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Budget Updates – Super Committee Flounders and FY 2012 Title V Funding Remains Unresolved

At press time today, all indications are that the Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (Super Committee) will not be able to produce an acceptable plan to reduce the deficit. In this case, additional automatic cuts will be applied to many federal programs starting in 2013, with \$400 billion over 10 years coming from the domestic discretionary account that provides funding for the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant and other public health programs. AMCHP is seeking additional analysis on the potential impact on Title V and other critical public health programs, and our advocacy against indiscriminate cuts will continue.

Meanwhile, last week, President Obama signed into law the first, yearlong fiscal 2012 spending package (HR 2112) containing funding for five federal agencies – but not the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which remains unfinished. This bill did, however, include another continuing resolution that will keep other federal programs operating through Dec. 16 at current levels. In one bright spot, the package funds WIC for the FY 2012 at \$6.6 billion, which was better than expected and includes \$60 million for breastfeeding peer counselors and related activities. Additional details are available from our colleagues at the National WIC Association [here](#).

It now remains an open question whether Congress will be able to agree on health program funding levels for FY 2012 in the next few weeks or whether they might revert to a year-long continuing resolution at slightly reduced levels. So the uncertainty continues, and we will report more details as available.



Supreme Court Announces Plan to Review ACA

The Supreme Court recently announced plans to consider challenges to the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA)* and according to analysts will probably render a decision by June 2012. The Court will decide whether Congress exceeded its powers through the individual mandate requirement that all people buy health insurance coverage or face financial penalties. Notably, the Court also agreed to decide a challenge to the provision requiring states to expand Medicaid. If either or both of these provisions are struck down by the Court they will then decide which other provisions included in the ACA should be struck down as well. Finally, the Court will decide whether the decision on the individual mandate should be deferred until 2015 after the requirement is in effect.

The Supreme Court ruling will obviously be extremely important to the future of the ACA. If the individual mandate is struck down it is unclear how many of the insurance reforms, such as prohibiting insurance companies from denying coverage based on a pre-existing condition, will be able to continue. AMCHP continues to monitor these developments closely and will keep you informed moving forward.

Health Care Innovation Challenge

On Nov. 14, HHS announced that the Health Care Innovation Challenge will award grants in March to applicants in order to implement the most compelling new

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ideas to deliver better health, improved care and lower costs to people enrolled in Medicare, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, particularly those with the highest health care needs.

The challenge will support projects that can begin within six months. Additionally, projects that focus on rapid workforce development will be given priority when grants are awarded. Awards are expected to range from approximately \$1 million to \$30 million over three years. Grants are open to providers, payers, local government, community-based organizations, and, in particular, to public-private partnerships and multi-payer approaches. Each grantee project will be evaluated and monitored for measurable improvements in quality of care and savings generated. Letters of intent are due Dec. 19.

States are not eligible to apply, but AMCHP encourages you to share with local colleagues and consider partnerships with other eligible partners that have best practice models designed to improve the health of women and children that can apply for this funding. Click [here](#) for additional information.

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Register Today for a National Webinar: Children and the Medicaid Health Home State Plan Option (Section 2703) of the ACA

When: Wednesday, Dec. 7 from noon-1:30 p.m. EST

The Medicaid Health Home State Plan Option (Section 2703) of the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA)* gives states the option to allow Medicaid beneficiaries with "at least two chronic conditions, one chronic condition and the risk of developing a second, or one serious and persistent mental health condition" to select a specific provider as a "health home" to help coordinate their treatments. To date, several states have indicated that they are exploring or development of State Plan Amendments (SPAs) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Section 2703 of ACA provides states with an important opportunity to develop and enhance efforts to provide medical homes to Medicaid eligible children, including children with special health care needs (CSHCN). This national webinar, sponsored by AMCHP and The Catalyst Center, will address how state Title

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V maternal and child (MCH) programs, state Medicaid agencies and other key partners (e.g., provider groups, families) are approaching inclusion of pediatric populations in their SPAs for Section 2703 of the ACA. Click [here](#) to register for the webinar.

