



LEGISLATIVE CORNER

Prevention Fund Under Attack – AMCHP Asks Members to Weigh In

On Tuesday, September 14 the U.S. Senate will consider an amendment introduced by Sen. Mike Johanns of Nebraska to the Small Business Jobs and Prevention Act of 2010. The amendment would deal a critical blow to the dedicated funding for prevention and wellness included in the Affordable Care Act. **AMCHP is asking members and friends to contact their senators – in accordance with your state’s advocacy guidelines – and ask them to oppose Johanns’ amendment. For more information, see AMCHP’s September 9 Legislative Alert available [here](#).**

Home Visiting State Needs Assessments Underway

AMCHP convened a national teleconference to check in with states on home visiting program implementation and the needs assessment process on September 1. The call provided an opportunity to share state progress and a forum for state MCH leaders to share strategies. To listen to a recording of the call please click [here](#).

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released guidance to states on August 19 for completing the required home visitation program needs assessment in the form of a Supplemental Information Request, available [here](#). The deadline is September 20. An archive of the HHS webinar walking through the guidance and answering state questions is archived [here](#).

AMCHP Nominates Members to Serve on Group Developing Women’s Health Preventive Health Guidelines

AMCHP recently nominated two members to serve on a panel being convened by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) to review potential preventive screenings and services that should be considered for new women’s health guidelines. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has

been charged by the Affordable Care Act with developing recommendations for women’s preventive services that new health plans will be required to cover without cost-sharing.

HHS will use the information and recommendations produced by the IOM committee to guide policy and program development required by the law. The Institute of Medicine will convene an expert committee “to review what preventive services are necessary for women’s health and well-being and should be considered in the development of comprehensive guidelines for preventive services for women. The committee will also provide guidance on a process for regularly updating the preventive screenings and services to be considered.” AMCHP sees this as a prime opportunity to expand preconception and interconception services. Once the panel is announced we anticipate there will be additional information available about scheduled meetings and opportunities for public input.



State Exchange Development Gets Underway

The Affordable Care Act expands access to health insurance through the establishment of American Health Benefits Exchanges (Exchanges). The law provides that each state may elect to establish an Exchange or require the Secretary to establish and operate an Exchange within states that do not elect to establish one. HHS recently issued a call for public comments “to aid in the development of standards for establishment and operation of the Exchanges...and to inform for the awarding of grants to the states to assist them in planning and developing Exchanges.” More information on this opportunity is available [here](#).

Additionally, the Georgetown Center for Children and Families recently published an issue brief entitled “Health Insurance Exchanges: New Coverage Options for Children and Families” available [here](#).



Nominations for AMCHP Board of Directors Now Being Accepted!

AMCHP's Governance Committee is currently accepting nominations for 2011 AMCHP Board positions. These leadership positions guide, direct, inform and contribute to moving AMCHP's strategic directions and goals forward. Positions that will be open in the 2011 election include:

1. President-Elect
2. Director-At-Large
3. Family Representative
4. Region II
5. Region III
6. Region V
7. Region VII

Volunteer leadership is critical to AMCHP's success. We hope that you will consider participating in the nominations process. More information about these positions, necessary qualifications and the nominations process may be found on the AMCHP website or by clicking [here](#). We ask that all nominations be forwarded to the Governance Committee by September 30 to ensure ample time for the Committee to review all candidates' materials. Please note: Only named AMCHP delegates may be nominated to the Board. To verify your membership status, contact [Julio Arguello, Publications & Member Services Manager](#).

Celebrating Title V at 75 Nationwide – September 27!

Please join AMCHP and MCHB in a national webinar to celebrate the legacy of the Title V MCH Services Block Grant and share thoughts on its future on September 27 at 3 p.m. EST. The webinar is designed to “virtually” connect MCH leaders across the country at the same time and kick off this fall's commemoration of Title V in Washington, DC, and other state and local festivities. Plan an event in your agency around this important and informative webinar and join in the national celebration! More information will be forthcoming, including a “celebration guide” with ideas for activities to engage your state and local MCH leaders and helpful resources on Title V to help plan your own event. For more information, contact AMCHP at info@amchp.org. Online registration is required, visit www.mchcom.com to obtain dial-in and webinar information!

