



## LEGISLATIVE CORNER

### FY 2012 Title V Funding Update

As of press time, it appears that Congress will not reach agreement on final funding levels for health programs for FY 2012 before the current continuing resolution (CR) expires on Nov. 18. Another CR is almost certain, allowing more time for negotiations, and will likely go through mid to late December. At the same time, the Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (Super Committee) has just three weeks left before their deadline to present a plan for an additional \$1.2 trillion in savings over 10 years. No details on their potential proposed cuts have been released yet.

**This means the window of opportunity to influence decisions that will impact funding levels is still open – for more details on how you can take action see the most recent AMCHP *Legislative Alert* [here](#).**

### Report Documents Quality of Care for Children in Medicaid and CHIP

On Sept. 30, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the Secretary's second *Annual Report on the Quality of Care for Children in Medicaid and CHIP*. This report, required by the *Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009*, provides findings on the status of state and federal systems for measuring and reporting on the quality of care. It also summarizes national and state-specific findings on children's access to health care and quality of health care in Medicaid and CHIP, including findings on use of dental services. Click [here](#) to read the report.

### HHS Convenes Essential Health Benefits Regional Listening Sessions

Over the next few weeks, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will host several Regional Listening Sessions throughout the nation to seek comment on the establishment of an essential health benefits package provided under the Affordable Care Act.

The table on the next page provides the details for each of the finalized Regional Listening Sessions.

The Affordable Care Act ensures Americans have access to quality, affordable health insurance. To achieve this goal, the law ensures plans offered in the new Affordable Insurance Exchanges offer a package of essential health benefits, which are to be defined by HHS.

The statute directs the secretary to consider the scope of benefits provided under a typical employer plan in defining essential health benefits. To inform the department, HHS received a survey of employer-sponsored coverage conducted by the Department of Labor, as well as recommendations from the Institute of Medicine on the criteria and methods for defining and updating essential health benefits.

HHS would like to receive broad public input on essential health benefits from all stakeholders, including states, patients, providers, employers, legislators, insurers and all other interested individuals.

To that end, HHS is inviting comments during sessions for regional, state and local stakeholders on essential health benefits. Senior HHS officials will be in attendance to listen to stakeholder feedback.

If you plan to attend the session, HHS is asking that you consider these questions in preparing your comments:

- In keeping with the title of the Institute of Medicine report "Essential Health Benefits – Balancing Coverage and Cost," how can the department best meet the dual goals of balancing the



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Region	City	Date	Time	Location	RSVP	RSVP Due
5	Chicago	Nov. 4	9:30 a.m.-noon	233 N. Michigan Ave., 13th Floor (Room 1329) Chicago, IL 60601	<a href="mailto:bryan.schulz@hhs.gov">bryan.schulz@hhs.gov</a>	Nov. 1
1	Boston	Nov. 8	1-3 p.m.	John F. Kennedy Federal Bldg 15 New Sudbury Street Conf. Room 2075 (20th floor) Boston, MA 02203	<a href="mailto:r1-ord@hhs.gov">r1-ord@hhs.gov</a>	Nov. 4
3	Philadelphia	Nov. 8	10 a.m.-noon	150 S. Independence Mall West, Conf. Room 419 Philadelphia, PA 19106	<a href="mailto:aryanna.abouzari@hhs.gov">aryanna.abouzari@hhs.gov</a>	Nov. 2
6	Dallas	Nov. 9	10 a.m.-noon	Ctr. for Community Cooperation 2900 Live Oak Street Dallas, TX 75204	<a href="mailto:shelby.gooden@hhs.gov">shelby.gooden@hhs.gov</a>	Nov. 4
2	New York	Nov. 14	10 a.m.-noon	26 Federal Plaza, Suite 3835 New York, NY 10278	<a href="mailto:joynetta.bell@hhs.gov">joynetta.bell@hhs.gov</a>	Nov. 9
7	Kansas City	Nov. 15	10 a.m.-noon	Bolling federal Office Bldg. 8th Floor SSA Conf. Room 601 E. 12th Street Kansas City, MO 64106	<a href="mailto:cindy.cento@hhs.gov">cindy.cento@hhs.gov</a>	Nov. 10
4	Atlanta	Nov. 16	10 a.m.-noon	61 Forsyth St., SW Suite 5B95 Atlanta, GA 30303-8909	<a href="mailto:ordaltanta@hhs.gov">ordaltanta@hhs.gov</a>	Nov. 14
10	Seattle	Nov. 17	2-5 p.m.	Jackson Federal Bldg. 915 2nd Ave., South Auditorium Seattle, WA		
8	Denver	Nov. 18	9 a.m.-noon	999 18th St. South Terrace Suite 400 Denver, CO 80202	<a href="mailto:ezra.watland@hhs.gov">ezra.watland@hhs.gov</a>	Nov. 10
9	San Francisco	Nov. 21	3-5 p.m.	90 Seventh Street, Suite 5-100 San Francisco, CA 4103	<a href="mailto:region9ord@hhs.gov">region9ord@hhs.gov</a>	