Don't Miss the 2012 AMCHP Annual Conference Training Institute Skills-Building Sessions

This year's conference opens with a weekend of in-depth trainings as part of the AMCHP Annual Conference Training Institute, one and a half days of skills-building sessions and special events. This year, the skills-building trainings will include (titles and schedule tentative):

Saturday, Feb. 11, 9:00 a.m. to noon

- Enhancing MCH Leadership Skills Through Professional Development in Core Competencies
- Ease of Using Health Care Services for Latino Families with Children with Special Health Care Needs
- Applying Quality Improvement Techniques, Forming Multi-sector Partnerships and Leveraging Tools and Resources: the Collaborate for Healthy Weight Initiative
- Identifying Evidence-Based Practices That Lead to Improvements in MCHB Performance Measures: A Toolkit for States
- Commit to Prevention and Health With Building Blocks for a Healthy Future

Saturday, Feb. 11, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- Maternal and Child Health Bureau Block Grant Training: Current Initiatives and Updates
- Using Social Media to Strengthen MCH Outreach
- Promoting Maternal and Infant Mental Health Through a Community-Based Perinatal Support Model for Mothers
- Integrating Public and Private Service Delivery Systems for Women, Children and Their Families
- Performance and Outcome Measurement: Strategies for Target Setting
- Utilizing Resource Centers to Improve the Health and Safety of Children, Youth and Families Today and Tomorrow

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Sunday, Feb. 12, 9:00 a.m. to noon

- Putting Data into Action to Improve Health and Well-Being for Children
- Developing a Program to Support the Adult Transition for Youth with Special Health Care Needs
- Public Health in Partnership with Medical Homes: Building the Future for Quality Preventive Care
- Innovation in Developing Family Leaders: From Service to Partnership

Take advantage of this exceptional opportunity for professional growth and understanding – it's included with your full conference registration! Check out the AMCHP [website](#) to see full session descriptions and other Training Institute events.

The 2012 AMCHP Annual Conference will be held Feb. 11-14, 2012, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. To register, click [here](#). Don't miss our early-bird registration rates – register now!

Webinar on the CDC Life Course Model for Children and Young Adults with Chronic Conditions

This webinar, co-sponsored by the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and the American Association on Health and Disability, will focus on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Life Course Model and public health approach for rare and complex disabling conditions, such as fragile X syndrome, muscular dystrophy and spina bifida. Panelists will provide an overview of childhood-onset conditions, discuss current approaches to data collection and describe how CDC incorporates a life course approach into its work. Join them Tuesday, Nov. 29 from 4-5 p.m. EST. To learn more or to register, click [here](#).

Family Advocacy and Involvement in Title V Programs Webcast

Collaboration between Title V Maternal and Child Health Programs and family leaders provides a “win-win” opportunity to leverage programmatic expertise with families as an action arm for advocacy. Program faculty will discuss appropriate roles for family advocates and describe the nuts and bolts structure and organization for how Title V programs can meaningfully operationalize their involvement. The course will also include a discussion

of the skills and training family advocates need to be successful, as well as examples of successful models for partnership between family advocates and Title V MCH Programs. Join the South Central Public Health Training Center and UAB's Maternal and Child Health Training Grant in partnership with the Alabama Department of Public Health on Friday, Dec. 2 from noon to 1:30 p.m. CST. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

Longitudinal Data Analysis: An Overview of Mixed Models and Generalized Estimating Equations

This interactive webinar, held Dec. 5 from 2-3 p.m. EST, will highlight statistical methods used for longitudinal data. Specifically, the session will describe the method of generalized estimating equations (GEE) that are often used to analyze longitudinal and other correlated response data; furthermore, the webinar will explore a practical application of mixed modeling containing both fixed effects and random effects in maternal and child health research. For more information and to register, click [here](#).



Do you have a successful MCH program that addresses preconception health or prematurity prevention?

Consider sharing your program in [Innovation Station](#), AMCHP's searchable database of emerging, promising and best practices in maternal and child health. You'll have a chance to:

- Share successes with your peers
- Enhance the MCH field
- Contribute to program replication
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The online submission process is simple and applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For more information, contact Kate Howe at (202) 266-3056 or visit amchp.org/bestpractices.

You can also [click here](#) to refer an innovative MCH program that we should know about!

