



## LEGISLATIVE CORNER

### In Case You Missed It – Most MCH Funding Protected in 2011

Last week, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released their congressionally mandated [operating plans](#) which finalize health program funding levels for the remainder of FY 2011. In the good news category we are pleased to report that the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant has been restored to relatively flat funding of \$656 million – a major victory in comparison to the February 9 House of Representatives original proposal to cut \$210 million. For additional details please see our May 18 *Legislative Alert* [here](#).

### AMCHP Participating in EPSDT Improvement Workgroup

Last week, AMCHP representatives participated in the second National Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Improvement Workgroup meeting in Washington, DC. AMCHP immediate past president Dr. Phyllis Sloyer (FL) serves on this panel created by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in December 2010. The workgroup includes state representatives, children's health providers, consumer representatives, and other experts in the areas of maternal and child health, Medicaid and data analysis.

The members of the group are helping CMS identify the most critical areas for improvement of EPSDT. The group, which will meet periodically over the next year, will also discuss steps that the federal government might undertake in partnership with states and others to both increase the number of children accessing services and improve the quality of the data reporting that enables a better understanding how effective HHS is putting EPSDT to work for children. AMCHP Senior Advisor [Karen VanLandeghem](#) is our staff contact for the workgroup.

### ACA Community Transformation Grant Guidance Released – LOI's Due June 6

On May 13, HHS announced the availability of over \$100 million in funding for up to 75 Community Transformation Grants. Created by the Affordable Care Act (ACA), this program provides funds to state and local governmental agencies, tribes and territories, and national and community-based organizations "for the implementation, evaluation, and dissemination of evidence-based community preventive health activities to reduce chronic disease rates, prevent the development of secondary conditions, address health disparities, and develop a stronger evidence base for effective prevention programming.

The transformation grant guidance (available [here](#)) places an emphasis on chronic disease but specifies within that overall focus, states and communities may also address a range of maternal, infant and child health issues. Letters of intent to apply are due to CDC by June 6.



## GET INVOLVED



### AMCHP Communications Survey

Communication is a vital process in every organization. It is particularly central to what AMCHP does as a membership organization. We'd like to hear from you: How well do you think our current communication network is meeting your needs? What are we doing well? What can we do better?

The majority of the questions included in the assessment are multiple choice questions. In order to get specific feedback, the survey also contains some open-ended questions. We estimate that the questionnaire should take

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between 10 and 15 minutes to complete (depending on how much information you choose to share in the open-ended questions). The Communications Assessment Survey will be open from **Monday, May 23 to Monday, June 6**. We really want to hear from you! AMCHP staff will be sending two follow-up emails to remind you to complete the survey. Survey results will largely be used by AMCHP leadership and staff to improve our capacity to serve you. If you have questions, please contact [Sharron Corle](#) or call (202) 775-0436. The link to the survey is [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](#).

### **RFA for the Partnership to Eliminate Disparities in Infant Mortality Action Learning Collaborative**

In 2008, CityMatCH, AMCHP and the National Healthy Start Association (NHSA), with funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation created the Partnership to Eliminate Disparities in Infant Mortality. This project seeks to eliminate racial inequities contributing to infant mortality

within U.S. urban areas, and is in its second round of funding. A major component of this work is a multi-city Action Learning Collaborative (ALC). The ALC approach is one in which state, local and community collaborative teams are selected, and then provided with training and technical assistance in current research, best practices and systems building. Through the course of the ALC, teams will have the opportunity to network across state lines, strategize to break down barriers in addressing inequities in infant mortality, and design new and innovative solutions tailored to their individual communities. The emphasis of this team-based ALC is on innovative approaches to reducing racial inequities in infant mortality in urban communities, with particular attention paid to the impacts of racism. Applications are due no later than 11 p.m. EST., on Wednesday, June 1. Please submit all documents to [Phyllis George](#) at NHSA. To download the application, visit [here](#).

