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AMCHP Turns to 2012 Funding Advocacy – Launches Initiatives to Raise Title V Awareness

As we've reported, final federal agency spending plans implementing cuts made in the final FY 2011 continuing resolution are due to be finalized this Friday, May 13. We should be able to soon after confirm the final FY 2011 Title V allocation – which is expected to be flat minus a small across the board cut. We should also soon learn details on how CDC is allocating \$740 million in unspecified cuts this year.

As that work is finalized, AMCHP has already begun turning to our FY 2012 advocacy on behalf to the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant and other key MCH programs. On April 15 we submitted written testimony to the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Committee articulating our request and justification for \$700 million for Title V in FY 2012. A copy of that testimony is [here](#) – and a one-page fact sheet outlining our 2012 request is [here](#).

Leadership of the House of Representative's Appropriations Committee also just put out a call for Members of Congress to submit their programmatic funding priorities to committee chairs by May 20. This means there is a small window of opportunity for MCH advocates to urge your elected officials to include Title V among their priorities. **Accordingly, on May 5, AMCHP issued a *Legislative Alert* to all members and friends listing five options for reaching members of Congress and urging advocates to take five for Title V. In case you missed it, a copy of that alert is posted [here](#).**

Support for Title V Featured in Three Major Newspapers – Members Asked to Share Link, Comment, Blog, Tweet and find Other Ways to Spread the Word

In concert with our recent push to raise awareness and support for Title V, we are pleased to report that an op-ed by AMCHP CEO Mike Fraser was picked up by three major newspapers. The op-ed raises awareness about how the program works and seeks to tie support for Title V with Mother's Day. Last Thursday, New York's *Newsday* newspaper ran the op-ed under the headline "A Wise Investment for Moms, Babies." *Newsday* has the 12th largest circulation of all U.S. newspapers so this is terrific exposure and a major win in support of AMCHP's Strategic Plan Goal 1 – "AMCHP will be an effective voice to strategically communicate the critical importance of maternal and child health issues." Unfortunately on-line access to the full piece in *Newsday* is by subscription only but a copy posted with permission is available [here](#).

On Sunday, *The Des Moines Register* picked up the op-ed under the headline "[Honor Our Mothers by Backing Title V](#)." While smaller in circulation, this paper serves Senate Appropriations Labor-HHS Committee Chairman Tom Harkin's home state which is key exposure and provided a high profile opportunity to highlight his leadership in protecting funding to date. Finally, an op-ed ran in *The Lexington Herald-Leader* under the headline "[Support for Title V Honors our Mothers](#)." This is the home state paper for House Appropriations Committee Chairman Harold Rogers who was the lead drafter of the House bill that initially proposed to cut \$210 million from Title V.

MomsRising also posted a version of the op-ed to the blog section of their website under the headline "[Among the Most Efficient Programs: Maternal and Child Health](#)."



ACTION REQUEST

Will you please help us expand and multiply this positive exposure by forwarding a link of the posting appropriate to your region to key colleagues and stakeholders and also consider sharing via Facebook, Twitter, blogs, etc? Also – consider joining the dialogue offered by the comment section below the article. Finally, in case you missed it, see our most recent [Legislative Alert](#) for five more ideas on how to raise awareness and support for Title V. Thanks!

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AMCHP and the text4baby State Enrollment Contest Webinar

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.

In honor of Women's Health Week and the kick-off of text4baby's State Enrollment Contest, text4baby will host a special webinar for AMCHP members on May 11 from 3 to 4 p.m. EST. The webinar will feature an update on what text4baby has accomplished this past year, best practices from state Title V programs, and a special new text4baby competition. To register, visit [here](#).

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](#).

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 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 two live virtual training courses on sudden unexplained infant deaths investigation, offered by RTI International. The following trainings have 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](#)
 - May 10 at 2 p.m. EST.
 - 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](#).

Evidence-Based Interventions for Children with Autism Conference

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

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

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tips for making your grant application ready for submission. To register, visit [here](#).

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



General Maternal & Child Health

AAP Releases an Online Culturally Effective Care Toolkit

The Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program, funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau with technical assistance from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), hosted a webinar April 7 focused on the AAP's new online resource, the "[Culturally Effective Care Toolkit](#)." The webinar also highlights a Healthy Tomorrows grantee's experiences creating culturally responsive health education materials and training providers on how to care for patients and families with diverse health literacy levels.

