



MANAGEMENT MINUTE

Let's Make Change Happen!

By Michael R. Fraser, PhD, Chief Executive Officer, AMCHP

The first lines of Michael Fullan's *Leading in a Culture of Change* are apt as we start a new year and kick off the 75th anniversary of Title V of the Social Security Act. Fullan writes, "Change is a double

edged sword. Its relentless pace these days runs us off our feet. Yet when things are unsettled, we can find new ways to move ahead and to create breakthroughs not possible in stagnant societies." I don't have a crystal ball but I have no doubt 2010 will be a year of change. Looming on the not-so-distant horizon are massive changes that will reform our health care and public health systems. 2010 will bring major changes as state MCH programs continue to grapple with economic downturns and other fiscal issues. As we mark the 75th anniversary of Title V, AMCHP is looking forward to convening conversations about what changes the next 75 years may hold for maternal and child health programs and how we can respond effectively with our partners to support MCH programs in the future.

We can use this time of change to hunker down, close the gates, fortify the walls of the castle and defend the way we have always done things. That is a definite response in the face of change. Yet, I agree more with Fullan who argues that the unsettling aspects of change allow us to investigate, explore, and discover new ways of doing things that ultimately make what we do better and move society forward. When I think of MCH programs and the spirit that drives AMCHP members' work I don't think a lot of you go to work every day saying "let's keep doing the same old, same old..." I think the vast majority of you and your partners in the states say "Let's **M**ake **C**hange **H**appen!" As we start 2010, I invite you to get involved in our continuing discussions of health reform, our conversations about the next 75 years of Title V, and our dialogue with partners about how to best meet the needs of women, children,

and families across our country. I hope you too see the opportunities that change can bring to our work, your work, and MCH at large. So, happy new year to you! I hope one of your resolutions was to embrace the changes 2010 promises to bring and work with AMCHP to lead through change to improve the health of women, children and families nationwide.

AMCHP's Member Assessment is Coming!

Assessment is one of the core functions of public health and across the nation, AMCHP members, state maternal and child health (MCH) programs, are working with partners, parents and others to conduct their next five year comprehensive, statewide needs assessments. As the national organization that supports state MCH programs and others working to improve the health of women, children, youth and families, including those with special health care needs, AMCHP is gearing up to conduct a needs assessment of our own – of ourselves! As a member organization we exist to serve you – our members. With this goal in mind, AMCHP is launching a short scan to learn more about your needs and how you feel about the job we are doing to serve you. AMCHP will use a variety of methods to solicit member feedback about key organizational activities, including an online survey of the full membership and follow-up interviews with select individuals. Additional assessment activities include AMCHP organizational partner and internal assessments. AMCHP will use needs assessment results proactively to identify opportunities to improve performance and continuously as an ongoing component of a continual quality improvement process. AMCHP will launch the membership assessment at the AMCHP Annual Conference in March. Keep on the lookout for the survey – we want to hear from you!



Health Reform Legislation Enters Final Negotiations

At press time, indications are that congressional Democrats are close to agreement on merging their healthcare bills but still face substantial challenges in blending the two approaches. Reports indicate that negotiators must still agree several on top-tier issues such as abortion funding, new taxes to pay for reform, a government-run public option and subsidy levels.

It is still an open question on how negotiators will approach second tier issues of great importance to state MCH programs such as administrative placement of the home visiting grant program, structure of the Prevention and Public Health Fund, provisions to promote medical homes, and insurance benefit requirements. As a reminder, AMCHP compiled concise summaries of the key MCH provisions included in both the [Senate](#) and [House](#) health reform bills. Also check the [Health Reform Resource Hub](#) on our website for the most recent and centralized information on MCH issues in health reform.

Home Visiting in Health Reform

AMCHP has continued our aggressive advocacy for the final bill to place the home visiting grant program within Title V. Our letter to key Congressional negotiators sharing expressing our strong preference is [here](#). Those of you in states represented by these leaders (NV, CA, MT, NY, CT, IA, and MD) are encouraged to contact these elected officials to reinforce this message. Please contact [Brent Ewig](#), AMCHP Policy Director at 202-266-3041 for assistance or more information.