### **Call for Applications: The Healthy Weight Learning Collaborative**

With support from HRSA, AMCHP and the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality and a consortium of leading health care and public health organizations have embarked on a nationwide effort focused on the prevention and treatment of childhood and adult obesity. Teams are being recruited to apply for Phase One of the Collaborative, which will be conducted between June 2011 and July 2012. In this phase, we are looking to partner with 10 community teams (one within each HRSA region) with previous experience in cross sector collaboration (clinical care, public health and the community) on public health issues (e.g. tobacco, healthy weight, immunizations, etc). Selected teams will participate in a Breakthrough Series Collaborative approach consisting of two in-person Learning Sessions (September 2011 and May 2012) and one virtual Learning Session (January 2012). The deadline is June 3. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **Family Scholars Program-Now Accepting Applications**

The [Family Scholars Program](#) (FSP) has been redesigned as a 12-month program for family leaders that have experience engaging in Title V programs or Title V funded programs at the local or state level. This program is intended for family leaders that want to continue developing their skills as leaders in maternal and child

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health (MCH). The 2012 Family Scholars Program centers on eight of the [MCH Leadership Competencies](#) (1. MCH knowledge base; 2. Self-reflection; 3. Critical thinking; 4. Communication; 5. Cultural competency; 6. Family-centered care; 7. Working with communities and systems; 8. Policy and advocacy).

Family Scholars will increase their knowledge and skills associated with these competencies over a 12-month period through distance-based learning opportunities (e.g. topic specific conference calls, webinars, individual development plan, mentoring, readings) and by attending the [AMCHP Annual Conference](#). Family Scholars will also be matched with seasoned family leaders (Family Mentors) that have previously participated in the program and have attended the AMCHP conference within the last five years. Mentors assist family scholars before, during and after the conference.

Interested family leaders must submit completed application materials and be nominated by their state or territory Title V program. Title V includes Maternal and Child Health (MCH) programs and/or programs serving Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN). Applications are due by 5 p.m. EST., on June 10, 2011.

Additionally, AMCHP's [Family Scholars Program](#), with support of HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, will award scholarships to family leaders to attend the 2012 AMCHP Annual Conference convening on February 11-14, 2012.

To submit an application or to learn more, please e-mail [familyscholars@amchp.org](mailto:familyscholars@amchp.org).

### **Nominations for the 2011 Presidential Citizens Medal**

The White House Office of Public Engagement is seeking nominations for the 2011 Presidential Citizens Medal. Nominees should be those individuals who have performed exemplary deeds of service, including those who have demonstrated commitment to service in their own communities or in communities farther from home, who have helped their country or their fellow citizens through

one or more extraordinary acts, whose service relates to a long-term problem, or whose service has had a sustained impact on others' lives and provided inspiration for others to serve. In order for the individual to be considered for the Medal: Nominees must be citizens of the United States; the nominee's service must have been performed outside of his or her regular job; and nominations must be received by Monday, May 30 at 11:59 p.m. EST. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **PHF Call for Entries for the "I'm Your Community Guide" Contest**

Have you used the Guide to Community Preventive Services (Community Guide) to address public health challenges in your state? The Community Guide, supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is the only single source of all recommendations and findings of the Task Force on Community Preventive Services (Task Force), an independent, nonfederal, volunteer body of public health and prevention experts. It provides evidence-based recommendations and findings about public health interventions and policies to improve health and promote safety. The Community Guide includes Task Force findings on 19 topics, including adolescent health, birth defects, immunizations, nutrition, physical activity, and oral health. Enter the "[I'm Your Community Guide](#)" Contest from the Public Health Foundation (PHF) and be eligible for a \$1,000 conference scholarship and other prizes! Entries must be received by June 10. For more information on the contest, please visit [here](#).

### **NIHCM Foundation Webinar on Promoting Health Equity for Adolescents**

The National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation will host a webinar, "Partnering to Promote Health Equity for Adolescents," on May 25 at 1 p.m. EST. The webinar will discuss opportunities to achieve health equity for adolescents, and how best to incorporate health plans and health plan foundations in the process. To register, visit [here](#).