comprehensiveness of coverage included in essential health benefits and affordability?

- How might the department ensure that essential health benefits reflect an appropriate balance among the categories so that they are not unduly weighted toward any category?
- What policy principles and criteria should be taken into account to prevent discrimination against individuals because of their age, disability status or expected length of life as the Affordable Care Act requires?
- What models should HHS consider in developing essential health benefits?
- What criteria should be used to update essential health benefits over time and what should the process be for their modification?

To register for the event, please send an e-mail with your name, organization, title, e-mail address and phone number to the designated RSVP by the RSVP Due Date listed above. (NOTE: In some locations, RSVPs are needed for building security and will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.)

### Ask an Expert

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



### Register Today for the 2012 AMCHP Annual Conference!

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. Among these sessions is *A Life Course Dialogue: Exploring State-Level Implementation* on Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon. Learn how states are implementing a life course approach to maternal and child health (MCH). This interactive session will discuss how to advance a life course perspective. Hear from your peers about approaches, opportunities and challenges. This session builds on last year's popular Life Course Town Hall Meeting and begins a four-part life course series during the AMCHP Annual Conference. It will be preceded by a one-hour workshop entitled *The Life Course Approach to MCH: Challenges and Strategies for Implementation*.

Don't miss this exceptional opportunity for professional growth and understanding – it's included with your full conference registration! Check out the AMCHP [website](#) to see all Training Institute events and for other exciting program announcements.

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!

### Deadline Approaching: Realityworks & Go Beyond MCH Graduate Student Scholarship

AMCHP, with Realityworks and Go Beyond, is offering a new graduate-student scholarship. The scholarship is designed to assist one graduate student in furthering their education and sponsor their attendance at the upcoming AMCHP Annual Conference to hone their leadership skills and connect them with existing leaders within MCH. There are two parts to the Realityworks & Go Beyond MCH Graduate Student Scholarship, totaling \$3,500. The student selected in fall 2011 would receive funds to support their current year of study (\$2,000) and attendance at the 2012 conference (\$1,500 plus conference registration), to be held Feb. 11-14 in Washington, D.C. **The application deadline is Friday, Nov. 11 at 9 p.m. EST.** Visit the AMCHP [website](#) for more information or e-mail [mchgradscholars@amchp.org](mailto:mchgradscholars@amchp.org).

### Don't Miss These Upcoming AMCHP Webinars!

#### Nov. 9 – American Academy of Pediatrics Task Force on SIDS and Other Sleep-Related Infant Deaths: Expansion of Recommendations for a Safe Infant Sleeping Environment

On Oct. 18, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) released the updated policy statement and technical report with additional information for parents on creating a safe environment for their babies to sleep. On Nov. 9, from 2:30-4 p.m. EST, join AMCHP and the Association of SIDS and Infant Mortality Programs (ASIP) for the American Academy of Pediatrics Task Force on SIDS and Other Sleep-Related Infant Deaths: Expansion of Recommendations for a Safe Infant Sleeping Environment webinar. Fern Hauck, MD, MS, member of AAP Task Force on SIDS and Sleep-Related Infant Death, and Rachel Moon, MD, FAAP, Chair and lead author of the AAP Task Force on SIDS and Sleep-



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
- Get expert feedback from the Review Panel
- Receive national recognition

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](http://amchp.org/bestpractices).