New Competition Seeks Innovative Health Solutions

Ashoka Changemakers, in partnership with Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Pioneer Portfolio, has launched the international competition, Innovations for Health: Solutions that Cross Borders. They are seeking health solutions from around the world that have the potential to be applied in other countries to improve health and health care, especially innovations that have the potential to help vulnerable and underserved populations in other countries that are experiencing similar barriers to health. The three winning solutions will win a prize of \$10,000 each. Two early entries (submitted by Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. EST) are each eligible for an additional \$500 prize and a private consulting session with industry experts. The final deadline for entries is Feb. 13. To enter your idea, visit changemakers.com/innovations4health. If you have any questions, please contact [Natalie Zuniga](#).

MCH EPI Conference Announces Keynote Speaker

The Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology (MCH EPI) conference, held in New Orleans, LA from Dec. 14-16, announced that Dr. Paul Wise, MD, MPH will deliver their keynote address. Dr. Wise is the Richard E. Behrman Professor of Child Health and Society and Professor of Pediatrics at Stanford University School of Medicine. He is Director of the Center for Policy, Outcomes, and Prevention, a core faculty of the Centers for Health Policy and Primary Care Outcomes Research, and Senior Fellow in the Freeman-Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University. His research focuses on health inequalities, child health policy, and health care delivery in areas of civil conflict and unstable governance. He has also been extensively involved in medical education with a special focus on training physicians in underserved communities in the United States and throughout the developing world. For more information, click [here](#).

MCH Journal Call for Papers: Advancing MCH Life Course

The *Maternal and Child Health Journal* is calling for papers for a special issue tentatively entitled Advancing MCH Life Course. The focus of this issue will be on incorporating the Life Course Perspective, including social determinants of health and health equity into MCH programs, policies, practice, research, and education and training. The aim of this issue is to continue to advance the integration of MCH Life Course into the field, expand on the utility of this direction, and transform the concepts of life course from a theoretical model into practice and application. Proposals/abstracts for manuscripts are due Nov. 30 to [Cheri Pies](#). Authors will be notified by Jan. 1, 2012. Completed manuscripts will be due by May 1, 2012. Please contact [Cheri Pies](#) or [Milt Kotelchuck](#) with questions.

Prematurity Prevention Symposium Call for Poster Abstracts

Abstracts will be accepted for a poster session at the March of Dimes Prematurity Prevention Symposium, which takes place Jan. 19-20 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. The symposium poster session will feature hospital, provider, community and state-sponsored programs and activities that promote the prevention of preterm births. The selected posters will be displayed on Jan. 19 from 4:45 p.m. to 6 p.m. EST. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until Dec. 23. For questions, please e-mail symposium@marchofdimes.com or call (914) 997-4265. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

MCH PHLI Cohort III Application Process Open

The Maternal and Child Health-Public Health Leadership Institute (MCH PHLI) is now accepting applications for its year-long leadership development program that is designed to significantly expand self-awareness and quickly build practical skills for effectively leading, managing people, and building partnerships, to advocate for and create the MCH systems of tomorrow. The program consists of three residential executive-style retreats (10 days of experiential-based training) coupled with a robust and customizable

Upcoming AMCHP Surveys		
Assessment Name	Target Audience	Expected Launch Date
Preconception Health Indicators – Current Capacity and Priorities	Title V Directors and MCH Epidemiologists	Nov. 28 (Responses due by Dec. 16)

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distance-based program. Each Fellow completes an MCH-related personal leadership project targeted at a critical local or national need while receiving ongoing individual executive coaching. Applications will be accepted through Feb. 1, 2012. To submit your application or for more information, visit the MCH PHLI [website](#).

RWJF Clinical Scholars Releases Call for Applications

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs collaborate to foster the development of physicians who will lead the transformation of Americans' health and health care through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars program. These future leaders will conduct innovative research and work with communities, organizations, practitioners and policymakers to address issues essential to the health and well-being of all Americans. The application deadline is Feb. 29, 2012 at 5 p.m. EST. For more information, click [here](#).