AMCHP and ASIP to Co-host a Webinar on Health Reform and Infant Death

The webinar, “Opportunities in Health Reform to Prevent Infant Death,” sponsored by AMCHP and the Association of SIDS and Infant Mortality Programs (ASIP), is the third in a series of live, interactive webinars which have been developed to provide participants with the latest research, resources, information, and tools regarding MCH, SUID, SIDS, infant mortality and bereavement. The webinar will convene on September 16 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. EST. To register, visit [here](#).

Save the Date! Applying Online for Disability Benefits Webinar

The U.S. Social Security Administration will present “Applying Online for Disability Benefits” webinar on Wednesday, October 6 at 2 p.m. EST. This webinar will review the changes to the online disability application process that will make it easier and more convenient to use. To learn more, visit [here](#).

National Infant Mortality Awareness Month

September is National Infant Mortality Awareness Month. Throughout the country, local health departments, communities, hospitals, and schools are using this as a chance to raise awareness about infant mortality. For more resources, visit the [National Healthy Start Association](#) and [The Office of Minority Health](#).

SAMHSA Webinar on the Implications of Healthcare Reform for Behavioral Health Providers

The webinar, “Healthcare Reform – Implications for Behavioral Health Providers,” sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), will discuss the implications of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on the behavioral health system. The passage of the Affordable Care Act has ensured that the role of behavioral health in the overall health care system will change. Now, it is more important than ever to know how health care reform will affect you and your role, as well as the roles of states, behavioral health care providers and consumers. Participants will gain information regarding health homes and the role behavioral health plays, the functions of accountable care

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organizations and evidence-based approaches for people with co-occurring disorders. The webinar will convene on September 21 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. EST. For more information or to register, visit [here](#).

Webinar on Postsecondary Education Participation for Students with Intellectual Disabilities

The webinar, “Postsecondary Education Participation for Students with Intellectual Disabilities,” co-sponsored by the Technical Assistance and Dissemination Network and the Office of Special Education Programs, will provide participants with information regarding current legislative and funding priorities around enrolling students with intellectual disabilities in postsecondary education, as well as insights into characteristics of model programs and potential challenges. Time for questions and discussion will be included. The webinar will convene on September 29 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. EST. To register, visit [here](#), or for additional information please contact [Cynthia Glimpse](#).

Women’s Health 2011: Call for Abstracts

Researchers are invited to submit abstracts for the Women’s Health & Sex Differences Research Scientific Poster Session on current and emerging issues in women’s health; including basic science, clinical, translational, behavioral, epidemiologic, disparities, and health services, for the Women’s Health 2011: 19th Annual Congress to be held on April 1-3, 2011, in Washington, DC. The deadline for abstract submissions is December 1. You will be notified about the outcome of your submission no later than January 10, 2011. For complete information about submitting your abstract and for the electronic submission tool, visit [here](#). If you have questions about the abstract submission process, please contact the [Abstract Review Committee](#).

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



General Maternal & Child Health

DRC Launches Medical Home Data Portal

The online portal, launched by the Data Resource Center (DRC) for the Child and Adolescent Health Measurement

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Initiative, will provide state and local health officials with a variety of updated data and information about medical homes. Local health departments can view state medical home performance profiles, including data specific to children’s medical care. To view the online portal, visit [here](#).

NACCHO Releases Publication on Local Health Department Home Visitation Programs

The publication, “A Compendium of Local Health Department Home Visitation Program Case Studies,” published by the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) was developed to highlight various local health department Home Visitation Programs (HVPs) which represent a hallmark of local maternal and child health practice. The publication was further designed to assist local health departments (LHDs) interested in designing new or enhancing existing HVPs and those looking to identify additional resources and peer assistance to develop and implement HVPs. The information obtained from in-depth interviews with eight LHDs was used to develop the case studies. To download the free publication, visit [here](#).