You can also click here to refer an innovative MCH program that we should know about!

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Related Infant Death, will review the recommendations, research and implications for interventions. This webinar series is provided as a service to the SUID and SIDS community and is free of charge. For more information, please contact [Sandra Frank](#) or [Jessica Hawkins](#). To register, click [here](#).

### **Nov. 15 – A Year of Progress Utilizing the Less Than 39 Weeks Toolkit: Building Successful Partnerships with Clinicians, Health Departments and the March of Dimes**

To raise awareness around World Prematurity Day and Prematurity Awareness Month, AMCHP and the March of Dimes will host a national webinar, “A Year of Progress Utilizing the Less Than 39 Weeks Toolkit: Building Successful Partnerships with Clinicians, Health Departments and the March of Dimes” on Nov. 15 from 3-4:30 p.m. EST. The 90-minute webinar will be moderated by Associate State Director of the March of Dimes California Chapter and Director of Big 5 State Prematurity Initiatives, Leslie Kowalewski. The featured presenters include, Bryan Oshiro, MD, Medical Director, Perinatal Institute, Loma Linda University; Shabbir Ahmad, DVM, MS, PhD, Acting Division Chief, Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Program of the California Department of Health; and Mary Giammarino, MPP, National Director Prematurity Campaign & Mission Marketing. Space is limited. Please test that your computer is compatible in advance of the webinar. For inquiries about the webinar, please e-mail [alliances@marchofdimes.com](mailto:alliances@marchofdimes.com). To register, click [here](#).

### **Systems Thinking for Maternal and Child Health: Application in Practice Webinar**

Systems thinking and using the systems approach to manage public health controversies can provide new and exciting opportunities and collaborations, yet the importance of this concept is often overlooked. Many disciplines converge in this problem-solving approach and bring new ideas to the forefront of today’s critical public health issues. In this seminar, Dr. Donna Petersen will

explore how systems thinking can be applied to MCH and analyze the advantages of using this method to solve current and future challenges in public health. 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 Nov. 8 from 1-2:30 p.m. EST. For more information, click [here](#) or to register, click [here](#).

### **CMS Innovation Center Accepting Applications for New Innovation Advisors Program**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Innovation Center seeks to deepen the capacity for transformation by creating a network of experts in improving the delivery system for Medicare, Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program beneficiaries. The Innovation Advisors Program will support individuals who can test and refine new models to drive delivery system reform. The Innovation Advisors Program will select and develop as many as 200 individuals from across the nation in its first year. The deadline to submit applications is Nov. 15. [Learn more and download the program application.](#)

### **MCHB Graduate Student Internship Program Application System is Open**

The Graduate Student Internship Program (GSIP), sponsored by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), strives to enhance students’ skills in data analysis, encourage training in MCH epidemiology, and providing assistance to state and local health agencies with data-related projects. MCHB is increasing its commitment to assisting agencies by supporting up to 20 interns in state-level MCH/CSHCN agencies and 10 in city and county MCH departments. Internship projects (limited to submissions by public – state and local – MCH agencies) should be grounded in the following three critical areas of MCH epidemiology: data analysis and monitoring, needs assessment and program evaluation. The application system can be accessed [here](#) and these internships will be conducted primarily during the summer of 2012

### **Upcoming AMCHP Surveys**

<b>Assessment Name</b>	<b>Target Audience</b>	<b>Expected Launch Date</b>
Preconception Health Indicators – Current Capacity and Priorities	Title V/MCH Directors, Epidemiologists and/or Senior Program Staff	Nov. 14

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(beginning in May, June or July). Completed applications must be submitted no later than Nov. 21. For more information, contact Renee Schwalberg, Program Director, at (202) 842-2000.