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



General Maternal & Child Health

New Reproductive Health Assessment after Disaster Toolkit Available

The University of North Carolina Center for Public Health Preparedness, with assistance from The Division of Reproductive Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion at CDC has launched the Reproductive Health Assessment After Disaster Toolkit (RHAD). This toolkit will assist you with assessing the reproductive health needs of women aged 15-44 affected by natural and man-made disasters. Questionnaire topics include safe motherhood, infant care, family planning, family stressors and service needs, health and risk behaviors, and gender-based violence. The data gathered will promote and enhance evidence-based local programs and services to improve the reproductive health of women and their families. Further information can be found on their [website](#).

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New NACCHO Home Visiting Resources Page

Resources related to home visiting are now available on the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) website, under Public Health Advocacy and Health Reform. To explore the list of resources and organizations pertaining to Maternal and Child Health/Home Visiting on this webpage, click [here](#).

Adolescent Health

Issue Brief on Youth Health Literacy

The National Institute for Health Care Management released an issue brief in October 2011 that makes the case for investing in youth health literacy. The brief states that adolescence is a key developmental period, when individuals may begin to make their own, independent decisions about health care. To learn more about why youth health literacy should be promoted, and strategies for doing so, read the [issue brief](#).

Children's Health

New AMCHP Issue Brief on Autism Spectrum Disorder

In an effort to document the level of activity among states in the area of autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities (ASD/DD), AMCHP conducted an environmental scan of state Title V program ASD/DD activities. This environmental scan provides insights into approaches that state Title V programs are taking to address the growing incidence of ASD/DD and catalogues ASD/DD activities that fit within the framework of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) critical indicators for children and youth with special health care needs. Information was obtained through a text search for "autism" using information from the 2010 Maternal and Child Health Block Grant State Narratives contained in the Title V Information System (TVIS) online database. To access the environmental scan, click [here](#).

MCAH Toolbox: Text Messages for Birth Defects Prevention

The CDC National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities provides weekly text messages with reminders to take folic acid, and other health tips to prevent birth defects. Women of childbearing age, including those who are not planning to get pregnant, can sign up for this [service](#) to receive mobile health tips.

AMCHP Working On Your Behalf

- AMCHP CEO, Mike Fraser, attended a one-day meeting on “Promoting Public-Private Collaboration to Improve Maternal and Child Health” supported by Grantmakers in Health and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. The meeting brought state MCH leaders from Region VI together with philanthropic Funding Partners to discuss how to align private resources with public MCH needs. The meeting was a pilot project to test the idea of replicating similar meetings in all HHS regions in the future.
- On Nov. 8, AMCHP convened the Youth Involvement Work Group to help define youth involvement in AMCHP, develop a vision for youth involvement and produce recommendations on key actions AMCHP can pursue to advance this strategic goal. Work Group members include Stephanie Birch (AK), Alisa Olshefsky (DE), Eileen Forlenza (CO), Marc Shiff (KS), Susan Colburn (AL), Susan Chacon (NM), Kris Green (AK) and Rachel Samuels (TX).
- The AMCHP Board of Directors met on Nov. 9-10 in D.C. As part of the meeting, the Board met with HRSA and MCHB Senior Staff Terry Adirim and Jon Nelson to talk about future directions for MCHB, Title V funding, and implementing the home visiting program, and with partners, Cassie Lauver, MCHB, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, and the National Medicaid Directors Association to discuss national and state initiatives to improve birth outcomes.

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Office on Women’s Health Funding for Prevention of Violence and Trauma of Women and Girls

Deadline: *Dec. 7*

Funding is available for activities and events in support of Prevention of Violence and Trauma of Women and Girls (VAW) in the United States and its affiliated territories and tribal nations. The purpose of this funding announcement is to seek projects which increase awareness of violence and trauma affecting women and girls, offer prevention strategies and messages, and promote trauma-informed care to decrease violence against women and girls and promote recovery and resiliency. To learn more, click [here](#).

