families. Grantees will develop, implement, and evaluate multi-sectoral (i.e., childcare, school, community, health care), multi-level (i.e. child, family, organization, community, policy) intervention demonstration projects for underserved children ages 2-12 years and their families utilizing the Obesity Chronic Care Model and other similar models. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **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](#).

### **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

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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](#).

### **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](#).

## CALENDAR

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### **MCH Events**

#### [HealthConnect One's Birth, Breastfeeding and Beyond 2011 Conference](#)

March 21-23  
Washington, DC

#### [2011 National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners \(NAPNAP\) Conference](#)

March 23-26  
Baltimore, MD

#### [NFPRHA 2011 National Conference](#)

March 27-30  
Washington, DC

#### [4th Annual Conference on New Media, Youth, & Sexual Health](#)

April 1-2  
San Francisco, CA

#### [National Oral Health Conference](#)

April 11-13  
Pittsburgh, PA

#### [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

#### [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