### **RWJF Community Health Leaders Releases Call for Nominations**

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Community Health Leaders each year honors up to 10 outstanding and otherwise unrecognized individuals who overcome daunting odds to improve health and health care, especially to underserved populations in communities across the United States. The program aims to elevate the work of these unsung leaders through heightened recognition, technical assistance and new leadership opportunities. The nomination deadline is Nov. 28 at 3 p.m. EST. To learn more, click [here](#).

### **MCH PHLI Recruiting information for Cohort 3, 2012-2013**

The Maternal and Child Health-Public Health Leadership Institute (MCH PHLI) applications are currently being accepted through Feb. 1, 2012. All tuition and lodging charges for this program are grant-supported. In addition to no onsite charges, partial travel scholarships will be available for Cohort III. This year-long leadership development program 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 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. The program targets the MCH Leadership Competencies 3.0 and the distance-component can be completed in as little as two hours a week. For more information or to complete applications, visit the MCH PHLI [website](#).

### **RWJF Nurse Faculty Scholars Releases Call for Applications**

The goal of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholars program is to develop the next generation of national leaders in academic nursing through career development awards for outstanding junior nursing faculty.

The program aims to strengthen the academic productivity and overall excellence of nursing schools by providing mentorship, leadership training, and salary and research support to young faculty. For more information or to apply, click [here](#). The application deadline is Feb. 7, 2012 at 3 p.m. EST.

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

#### **New Kaiser Survey Finds States Focusing on Cost Containment Following Expiration of Stimulus Funds**

Faced with the end of stimulus money and a continuing weak economy, Medicaid officials in virtually every state are enacting a variety of cost cutting measures as states' spending for Medicaid is projected to increase 28.7 percent this fiscal year to make up for the loss of federal funds, according to a new survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation's Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. The new survey, [Moving Ahead Amid Fiscal Challenges: A Look at Medicaid Spending, Coverage and Policy Trends, Results from a 50-State Medicaid Budget Survey for State Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012](#), and two related papers – [Impact of the Medicaid Fiscal Relief Provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act](#), which examines the impact of the enhanced federal funding provided by the Recovery Act that expired in June 2011, and [Update on State Budgets in Recession and Recovery](#), which provides a brief overview both of the effect of the recent recession on state budgets as well as the current condition of state budgets as they continue to recover in the recession's aftermath – are available on their [website](#).

### **Women's Health**

#### **New HRSA/MCHB Report on Women's Health**

On Nov. 3, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) released *Women's Health USA 2011*, the tenth edition of an annual data book identifying priorities, trends and disparities in women's health. The 2011 edition highlights several new topics, including secondhand tobacco smoke exposure, Alzheimer's disease, preconception health, unintended pregnancy,

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oral health care utilization and barriers to health care. For the first time, the special population section of the report features data on the health of lesbian and bisexual women, as well as Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander women. Data on American Indian and Alaska Native women are also featured. *Women's Health USA 2011* is available in print and online. To view the full report, click [here](#).

### **Tutorial: Reproductive Health Care Policy for Women in the United States**

In this updated tutorial, Usha Ranji, M.S., associate director of women's health policy at the Kaiser Family Foundation, summarizes major issues in reproductive health care policy. She discusses coverage and financing of reproductive care in public programs and private plans, as well as the key provisions in the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA)* that affect reproductive health. To view the tutorial, click [here](#).

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### **MOD Releases 2011 Premature Birth Report Card**

November is Prematurity Awareness Month. Last week, the March of Dimes (MOD) released the 2011 Premature Birth Report Card. While the United States earned a "C", preterm birth rates improved in almost every state between 2006 and 2009, and in several states the change was more than 10 percent, according to the March of Dimes 2011 Premature Birth Report Card. The nation's preterm birth rate has declined nearly 5 percent from the 2006 peak of 12.8 percent. The full [2011 Premature Birth Report Card press release](#) and the [2011 Report Card](#), with specific states of interest, can be found on their [website](#).

### **HRSA Report: Children in Rural Areas Face Different Health Challenges**

Children in rural areas face different challenges to their health and have less access to care when compared with children in urban areas, according to a new report from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH): The Health and Well-Being of Children in Rural Areas: A Portrait of the Nation in 2007, which is published every four years, examined the overall health of rural children in the United States from birth to 17 years. The report finds greater prevalence of certain physical, emotional,

behavioral and developmental conditions in rural areas. To see more in-depth information about the book and its findings, click [here](#).