### **First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move Cities and Towns Initiative**

The [Let's Move Cities and Towns](#) is one of the first lady's most recent additions to her [Let's Move](#) campaign. The program is designed to encourage mayors and elected officials to adopt a long-term, sustainable and holistic

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approach to fighting childhood obesity. To support this initiative, Let's Move has designed a [toolkit](#) for local officials to begin implementing programs and policies to support healthy habits. Throughout the toolkit, child care is highlighted as a place where events and initiatives can be held. Many of the suggested initiatives mirror practices that Nemours and partners have successfully implemented.

### Call for Nominations for the 2011 MCH Epidemiology Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2011 National MCH Epidemiology Awards for presentation at the annual MCH EPI Conference. The Coalition for Excellence in MCH Epidemiology offers awards in seven categories:

1. Best Manuscript Award
2. Greg Alexander Award for Advancing Knowledge Award
3. Effective Practice Award
4. Excellence in Teaching Award
5. Outstanding Leadership Award
6. Zena Stein and Mervyn Susser Award for Lifetime Achievement
7. Young Professional Achievement Award

Nominations are due June 3. For more information, visit [here](#).

### MCH EPI Call for Abstracts

The Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology (MCH EPI) is seeking abstracts for its 17th annual MCH EPI conference to be held in New Orleans on December 14-16. The deadline for abstract submissions from professional and degree-seeking students is May 31. The deadline for first-year fellows, interns, trainers and CDC/EIS officers is September 23. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### 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](#).

### NIJ Training Offers Virtual Courses on SUID Investigation

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has just launched a live virtual training course on sudden unexplained infant deaths investigation, offered by RTI International. The following training has been developed with input from many medico-legal professionals and the CDC's Sudden Unexplained Infant Death Investigation (SUIDI) curriculum and training guidelines:

- [Sudden Unexplained Infant Deaths Investigation: Death Scene Recreation](#)
  - June 14 at 2 p.m. EST.

### Join the Woman Challenge!

The Office on Women's Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services started the Woman Challenge in 2001 as a part of National Women's Health Week to encourage women across the country to get active. This year, they're partnering with the President's Challenge to reach even more people. To learn about how to join the group and be part of a nationwide effort to get women and girls moving, visit [here](#).

### Save the Date: Webinar on Preparing a Successful Research Grant Application

The webinar, sponsored by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau Research Program, will convene on June 6 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. EST. Dr. Cynthia Minkovitz, professor and director, Women's and Children's Health Policy Center, at the Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health; and Dr. Daniel Armstrong, professor and associate chair, Pediatrics, and director, Mailman Center for Child Development at the University of Miami, will discuss how to prepare a successful research application for competitive funding agencies. This session will describe the key elements of a strong research proposal, as well as provide tips for making your grant application ready for submission. To register, visit [here](#).



Do you have a successful Adolescent Health program or practice? May is National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month, so consider sharing your effective teen pregnancy prevention and adolescent health practices and programs.

If you have been able to improve outcomes for teen pregnancy, transitioning, dating violence, mental health, please share 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 have questions, contact [Kate Howe](#) at (202) 266-3056 or visit [amchp.org/bestpractices](http://amchp.org/bestpractices).

## PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



### General Maternal & Child Health

#### Report Explores the Methodologies Used to Understand the Impact of Families on Children's Health and Development

The report, "Toward an Integrated Science of Research on Families: Workshop Report," produced by the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council, summarizes a workshop held on July 13-14, 2010, in Washington, DC, that brought together researchers, funders and users of research on families to discuss 1) how theory, study approach, and methodology matter, from behavioral as

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well as bio-behavioral perspectives; 2) how qualitative and quantitative approaches are best combined in the study of family; and 3) what are the challenges and advantages of a more integrated approach to family research for training and funding. Topics include demographic perspectives on family change, studying how families cope with poverty and economic stress, family processes in the clinical and prevention sciences, family research methods and frameworks, and funding opportunities and training models for the future of integrated family research studies. To download the report, visit [here](#).