An audio recording, PowerPoint presentation, and transcripts are now available on the [Community Pediatrics website](#). Browse the [Healthy Equity page](#) for additional resources on this topic.

Adolescent Health

AFSP and SPRC Releases a New Toolkit for Schools After a Suicide

The toolkit, "After a Suicide: A Toolkit for Schools," developed by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) and the Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC), is designed to give schools reliable information, practical tools and pragmatic guidance on what to do in the aftermath of a suicide. It offers general guidelines for action, templates, sample materials and covers topics such as crisis response, helping students cope, working with the community, memorialization, social media and bringing in outside help. To download the toolkit, visit [here](#).

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Children's Health

AMCHP Releases Updated Fact Sheet on State Birth Defects Performance Measures

AMCHP recently reviewed the Title V Information System to identify states that have adopted performance measures related to birth defects surveillance. This updated fact sheet highlights innovative and effective ways that state Title V agencies utilize birth defects surveillance systems to improve maternal and child health. To download the fact sheet, click [here](#).

The Lancet Launches New Stillbirths Series

The Lancet Series, "Stillbirths," highlights the rates and causes of stillbirth globally, explores interventions to prevent stillbirths (as well as maternal and neonatal deaths), and sets key actions to halve stillbirth rates by 2020. In the series, launched on April 14, 2011, stillbirth refers to all pregnancy losses after 22 weeks of gestation, but, for numerical comparisons between international data, the World Health Organization definition of a stillbirth as having a birthweight of at least 1,000 g or a gestational age of at least 28 weeks (third-trimester stillbirth) is used. Contents include six papers, two research articles, and comments from professional organizations and parent groups. They provide analysis of the problem and the results of incorporating stillbirths into existing health systems for women and infants, with examples of successes and missed opportunities, especially for families with very low incomes. To learn more, visit [here](#).

NASHP Release New Brief on Children's Coverage Under the ACA

The brief, "Affordability Lessons from Children's Coverage that can Inform State Policymaking under the Affordable Care Act," published by the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP), through funding from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, examines the affordability of current coverage options and coverage under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). It describes the importance of affordability and draws on lessons from the successful Children's Health Insurance Program, which can serve as a model for states as they implement affordability provisions in ACA. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

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IOM Issues a Report on Child and Adolescent Health

The report, "Child and Adolescent Health and Health Care Quality: Measuring What Matters," published by the Institute of Medicine (IOM), evaluates the state of efforts to measure child and adolescent health and the quality of their health care services. To download a brief of the report, visit [here](#).

Women's Health

Kaiser Releases New Chartbook on Women's Health Care

The book, "Women's Health Care Chartbook: Key Findings From the Kaiser Women's Health Survey," published by The Kaiser Family Foundation, includes the findings from a national survey of women ages 18 to 64 and provides a look at the experiences of women in the health care system. The chartbook presents a wide range of data on women's health issues, including insurance coverage, affordability of and access to care, use of health care services, prevention and family health. The survey was conducted in 2008, and builds on data collected during previous women's health surveys conducted by the Foundation in 2001 and 2004. To download the chartbook, visit [here](#).

Ask an Expert

Does your state have an innovative neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) follow up initiative or program for premature infants? Please e-mail your response to [Jessica Hawkins](mailto:jessica.hawkins@kff.org).

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AMCHP Attends White House Event on Autism Awareness

On April 25, Senior Advisor to President Obama Valerie Jarrett and Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius, spoke to an audience of parents,

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advocates and experts at an Autism Awareness Month Conference at the White House. AMCHP staff, Treeby Brown, participated in the Conference.

AMCHP CEO Presents at a Rhode Island Meeting

On April 27, AMCHP CEO Mike Fraser, PhD, CAE, attended a meeting convened by the Rhode Island Parent Information Network in Providence, RI, to speak at a plenary session on health reform, along with Meg Comeau from the Catalyst Center, Janis Guerney from Family Voices and Julie Beckett from CDC.