### **Policy Brief: Improving Federal Collaboration for Homeless Children and Youth**

This joint policy brief from the Campaign to End Child Homelessness, National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth, National Collaboration for Youth, and National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty offers recommendations on how the federal government can enhance policy and program coordination to improve outcomes for homeless children and youth. Click [here](#) to see the brief.

### **KaiserEDU Issue Module: HPV Vaccine and Cancer**

This issue module has been updated with access to the most recent research and information available on human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine utilization, costs and policies, including the latest data on vaccine coverage and application for boys. To view the module, click [here](#).

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### **AMCHP Working On Your Behalf**

- On Oct. 8, AMCHP staff Brent Ewig gave a plenary session presentation on the status of Affordable Care Act provisions affecting children and youth with special health care needs at the Annual Meeting of the Illinois Arc and Family Voices in Chicago, IL.
- On Oct. 13, AMCHP Staff Brent Ewig delivered a keynote presentation entitled "Maternal Child Health Opportunities and Challenges in Health Reform" at the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) Annual Conference and Healthy Babies Summit in Waukesha, WI.
- On Oct. 27-28, Jessica Hawkins represented AMCHP at an ACOG, CDC, FDA and NIAID-sponsored meeting titled, *Progress in Overcoming Barriers to Influenza Vaccination for Pregnant Women*. This meeting provided opportunity to discuss the barriers to influenza immunization by health care providers and the acceptability and

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uptake of influenza immunization by pregnant women. The meeting concluded with the discussion of 'best practices' to overcome these barriers and identifying strategies to move forward.

- From Oct. 30-Nov. 2, AMCHP staff were involved in the following sessions at the American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting & Exposition:
  - MCH Town Hall  
Presenter: Brent Ewig  
Organizer: Karen VanLandeghem
  - Martha May Eliot Forum: Life Course  
Perspective: Moving from Theory to Practice  
Organizer and Moderator: Lauren Ramos
  - Policy and Advocacy in Maternal Child Health  
Presenter: Brent Ewig
  - Autism  
Presenter: Treeby Brown
  - Sexual and Preconception Health: Youth Empowerment towards Healthy Choices and Risk Reduction  
Presenter: Sharron Corle
  - The MCH Workforce: Developing Our Base and Building for the Future  
Presenter: Lauren Ramos

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

### Family Voice Regional Field Coordinator (RFC), Region 4

The RFCs, with the National Field Co-Coordinators and Family Voices (FV) staff, promote the FV mission in their assigned regions by, helping to identify needs and coordinate technical assistance to Family Voices State Affiliate Organizations and Family-to-Family Health Information Centers in the states; building or strengthening the Family Voices presence in the states; and supporting family/professional partnerships. Preference will be given to applicants residing within Region 4 (Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona and Hawaii). For a complete Regional Field Coordinator job description, click [here](#). Applications will be accepted through COB Wednesday, Nov. 9. Send a cover letter, resume, brief writing sample and three references to [san@familyvoices.org](mailto:san@familyvoices.org).

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### HRSA Grant Funding on Affordable Care Act Family-to-Family Health Information Centers

Deadline: Dec. 16

This announcement solicits applications for the Affordable Care Act Family-to-Family Health Information Centers (F2F HICs) Program. This extension allows the F2F HICs to continue to assist in ensuring that families of children with special health needs (CSHCN) will partner in decision-making at all levels. In addition to extending appropriations for the F2F HICs, the Affordable Care Act puts into place comprehensive health reforms that are designed to reduce health disparities and barriers to health care by making improvements in preventive care, investing more resources into coordinated care, strengthening diversity and cultural competence training in the health professions, expanding the health care workforce in underserved communities, ending insurance discrimination, and creating affordable insurance coverage through Health Insurance Exchanges. For more information, click [here](#).