#### CDC Releases Report on Traumatic Brain Injury-Related Deaths

The report, "Surveillance for Traumatic Brain Injury-Related Deaths — United States, 1997–2007," published in CDC's *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports, Surveillance Summaries*, provides key insights to help assess the impact of traumatic brain injury (TBI). The goal of this report is to help inform TBI surveillance, education, or programmatic strategies, and to improve prevention efforts to protect Americans at greatest risk. To download the report, visit [here](#).

#### New Paper Presents Links to State Information on State Benefit Programs

The paper, "Online Services for Key Low-Income Benefit Programs: What States Provide Online with Respect to SNAP, TANF, Child Care Assistance, Medicaid, and CHIP," published by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, presents links to state information available online for five state-administered benefit programs for families with low incomes. The online services offered include online policy manuals, printable applications, saving and returning to complete application later, eligibility screener-calculators, checking application status, renewing benefits, updating information or reporting changes, viewing account information, and program data. To download the paper, visit [here](#).

#### CDC Launches New Teen Pregnancy and Social Media Website

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has launched a new site that offers free, easy-to-use communication tools that can help expand the reach of an organization's health messages and help increase

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public engagement. Tools include buttons and badges, that can be added to websites; an e-Card encouraging parents to talk with teens about sex; Twitter and Facebook messages about teen pregnancy that can be posted on an organizations' Facebook walls; a downloadable podcast and PSA about teen pregnancy; links to mobile-ready teen pregnancy prevention webpages; and information on Content Syndication which enables partner organizations to display current CDC content on their websites. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **Adolescent Health**

#### **NIHCM Foundation Releases Brief on Protecting Confidential Health Services for Adolescents**

The brief, "Protecting Confidential Health Services for Adolescents & Young Adults: Strategies & Considerations for Health Plans," published by the National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation, examines the policies in place to ensure adolescents and young adults have access to confidential care, and the barriers to delivering confidential care to this population. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

#### **Child Trends Releases Fact Sheet on Teen Birth Data**

The fact sheet, "Facts at a Glance – April 2011," provides teen birth data for some of the nation's largest cities, including data on repeat teen births. To download the fact sheet, visit [here](#).

### **Children's Health**

#### **AAP Releases New Report on Pediatric Mental Health Care**

The report, "Pediatric and Adolescent Mental Health Emergencies in the Emergency Medical Services," published in the May 2011 issue of Pediatrics, examines the stabilization and management of clients in mental health crisis, the discovery of mental illness and suicidal ideation in emergency department (ED) clients, and approaches to advocating for improved recognition and treatment of mental illness in children. The report also addresses special issues related to mental illness in the ED such as minority populations, children with special health

care needs, and children's mental health during and after disasters and trauma. To download the report, visit [here](#).

#### **OHRC Releases Two New School Health Resources**

The [National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center](#) (OHRC) at Georgetown University just released a few new resources designed to assist professionals initiating and implementing oral health services in school-based health centers:

- [Be an Oral Health Champion: How School-based Clinic Staff Can Help Students Achieve Good Oral Health](#). This four-page paper lists problems that poor oral health may cause. It also offers tips for promoting oral health with students and parents, for incorporating oral health into the school setting, and for working with others in the community.
- [Comprehensive Oral Health Services for Improving Children's and Adolescent's Oral Health Through School-Based Health Centers](#). This 12-page paper provides an overview of comprehensive oral health services offered in school-based health centers to assist those interested in initiating and implementing such centers.

#### **NASHP Releases Report on Medicaid and CHIP**

The report, "Medicaid and CHIP Children's Healthcare Quality Measures: What States Use and What They Want," published in Academic Pediatrics, Volume 11, No. 3S, May-June 2011, draws from responses to the National Academy for State Health Policy's (NASHP) Charting CHIP IV survey, supported by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, and from analytic work supported by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to inform AHRQ's Children's Healthcare Quality Measures Subcommittee. To download the report, visit [here](#).

### **Women's Health**

#### **Updated NSDUH Report on Substance Abuse Among Young Mothers**

The "National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) Report," published by the Center for Behavioral Health

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Statistics and Quality, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, provides an updated summary of the rates of substance use among young mothers living with their children. To download the report, visit [here](#).