HHS Issues a Report on Community Health Status Indicators

The Community Health Status Indicators (CHSI) report, developed by HHS, contains more than 200 health indicators for each of the 3,141 U.S. counties including birth measures and infant mortality rates. The goal of CHSI is to provide an overview of key health indicators for local communities and to encourage dialogue about actions that can be taken to improve a community’s health among public health professionals and community members interested in the health of their community. To access the report, visit [here](#).

Adolescent Health

New Online Video on Staying Healthy for Youth in Transition

The online video, “Health and Transition,” presented by FYI Transition, explains to young people with medical conditions or disabilities the importance of taking care of their health as they transition into adulthood and take responsibility for themselves. It includes information on taking medicines, talking with doctors, carrying an

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emergency health information card, keeping a health care notebook, paying for health care, going to college and planning for accommodations, eating the right foods, exercising and more. To view the video, visit [here](#).

New Fact Sheet on International Teen Pregnancy and Birth Rates

The fact sheet, "Teen Birth Rates: How Does the United States Compare?" published by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, compares the U.S. teen birth rate with the teen birth rate in countries around globe. Findings show that despite a one-third decline since the early 1990s, the United States still has the highest rates of teen pregnancy and birth among comparable countries. To download the fact sheet, visit [here](#).

Children's Health

New Booklet for Parents of Children Diagnosed with Autism

The booklet, "My Child's Map to Services," developed by the Washington State Department of Health, Children with Special Health Care Needs Program in collaboration with Family Voices of Washington and other Washington state parent organizations, is a guide for parents of children recently diagnosed with autism or other developmental delays. The booklet provides short definitions of therapeutic services and descriptions and contact information for state services, including family-to-family support. The booklet was reviewed by over 100 families, ensuring that the tool's language is clear and appropriate to all families, regardless of income or insurance coverage. To download the booklet, visit [here](#).

National Children's Health Insurance Toolkit

The toolkit, "Children's Health Insurance: Tools to Advance Enrollment and Retention Efforts," developed by Insure Kids Now, aims to assist organizations playing a critical role in increasing awareness and understanding of children's health insurance programs and ultimately driving eligible parents and guardians to apply for coverage on behalf of their uninsured children. This toolkit contains pertinent information, materials, tools and tactics to assist your organization in education and outreach efforts. To download the toolkit, visit [here](#).

DRC Report on Child Health and System Performance

The report, "2007 National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH) Child Health and System Performance Profile," from the DRC for the Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative, highlights information about the health and system performance for children living in your state, district, HRSA region or the nation. It also allows a state-by-state comparison on 21 key health status and system performance measures related to chronic conditions, complexity of health service needs, health insurance, access to care, preventive care and medical home. To access the report, visit [here](#).

CDC Report on Final Birth Data for 2007

The report, "Births: Final Data for 2007," published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), presents 2007 data on U.S. births according to a wide variety of characteristics. Local health departments can use this report to review and interpret past and current trends in fertility patterns and maternal demographic characteristics, including live-birth order, educational attainment and lifestyle. To download the report, visit [here](#).

Women's Health

CDC Launches Three Online Videos on Assisted Reproductive Technology

The online videos, launched by the CDC, provide science-based information for anyone considering Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART). ART services are infertility treatments including in vitro fertilization (IVF) and have been used in the United States since 1981 to help women become pregnant. The videos provide information about steps people can take before beginning treatment to improve their chances of getting pregnant and having healthy pregnancies and healthy babies. For more information and to view the videos, visit [here](#).

New Fact Sheet on Break Time for Nursing Mothers

The fact sheet, "Break Time for Nursing Mothers under the FLSA," published by the U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division, provides general information on the break time requirement for nursing mothers in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), which took

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effect when the PPACA was signed into law on March 23, 2010. This law amended Section 7 of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). To download the fact sheet, visit [here](#).



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

If you are interested in contributing to this growing database, please [submit](#) your work to AMCHP's best practices program. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, however, to be considered for the next round of reviews, please submit your application. If you have questions about the process, contact [Darlisha Williams](#) at (202) 266-3057.