AMCHP Working to Help Shape New \$110 Million Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative and Emerging HHS Office of Adolescent Health

On December 16, 2009, President Obama signed into law the Fiscal 2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act (HR3288) which provides \$110 million for a new teenage pregnancy prevention initiative. The law also funds a new HHS Office of Adolescent Health that will be responsible for implementing and administering the teenage pregnancy prevention program, as well as raising the profile of adolescent health issues and improving coordination across HHS. AMCHP previously joined the American Academy of Pediatrics and other leading adolescent health groups in support of this new office.

The teen pregnancy initiative appropriations language provides little specificity in how the program will be administered, but does indicate that the funds are “for making competitive contracts and grants to public and private entities to fund medically accurate and age appropriate programs that reduce teen pregnancy.” This indicates that states should be eligible to apply, although the legislation is silent on requirements for any state coordinating or administering roles. At this point, there are few additional details on how the new pregnancy prevention initiative will be structured or the timing of its roll out. AMCHP has requested a meeting with HHS Assistant Secretary Dr. Howard Koh to offer our support and assistance as HHS develops this new office and initiative, and to share our views on why an explicit role for state coordination and leadership is essential. A copy of our letter to Dr. Koh is available [here](#).

Teen Pregnancy Prevention in Health Reform

To potentially complicate matters, the Senate-passed health reform bill proposes a new Section 513 to Title V that creates a \$75 million grant program to states through the Administration for Children and Families for “Personal Responsibility for Education for Adulthood (Pre-Adulthood) Training.” The program is designed to educate adolescents on “both abstinence and contraception for the prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS and at least three other adulthood preparation subjects” such as healthy relationships, adolescent development, financial literacy, parent-child communication, and other healthy life skills. The Senate bill also includes a section that restores Title V Section 510 funding for abstinence education until 2014. The House-passed bill includes a proposed Healthy Teen Initiative to Prevent Teen Pregnancy that would provide \$50 million in annual state grants to be administered by the CDC. It is unclear at this point how the conflicting approaches will be resolved and what will be included in the final health reform legislation. As details become available, AMCHP will continue to report on implementation of the initiative included in the 2010 Appropriations Act as well the proposals included in the final health reform bill.

GET INVOLVED

AMCHP Recognizes National Influenza Vaccination Week, January 10-16

National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) is a national observance to highlight the importance of continuing influenza vaccination, as well as foster greater use of flu vaccine after the holiday season into January and beyond. During NIVW, you and your partners can help spread the message through outreach activities, vaccination clinics, or other events. Share your plans [here](#). The website also has information to help you build your own event, print materials and website tools.

Register Now for AMCHP's Annual Conference!

Register today [online](#) to attend AMCHP's Annual Conference to convene on March 6-10, in Washington, DC. Please use the promo code "AMCHPMBR10" to get the member discount. If you have any questions, please contact Registration Manager [Lynn Parrazzo](#), or call AMCHP's Conference Department at (703) 964-1240.

AMCHP March Board Meetings

The next AMCHP Board Meeting will be held during our Annual Conference on Saturday, March 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EDT) and on Wednesday, March 10 from 8 a.m. to Noon (EDT). Additional information will be provided in the coming weeks. Board members who will be attending should RSVP to [Nora Lam](#) or call (202) 775-0436.

AMCHP Business Meeting

All members, partners and staff are invited to attend a Business Meeting on Tuesday, March 9 from 8 to 9:15 a.m. during our Annual Conference.

Call for Applications

The Maternal and Child Public Health Leadership Training Program is now accepting applications for fall 2010 for the two-year, full-time in-residence Master of Public Health (MPH) degree pathway. This pathway provides training in program management, policy formulation, assessment, evaluation, and research focused maternal and child populations in the United States. In addition to academic training, students also complete a practicum and a thesis project. If you know of someone who has clinical or public health experience with underserved maternal and child populations and would like to assume new professional responsibilities in working with these populations, please forward this email on to them. The program is

interdisciplinary: students apply either to the Department of Epidemiology or the Department of Health Services. The deadline for the Department of Health Services is January 15. For information about the program, visit [here](#). For information about admissions, visit [here](#).