## ON YOUR BEHALF

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### **AMCHP Staff Attends an ACOG/CDC Maternal Mortality Meeting**

AMCHP staff Jessica Hawkins attended the ACOG/CDC Maternal Mortality Special Interest Group meeting, which convened national and international leaders to discuss rates of maternal mortality and moving surveillance forward. Experts from states and other organizations presented on maternal mortality data and reviewed processes and putting data to action. Additionally, U.S. Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI) provided an overview of the Maternal Health Accountability Act of 2011 (H.R. 894).

### **AMCHP Team Marches for Babies**

On May 7, a group of AMCHP staff, friends and family members walked together as part of AMCHP's team, AMCHP Steps for Babies to raise awareness of prematurity and support our partners at the March of Dimes Maryland-National Capital Area Chapter. Through AMCHP's efforts through the walk and the mini-March for Babies at the AMCHP Annual Conference, AMCHP has raised over \$1,000. You can continue to support our team and this effort by signing up [here](#).

### **AMCHP Participates in Southeast Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit Meeting**

AMCHP staff Jessica Hawkins participated in the Southeast Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit meeting on prenatal environmental health effects in maternal and child health populations. This group, attended by representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Emory University, and other national and state organizations, discussed environmental contributions to disparities in pregnancy outcomes and explored opportunities for addressing these exposures through the collaboration of programs and policies.

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### **ASTHO-Supported Regional Meeting in Alabama**

On May 5, AMCHP CEO Mike Fraser attended an ASTHO-supported regional meeting of Regions IV and VI State Health Officials in Alabama. The goal of the meeting was to discuss regional plans to address infant mortality and improve maternal health outcomes. Mike will be following up with ASTHO and Title V leaders in regions IV and VI about next steps.

### **AMCHP Visits Denver, Colorado**

On May 12, AMCHP CEO Mike Fraser visited Denver and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to present on health reform to MCH/CYSHCN.

### **AMCHP Participates in an Adolescent Health, Teen-Parent Communication Meeting**

AMCHP staff Cristina Sciuto attended a meeting on May 11 that the Office of Adolescent Health hosted, "Teen-Parent Communication: Building a Campaign," to gather best practices in teen-parent communication to inform the campaign as it moves forward. Facilitated discussions around how to address barriers in engaging and motivating parents in these conversations were held.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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### **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 ACA Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) Building and Strengthening Epidemiology, Laboratory and Health Information Systems Capacity in State and Local Health Departments**

Deadline: **May 31**

The purpose of this Affordable Care Act (ACA) funding for ELC is to enhance public health programs to improve health and help restrain the rate of growth of health care costs through building epidemiology, laboratory, and health information systems capacity in state and local public health departments. To learn more, visit [here](#).

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

Deadline: **June 2**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for fiscal year 2011 for Planning Grants for Expansion of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and their Families (System of Care Expansion Planning Grants). The purpose of these grants is to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for improving and expanding services provided by systems of care (SOC) for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families. A "system of care" is an organizational philosophy and framework that involves collaboration across government and private agencies, providers, families and youth for the purpose of improving access and expanding the array of coordinated community-based, culturally and linguistically competent services and supports for children and youth with a serious emotional disturbance and their families. Since the inception of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families Program in 1992 by an act of Congress, the SOC approach has served as the conceptual and philosophical framework for systemic reform in children's mental health. To learn more, visit [here](#).

## **CDC Funding for Applied Public Health Leadership Training Program**

Deadline: **June 9**

The purpose of this pilot program is to improve community health through applied, team-based collaborative leadership development. Specifically, this program will: 1) establish a national applied health leadership training program to provide customized applied public health leadership training to local and state public health officials, primary care and community health leaders, and their partners. 2) assemble, train and provide technical assistance to local teams of 3-5 leaders to effectively address local public health problems as part of a Community Health Improvement Project. 3) document and evaluate the applied public health training approach. 4) foster replication through train-the-trainer and e-learning models to increase the programs reach and impact. 5) document and evaluate the community public health improvement projects used by the teams and to submit the promising and effective strategies and interventions utilized to the CDC for further evaluation and potential dissemination. To learn more, visit [here](#).