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AMCHP Staff Participates in State Block Grant Reviews

Joshua Brown, AMCHP's Region X liaison, reviewed Oregon's Block Grant application and Needs Assessment in Seattle, WA. In Oregon, the Title V Services are administered by two agencies in two separate locations: the Office of Family Health (OFH) in the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Needs (OCCYSHN) at the Oregon Health and Sciences University. By July 2011, most

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health-related programs in the state will be joined together to form the newly created Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Despite these changes, both offices have made it a priority to work together collaboratively to assure the best possible health for the women and children in the state. The Oregon Title V agency has decided to address a wide variety of health needs, including many that require working closely with other agencies, such as family violence, alcohol and substance abuse and improved mental health.

Sharron Corle, AMCHP's Region VIII liaison, reviewed Utah's Block Grant Application and Needs Assessment in Salt Lake City, UT. Utah's MCH program is committed to working to improve women's health. Utah's Reproductive Life Plan for Women "[You're a Busy Woman](#)" is used as a model for other states interested in creating reproductive live plans. They currently have two innovative projects seeking to provide family planning and reproductive health information to vulnerable women. The Maternal and Infant Health Team is currently developing the course, "Your Parole Requires Extensive Preparation" (YPREP), for women in corrections and they are looking at better ways to do outreach with homeless women as well. Additionally, the MCH program's strong partnership with the Center for Multicultural Health ensures cultural competence of their efforts.

Jessica Hawkins, AMCHP's Region IV liaison, reviewed South Carolina's Block Grant Application and Needs Assessment in Atlanta, GA. The March of Dimes awarded its National Excellence in Newborn Screening to the agency for the comprehensiveness of the screening panel and long standing commitment to maintaining quality services. A collaborative effort with the Deputy Commissioner for Health Services, the Bureau of Laboratories, and the agency's legislative liaisons, the Newborn Metabolic Screening Program successfully secured an increased laboratory fee for metabolic screening implemented during the past year. This will allow the program to sustain the current level of screening.

Lissa Pressfield, AMCHP's Region VII liaison, reviewed Missouri's Block Grant application and Needs Assessment in Kansas City, MO. Despite the fact that Missouri has the lowest tobacco tax in the nation, they have made significant strides in reducing smoking rates among adolescents through the high school Smokebusters program and middle

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school Youth Empowerment in Action, Tobacco Education, Advocacy and Media (YEA TEAM) program. Over 3,800 youth were trained from 2007-2009 in advocacy and tobacco education and they have informed thousands of other children, youth and adults in their communities and worked toward environmental and policy changes to help reduce smoking rates.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

AMCHP Program Manager of Family Involvement

This 50 percent part-time position supports and assists the Associate Director for Workforce and Leadership Development, Family Involvement in the development, implementation and evaluation of program activities related to family involvement and leadership development. The Program Manager will also assist in implementing project activities related to children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) impacting CYSHCN, birth defects and disabilities and early childhood. To learn more about this open position, visit AMCHP's [Career Center](#).

AMCHP Senior Epidemiologist

AMCHP is seeking a Senior Epidemiologist to be accountable for the development and implementation of program activities related to maternal and child health data and assessment. The Senior Epidemiologist, a member of the Women's and Infant Health team, develops and maintains partnerships with relevant federal agencies, funders, and other national organizations, coalitions and groups concerned with MCH epidemiology. For more information about this open position, visit AMCHP's [Career Center](#).

March of Dimes Senior Vice President Public Policy and Government Affairs

The March of Dimes Foundation has initiated a search to identify candidates for the position of Senior Vice President Public Policy and Government Affairs. Reporting directly to the President, the individual occupying this position will be a critical member of the Foundation's senior leadership team and will play a major role in leading the Foundation's advocacy efforts. The individual will also lead the development of public policies related to or impacting

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the Foundation's mission and operations, recommend the Foundation's stance on public policy and public health matters in consultation with internal stakeholders and the President's office, and ensure that external advocacy efforts are congruent with internal policies and programs. For more information on the responsibilities and qualifications for this position or to recommend a qualified candidate, please contact executivesearch@marchofdimes.com.