HRSA Funding for National Hemophilia Program Coordinating Center

Deadline: *Dec. 30*

This announcement solicits applications for the National Hemophilia Program Coordinating Center (NHPCC). This project is funded under Section 501 of the Social Security Act which provides funding for comprehensive hemophilia diagnostic treatment centers. The purpose of the program is to establish a coordinating center to facilitate an integrated and collaborative regional network to promote comprehensive, quality care of individuals with hemophilia and related bleeding disorders or clotting disorders such as thrombophilia. The purpose of this center is to facilitate, coordinate, and evaluate the implementation of activities carried out by the Regional Hemophilia Networks. The NHPCC will play a key role in identifying, prioritizing, and addressing issues of importance regarding access to and utilization of hemophilia and related bleeding and clotting disorder services at the national, State, and community levels. For more information, click [here](#).

HRSA Funding for a Regional Hemophilia Network

Deadline: *Jan. 10*

This announcement solicits applications for the Regional Hemophilia Network (RHN). The purpose of this funding opportunity is to establish integrated and collaborative regional networks to promote the comprehensive care of individuals with hemophilia and related bleeding disorders or clotting disorders such as thrombophilia. For more information, click [here](#).

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CDC Grant Funding for Coordinating Center for Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities Data and Epidemiologic Studies (U10)

Deadline: *Jan. 13*

The purpose of the program is to coordinate and manage the data from the Centers for Autism and Developmental Disabilities Research and Epidemiology (CADDRE), and specifically the CADDRE multi-site study, Study to Explore Early Development (SEED) (phase I and II) funded under FOA DD11-002. The data collected from CADDRE will be used to support the ability of CADDRE SEED investigators to perform analyses which benefit scientific knowledge and guides public health actions related to Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and related developmental disabilities. For more information, click [here](#).

HRSA Funding for the Rural Policy Analysis Program

Deadline: *Jan. 17*

This funding opportunity announcement solicits applications for the Rural Policy Analysis Program. The purpose of this program is to support research and analysis of key policy issues affecting rural communities to inform policy makers. The program is national in scope and looks at cross-cutting rural health and human services issues in order to identify trends and challenges. Funded projects should focus on the changing rural environment and outline how they would achieve the following: 1) facilitate public dialogue on key rural policy issues by tracking emerging rural health and human services policy issues and synthesize them in a manner that provides for easy consumption by rural community leaders, with particular emphasis on rural health care providers and systems; 2) identify opportunities for integrating health and human services in rural policy, program, and evaluation in a local community context; 3) identify opportunities to demonstrate broad community impact of policies and programs in rural health and human services, consistent with policy goals related to rural revitalization and sustainability of rural

Ask an Expert

Does your state have strong MCH and oral health collaborations, particularly around the areas of adolescent/school health and/or CYSHCN? Please e-mail your response to [Kate Howe](#).

regions; and 4) provide analysis of policies and regulations that helps optimize positive impacts on rural health systems and communities in the form of policy briefs, reports, and oral presentations. For more information, click [here](#).

CMS Health Care Innovation Challenge Grant

Deadline: *Jan. 27*

This Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) initiative will fund applicants who propose compelling new models of service delivery/payment improvements that hold the promise of delivering the three-part aim of better health, better health care, and lower costs through improved quality for Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) enrollees. Successful models will include plans to rapidly develop and/or deploy the requisite workforce to support the proposed model. Awards will recognize interventions that show capability to improve care within the first six months of the award, while creating a sustainable pathway to net Medicare/Medicaid/CHIP savings within two to three years. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID Grant for the All Children Reading Competition

Deadline: *Jan. 31*

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), and World Vision (collectively referred to as the "Founding Partners") are seeking game-changing innovations with the potential to dramatically improve reading skills and low literacy rates among primary grade children. Through a multi-year initiative called All Children Reading: A Grand Challenge for Development (ACR), the Founding Partners will collaborate to achieve the goal of global action to improve child literacy. For more information, click [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!

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GAPPS Grants Funding to Prevent Preterm Birth

Deadline: *Jan. 31 (Letters of Inquiry)*

Each year, more newborns die as a result of preterm birth than from any other cause. Preventing Preterm Birth, a new initiative within the Global Alliance to Prevent Prematurity and Stillbirth (GAPPS) Grand Challenges in Global Health, is providing grants to discover new solutions to ensure healthy births around the world. Grants will cover work to discover biological mechanisms that lead to preterm birth and develop novel interventions to prevent them. Studies should explore gestational origins, biological mechanisms and the immunological response to infection and nutritional deficiency which lead to preterm birth, especially in the developing world. For more information, click [here](#).