ISPCAN Call for Abstracts

The International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) is seeking abstract submissions for its 18th annual International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect to convene on September 26-29, 2010, in Honolulu, Hawaii. The deadline for submissions is January 15. For submission instructions, please visit [here](#).

MCHB Conference Webcast

The 2009 MCHB State/Federal Partnership Meeting, "Make Change Happen: Investing in Healthy Families Across the Lifespan," webcast is available for viewing. No registration is required to access the conference archives. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Call for Papers

The journal *Injury Prevention* is planning a supplement featuring papers that examine relationships between the child death review process (a multidisciplinary investigation of unexpected child fatalities) and injury prevention programs and policies. Papers must be no more than 3,000 words in length and conform to all requirements for manuscripts submitted to the journal. All will undergo peer review. Submissions must be made before February 1 to have the best chance of review and inclusion in this supplement. Authors with potential papers should contact the [editor](#).

Call for Nominations

Nominations are being accepted for the Frank H. Morriss, Jr. Leadership Award. This award is granted in honor of Dr. Frank H. Morriss, Jr., professor and former head, Department of Pediatrics, University of Iowa. The award recognizes sustained leadership in an academic setting that has resulted in improved health or well-being of children through innovation in clinical care, investigation of children's diseases and problems, advocacy on behalf of child health, or facilitation of collaborative efforts. The award nominee should be a faculty member at an academic institution in the United States or elsewhere. The awardee will be expected to come to Iowa City and share the story of his or her leadership accomplishments.

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Nominations, including a nomination letter and a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae, should be sent before February 1 to [Edward F. Bell](#), M.D., Department of Pediatrics, University of Iowa, 200 Hawkins Drive, Iowa City, IA 52242.

Call for Applications

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is seeking applicants for its Clinical Scholars program which fosters the development of physicians who will lead the transformation of Americans' health and health care. These future leaders will conduct innovative research and work with communities, organizations, practitioners and policy-makers to address issues essential to the health and well-being of all Americans. The Clinical Scholars program generally involves two years of study with generous time for research. Interested scholars will be considered for a limited number of opportunities for a third year of support. The deadline to apply is February 26. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Call for Feedback

The Disability and Health team at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is in the process of improving its website. This improvement project includes the development of an online interactive database application to store and display data about people with disabilities compared to those without disabilities across a variety of health topics. As part of this preliminary work on this project, they are conducting a survey to find out your information needs, what features would be useful to you, and how this tool can be most effective and user-friendly. The survey deadline is March 31. For more information, contact [Marcia Miller](#). To complete the survey, visit [here](#).

ON YOUR BEHALF

AMCHP Text4Baby Webinar Recording and Presentations Available

On December 3, 2009, AMCHP hosted a webinar for Title V agencies on Text4Baby, a free mobile information service designed to promote healthy birth outcomes among underserved populations. Speakers included: Sabrina Matoff-Stepp, Health Resources and Services Administration; Judy Meehan, National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition; Paul Meyer, Voxiva; and Joan

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Corder-Mabe and Debra Harris, Virginia Department of Health, Title V Program. Text4baby is made possible by a public-private partnership that is coordinated by the National Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition (HMHB), Johnson & Johnson, Voxiva, the CTIA Wireless Foundation, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. A recording of the webinar, along with the speaker presentations is available on AMCHP's [website](#). For technical assistance on Text4Baby and information about connecting to partners in your state, please contact [Lauren Sogor](#) at HMHB. AMCHP will continue to provide updates on national launch of Text4Baby in the coming weeks and will hold follow up webinars to share information about state activities.



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 contributed 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 [Sharron Corle](#) at (202) 266-3036.



General Maternal & Child Health

MCH Library Releases New Resources for Children and Adolescents with Diabetes

The Maternal and Child Health Library at Georgetown University has released a new edition of its knowledge path, “Diabetes in Children and Adolescents.” Resources include: diabetes prevalence, diagnosis, management, type 2 diabetes prevention, and pediatric diabetes research. Separate sections present resources that address diabetes management in school, medications and monitoring, nutrition, and physical activity. To learn more, visit [here](#).