AMCHP Participates in an Autism Awareness Month Event in NJ

On April 29, the CDC's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD), Autism Speaks and the Autism Society hosted an Autism Awareness Month Event in New Brunswick, NJ titled, "Autism Spectrum Disorders: Understanding an Urgent Public Health Concern." Representatives from federal, nonprofit, medical, academic, advocacy and parental organizations attended the event. The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services hosted an afternoon program which focused on state-specific issues related to autism spectrum disorders. AMCHP members, Gloria Rodriguez and Pauline Lisciotta from the New Jersey Department of Health participated in the event. AMCHP staff, Melody Gilbert participated in the event and shared AMCHP resources at the exhibit. The event was part of NCBDDD's 10 Years of Service activities.

AMCHP Participates in Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology (MCH EPI) Grand Rounds Webinar

On Wednesday, May 4, AMCHP staff Sharron Corle participated on a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's MCH EPI Grand Rounds webinar, "Public/Private Partnerships: The Future Model for Teen Pregnancy Prevention." The webinar discussed ways in which the private business and philanthropic sector together with nonprofits could help create a new model of investment that will support a more high-performing nonprofit sector. AMCHP discussed the role of state MCH programs in teen pregnancy prevention, provided a brief overview of the national picture by highlighting recent state-level examples of public/private partnerships related to teen pregnancy

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prevention, and dialogued on how this particular model might be translated on the national level. Brian Castrucci, the Georgia MCH Director, was also on the webinar and presented an overview of the state perspective and role in public/private partnerships.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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](#).

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!



Are you curious about how states are addressing the needs of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs? Do you want to know more about programs that tackle preconception health or infant mortality? Then visit the [Innovation Station](#), AMCHP's new searchable database for finding emerging, promising and best practices across the United States. You'll also find useful links to other best practice databases and resources to help you evaluate your public health programs. Check out Innovation Station to learn more about what's being done to improve the health of women, children and families!

If you are interested in contributing to this growing database, please [submit](#) your work to AMCHP's best practices program. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, however, to be considered for the next round of reviews, please submit your application. If you have questions about the process, contact [Kate Howe](#) at (202) 266-3052.

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

Deadline: **May 13**

The CDC is meeting its overall goal of dissemination and implementation of new cost-effective intervention strategies through conference support funding. 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](#).

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

Deadline: **May 18**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health (NIH), invites research applications for projects focused on development of combined multipurpose prevention strategies for sexual and reproductive health. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Administration on Aging Funding for Lifespan Respite Care Program

Deadline: **May 20**

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

HRSA Funding for Public Health Training Center

Deadline: **May 23**

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

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

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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](#).

CDC Funding for a Partnership for Surveillance Collaborative

Deadline: **June 10**

The purpose of the program is to support innovative partnerships and collaborations that advance public health surveillance. This program aims to improve data access and quality in order to accelerate effective public health decision-making and program planning. In addition this program will foster collaboration among various stakeholders, including, non-profits, states, territories and tribes, it will focus on leveraging investments in advancing

the use of healthcare information resources for public health applications, as well as advance broader uses of health and risk factor data. This will result in more robust surveillance solutions that solve common problems, are easily transferable across states, and advance current CDC and HHS priorities. 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, training, and technical assistance, 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

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child abuse prevention programs and activities that are consistent with the goals outlined by Title II of Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. This legislation specifies that one percent of the available funding from Title II will be reserved to fund Tribes, Tribal Organizations and Migrant Programs. The goal of the programs and activities supported by these funds is to prevent the occurrence or recurrence of abuse or neglect within the Tribal and Migrant populations. The funds must support more effective and comprehensive child abuse prevention activities and family support services, including an emphasis on strengthening family life and reaching out to include fathers, that will enhance the lives and ensure the safety and well-being of Migrant and Native American children and their families. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CALENDAR



MCH Events

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

[National Women's Health Week](#)
May 8-14

[Team Up 2011: Evidence Based Interventions for Children with Autism Conference](#)
May 19-21
Little Rock, AR

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

[2011 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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[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

SAVE THE DATE!

**AMCHP'S 2012
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**February 11-14, 2012
Omni Shoreham Hotel
Washington, DC**

AMCHP's Annual Conference will bring together MCH leaders, public health practitioners and family advocates. Join us for sessions led by researchers, federal officials, advocates, families, health care providers and directors of state programs.