RWJF Scholars in Health Policy Research Program Fellowship Opportunities

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Scholars in Health Policy Research program is looking for up to nine highly qualified individuals for two-year fellowships at one of three nationally prominent universities with the expectation that they will make important research contributions to future U.S. health policy. The program seeks recent graduates of doctoral programs in economics, political science and sociology, including junior faculty, to apply. The program will give preference to applicants who have not previously worked extensively in health or health policy research. The deadline to apply is October 13. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Fellowships for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

The Doris Duke Fellowships for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect aim to identify and nurture promising leaders in child abuse prevention in doctoral and dissertation students. Each fellow will receive an annual stipend of \$25,000. The deadline to apply is December 15. 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!

FUNDING



HRSA Funding for Affordable Care Act (ACA) Infrastructure to Expand Access to Care Program

Deadline: October 4

The purpose of this program is to provide funding for the debt service on, or direct construction or renovation of a health care facility that provides research, inpatient tertiary care, or outpatient clinical services. The program supports the Affordable Care Act (ACA) by expanding access to care through the debt service on, or construction, or renovation of infrastructure. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for Cooperative Agreement Program for the National Academic Centers of Excellence in Youth Violence Prevention

Deadline: December 6

The goal of this program is to establish National Academic Centers of Excellence in Youth Violence Prevention (ACEs). The specific objective of this program is to support Academic Centers of Excellence to reduce youth violence in one defined high-risk community by implementing and evaluating a multifaceted, evidence-based approach to prevent the perpetration of youth violence. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for National Spina Bifida Patient Registry - Clinic Demonstration Project

Deadline: December 7

The purpose of this program is to solicit applications in the form of cooperative agreements to: 1) establish the National Spina Bifida Patient Registry (NSBPR) as an approach to improving quality of care; 2) expand the use of the standardized spina bifida registry tool; 3) advance the understanding of patient characteristics for persons seen in spina bifida clinics; and 4) utilize registry data to determine outcomes of specific clinical interventions. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CALENDAR



Special Events

[Celebrating Title V at 75 Nationwide Webinar](#)

September 27
3 to 4 p.m. EST

[MCHB 75th Anniversary of Title V Commemoration](#)

October 20
Washington DC

[Looking to the Future: What are the Opportunities and Challenges of Health Reform for Improving Maternal and Child Health?](#)

October 21
Washington, DC

[Working Together to Improve Maternal and Child Health: The 2011 AMCHP and Family Voices National Conferences](#)

February 12-15, 2011
Washington, DC

Other MCH Events

[ARHP Reproductive Health 2010 Conference](#)

September 22-25
Atlanta, GA

[AHRQ's 2010 Annual Conference](#)

September 27-29
Bethesda, MD

[National Academy for State Health Policy Conference](#)

October 4-6
New Orleans, LA

[NIH Consensus Development Conference](#)

October 27-29
Bethesda, MD

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[15th Annual International Meeting of the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine](#)

October 27-30
San Francisco, CA

[Postpartum Support International Annual Conference](#)

October 27-30
Pittsburgh, PA

[2010 AUCD Conference](#)

October 30-November 3
Crystal City, VA

[ASIP/PLIDA International Conference on Perinatal and Infant Death](#)

November 4-7
Alexandria, VA

[APHA 138th Annual Meeting and Exposition](#)

November 6-10
Denver, CO

[2010 mHealth Summit](#)

November 8-10
Washington, DC

[WIC Food Package Evaluation Symposium](#)

November 30
Washington, DC

[Fourth National Conference on Genomics and Public Health](#)

December 8-10
Bethesda, MD

[25th Zero to Three National Training Institute](#)

December 9-11
Phoenix, AZ

[16th Annual MCH EPI Pre-Conference Data Skill Trainings](#)

December 13-14
San Antonio, TX

[16th Annual CDC MCH EPI Conference](#)

December 15-17
San Antonio, TX



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