### CDC Capacity Building Assistance to Improve Health in Tribal Populations Grant

Deadline: Dec. 29

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to provide financial assistance to National Tribal Organizations serving tribal health departments (or their equivalents) so these organizations can provide capacity building assistance (CBA) to improve tribal health department quality, effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of public health services. Specifically, assistance will be provided in the following two priority areas: (1) capacity building assistance to prepare for public health department accreditation, and (2) capacity building assistance to implement model program and policy practices that address Winnable Battles that are

### 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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culturally appropriate to AI/AN populations and address highest priority public health needs. For more information, click [here](#).

### HRSA Funding for HIV Care Grant Program Part B

Deadline: *Jan. 3, 2012*

Part B funding is used to assist states and territories in developing and/or enhancing access to a comprehensive continuum of high-quality, community-based care for low-income individuals and families living with HIV. As such, it supports the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) goals of: increasing access to care and optimizing health outcomes and reducing HIV-related health disparities. To learn more, click [here](#).

### HRSA Grant Funding for EMSC State Partnership Regionalization of Care (SPROC)

Deadline: *Feb. 3, 2012*

This announcement solicits applications for the EMSC State Partnership Regionalization of Care (SPROC) Program. The Institute of Medicine, Future of Emergency Care: Key Findings and Recommendations Fact Sheet, June 2006, highlighted some key concerns regarding the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system and emergency departments (EDs). Overall EMS and EDs are not well equipped to handle pediatric care; most children receive emergency care in general (not children's) hospitals, which are less likely to have pediatric expertise, equipment and policies in place for the care of children. Children make up 27 percent of all ED visits, but only 6 percent of EDs in the United States have all the necessary supplies for pediatric emergencies; many drugs and medical devices have not been adequately tested on, or dosed properly for children; and while children have increased vulnerability to disasters, disaster planning has largely overlooked their needs. The EMSC Program is seeking proposals to support projects that aim to reach beyond state borders to overcome barriers to specialized pediatric medical and trauma services. For more information, click [here](#).

### National Institute of Food and Agriculture Funding for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative: Food Security Grant

Deadline: *Mar. 14, 2012*

The Food Security Challenge Area RFA focuses on the societal challenge to keep American agriculture competitive while ending world hunger. In the Food Security Challenge Area RFA, specific program areas are designed to achieve the long-term outcome of increasing food availability and decreasing the number of food insecure individuals. Project types supported by AFRI within this RFA include single-function Extension Projects, multi-function Integrated Research, Education, and/or Extension Projects and Food and Agricultural Science Enhancement (FASE) Grants. To learn more, click [here](#).

### NIH Grant Funding for Causes and Consequences of Cystic Fibrosis Related Diabetes (R01)

Deadline: *Mar. 20, 2012*

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for research project grants to study the causes and consequences of Cystic Fibrosis Related Diabetes (CFRD). CFRD is one of the most common complications of Cystic Fibrosis (CF) that occurs in almost half the patients with Cystic Fibrosis as they age. CF patients with CFRD have a higher morbidity and mortality than those who do not develop CFRD. It is not currently known why some patients develop CFRD although some genetic variants have been implicated. The mechanisms for the steeper decline in lung disease in patients with CFRD are also not understood. The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases invites applications that study the etiology of CFRD in humans and animal models, as well as studies to understand the mechanisms for the increased morbidity in patients with CFRD. To learn more, click [here](#).



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# CALENDAR



## 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

## 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

### [Joint Program in Survey Methodology Course: Designing Mixed-Mode Surveys](#)

Nov. 10-11  
Arlington, VA

### [17th Annual MCH Epidemiology Conference](#)

Dec. 14-16  
New Orleans, LA

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

(for MCHB trainees and former trainees)  
Jan. 18-19, 2012  
Orlando, FL

### [Prematurity Prevention Symposium](#)

Jan. 19-20  
Washington, DC

### [Health Action 2012](#)

Jan. 19-21  
Washington, DC

### [2012 National Health Promotion Summit](#)

April 10-11, 2012  
Washington, DC

### [Head Start's 11th National Research Conference](#)

June 18-20, 2012  
Washington, DC

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