## **HRSA Funding for Area Health Education Centers Infrastructure Development and HRSA Funding for Area Health Education Centers Point of Service Maintenance and Enhancement**

Deadline: **June 10**

The Area Health Education Center (AHEC) programs consist of interdisciplinary, community-based, primary care training programs wherein academic and community-based leaders work to improve the distribution, diversity, supply, and quality of health care personnel, particularly primary care personnel in the health care services delivery system and more specifically in delivery sites in rural and other underserved areas. This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) solicits applications for a one-year project period for AHEC Infrastructure Development awards and AHEC Point of Service Maintenance and Enhancement awards, as authorized by Title VII, Section 751, of the PHS Act, as amended by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148. Successful applicants will be awarded cooperative agreements to establish and advance statewide or multi-county AHEC programs. To learn more, visit [here](#).



### **HRSA Funding for Innovative Evidence Based Models for Improving the System of Services for CYSHCN**

Deadline: **June 13**

The purpose of this grant is to replicate innovative evidence-based models that improve services for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN).

The Innovative Evidence Based Models for Improving the System of Services for CYSHCN will provide funding to innovative programs in one of the four key areas listed below: 1) Outreach - to engage and empower families and youth in underserved and underrepresented populations. 2) Care coordination - to enhance coordination of care for families and youth in underserved and underrepresented populations. 3) Blended or braided funding - to improve access to integrated community services or to fill existing gaps. 4) Access to Medical Home - to improve access to a medical home for children and youth, including individuals with special health care needs who are transitioning into an adult system of services, and those served by non-traditional providers such as community health centers. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **CDC Funding for Striving To Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere (STRYVE) Through Local Public Health Leadership**

Deadline: **June 13**

With guidance from CDC's STRYVE tools, public health departments at the local, city or county level will lead a multi-sector coalition within a high risk community to 1) develop a comprehensive youth violence prevention plan; 2) implement appropriate and feasible programs, policies, and practices (based on best available evidence) across multiple social ecological levels; 3) track and measure capacity improvement in organizational and community capacity; 4) develop an evaluation plan that tracks and measures the implementation of the comprehensive prevention plan as well as specific implementation process measures for selected programs, policies, and/or practices implemented during the project, and multiple indicators of youth violence; and 5) develop a sustainability plan that identifies the necessary financial, human and time resources needed to implement the comprehensive prevention plan, and sustain the coalition and the programs, policies and/or practices that were successfully implemented during the project. 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 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](#).

### **RWJF Grant for Childhood Obesity Prevention**

Deadline: **July 1**

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

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

Deadline: **July 5**

The primary purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to provide financial support to selected Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Migrant Programs for child abuse prevention programs and activities that are consistent with the goals outlined by Title II of Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. This legislation specifies that one percent of the available funding from Title II will be reserved to fund Tribes, Tribal Organizations and Migrant Programs. The goal of the programs and activities supported by these funds is to prevent the occurrence or

recurrence of abuse or neglect within the Tribal and Migrant populations. The funds must support more effective and comprehensive child abuse prevention activities and family support services, including an emphasis on strengthening family life and reaching out to include fathers, that will enhance the lives and ensure the safety and well-being of Migrant and Native American children and their families. To learn more, visit [here](#).

## CALENDAR

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### **MCH Events**

[National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month](#)  
May 2011

[3rd National Summit on Preconception Health & Healthcare](#)  
June 12-14  
Tampa/St. Petersburg, FL

[2011 Regional Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology \(MCH EPI\) Conference](#)  
June 19-20  
San Francisco, CA

[2011 MSDA National Medicaid and CHIP Oral Health Symposium](#)  
June 26-28  
Washington, DC

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June 26-29  
Chicago, IL

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

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

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Kansas City, MO

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November 3-6  
Miami, FL

### [2011 AUCD Conference](#)

November 6-9  
Crystal City, VA

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New Orleans, LA

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