HRSA Grant Funding for Area Health Education Centers

Deadline: *Feb. 15*

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 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 five-year project period for AHEC Infrastructure Development awards and AHEC Point of Service Maintenance and Enhancement awards. Successful applicants will be awarded cooperative agreements to establish and advance statewide or multi-county AHEC programs. For more information, click [here](#).

NIH Grant for the Evaluation of NIAAAs Alcohol Screening Guide for Children and Adolescents (R01)

Deadline: *Feb. 15*

This announcement is to solicit applications to evaluate the new NIAAA alcohol screener for youth as described in "Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention for Youth: A Practitioners Guide." Although the questions were empirically developed, are based on a vast amount of data from national surveys, as well as numerous prospective studies, and have high sensitivity and specificity in the sample studied, it is important that the precision of the screener be evaluated in practice. For more information, click [here](#).

HRSA Grant Funding for Area Health Education Centers Infrastructure Development Awards

Deadline: *Feb. 15*

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 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 five-year project period for AHEC Infrastructure Development awards and AHEC Point of Service Maintenance and Enhancement awards. Successful applicants will be awarded cooperative agreements to establish and advance statewide or multi-county AHEC programs. For more information, click [here](#).

NIH Grant for Behavioral Interventions to Address Multiple Chronic Health Conditions in Primary Care (R01)

Deadline: *Jan. 7, 2014*

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) seeks Research Project Grant (R01) applications that propose to use a common conceptual model to develop behavioral interventions to modify health behaviors and improve health outcomes in patients with comorbid chronic diseases and health conditions. Specifically, this FOA will support research in primary care that uses a multi-disease care management approach to behavioral interventions with high potential impact to improve patient-level health outcomes for individuals with three or more chronic health conditions. The proposed approach must modify behaviors using a common approach rather than administering a distinct intervention for each targeted behavior and/or condition. Diseases and health conditions can include, but are not limited to: mental health disorders (e.g., depression), diabetes, smoking, obesity, chronic pain, alcohol and substance abuse and dependence, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder, cancer and hypertension. For more information, click [here](#).

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NIH Grant Funding for Effects of Adolescent Binge Drinking on Brain Development Studies

Deadline: Jan. 7, 2015

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), encourages Research Project Grant (R01) applications proposing to conduct mechanistic studies on the effects of adolescent binge alcohol consumption on synaptic maturation and myelin formation in the developing brain. For more information, click [here](#) or [here](#).

NIH Grant Funds for Screening and Brief Alcohol Interventions in Underage and Young Adult Populations

Deadline: Jan. 7, 2015

The objective of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage research on screening and brief interventions to prevent and/or reduce alcohol use and alcohol-related harms. For more information, click [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

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AMCHP Conference and Special Events

[AMCHP 2012 Annual Conference](#)

Feb. 11-14, 2012

Washington, DC

[Adolescent and Young Adult Health Institute](#)

Feb. 11, 2012 (during the AMCHP Annual Conference Training Institute)

Washington, DC

[A Life Course Dialogue: Exploring State-Level Implementation](#)

Feb. 12, 2012 (during the AMCHP Annual Conference Training Institute)

Washington, DC

[AMCHP and March of Dimes Third Annual Mini-March for Babies](#)

Feb. 14, 2012 at 10 a.m.

Washington, DC

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Partner Events

[Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities \(LEND\) Directors Meetings](#)

Feb. 12, 2012

Washington, DC

[Leadership Education in Adolescent Health \(LEAH\) Directors Meeting](#)

Feb. 12, 2012

Washington, DC

[National Summit on Quality In Home Visiting Programs](#)

Feb. 15-16, 2012

Washington, DC

MCH Events

[CDC Webinar on Life Course Model for Children and Young Adults with Chronic Conditions](#)

Nov. 29

[17th Annual MCH Epidemiology Conference](#)

Dec. 14-16

New Orleans, LA

[10th World Congress of Maternal and Neonatal Health](#)

December 18-20

Rome, Italy

[2nd Annual Making Lifelong Connections Meeting](#)

(for MCHB trainees and former trainees)

Jan. 18-19, 2012

Orlando, FL

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