MCH Library Releases New Resources for EPSDT Services in Medicaid

The Maternal and Child Health Library at Georgetown University released a new edition of the knowledge path, “Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) Services in Medicaid.” The knowledge path includes guidelines for the frequency, timing, and content of health-promotion and disease-prevention services for infants, children, and adolescents. Separate sections present resources for professionals (health professionals, program administrators, policymakers, and researchers) and for families. A special topics area lists resources about oral health services as part of the EPSDT benefit. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Women’s Health

Resources to Support Folic Acid Awareness Week

The National Council on Folic Acid has posted materials to promote Folic Acid Awareness Week: Jan. 4-10. To view the resources, visit [here](#).

Children’s Health

AMCHP Releases a New Autism Issue Brief

In December 2009, AMCHP released “Environmental Scan: State Title V Program Response to Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other Developmental Disabilities (DD),” an issue brief that summarizes findings from AMCHP’s environmental scan of state Title V autism activities and

captures key opportunities and challenges that states are currently facing as they work to strengthen systems of care for children and youth with ASD and DD. The brief specifically highlights challenges and opportunities in six areas: screening and diagnosis; care coordination/medical home; family involvement; access to services and evidence-based programs, financing of care; and transition. For additional information, please contact [Treeby Brown](#). To download the brief, visit AMCHP’s SPHARC (State Public Health Autism Resource Center) [webpage](#).

AMCHP Issues New Report on the Models of Care for CYSHCN

This past summer, AMCHP wrote a comprehensive report, “Models of Care for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs: Promising Models for Transforming California’s System of Care,” for the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Health. The report provides a range of models that the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Health can review and discuss as a starting point for mapping out a strategy to transform the system of care. The models are broken down into nine specific areas: overall system of care; medical home; care coordination; cultural competency; family-centered care; transition, palliative, hospice and respite care; financing; and health information technology. Several Title V directors, CYSHCN directors, AMCHP partners, and family leaders contributed to this report. For additional information, please contact [Treeby Brown](#). To download the report, visit AMCHP’s SPHARC [webpage](#).

Resources to Support Birth Defects Prevention Month

The National Birth Defects Prevention Network has a packet of resource materials to promote information about birth defects to families, colleagues and policy makers. To view the resources, visit [here](#).

AAP Launches New Website

The site, healthychildren.org is a new website designed for families seeking child and adolescent health information consistent with the American Academy of Pediatrics’ (AAP’s) policies and guidelines. The site contains information on more than 300 topics compiled from AAP parenting books, patient-education materials and fact sheets. Content is organized into the following sections: Ages and Stages (prenatal to young adulthood), Healthy Living, Safety and Prevention, Family Life, Health Issues,

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News, and Tips and Tools. The site is also searchable by keyword, topic, age, or gender. An Ask the Pediatrician corner provides a searchable database of current health issues. The Hot Topics area presents news and guidance on medication safety alerts, product recalls, and information generated by AAP such as new policy statements and public-awareness campaigns. Parents may also opt to register with the site, customize the view, and receive information specific to their needs. To learn more, visit [here](#).

New Article Explores the Trends and Factors of SIDS

The article, "Trends and Factors Associated with Infant Sleeping Position: The National Infant Sleep Position Study, 1993-2007," published in the Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, finds that sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) remains the leading cause of postneonatal death in the United States. The article examines trends in infant sleeping position, seeks to understand factors associated with choice of infant sleeping position, and identifies barriers to further change in practice using data collected via the National Infant Sleep Position Survey, an annual telephone survey conducted in 1993-2007. To read the abstract, visit [here](#).

MCHB Releases Findings from the 2007 National Survey of Children's Health

The report, "The Health and Well-Being of Children: A Portrait of States and the Nation 2007," published by the Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), provides both national and state-level data on U.S. children based on the 2007 National Survey of Children's Health. It addresses multiple aspects of children's health and well-being including physical and mental health, health care, social well-being, supportive and risk factors in the family environment, and aspects of the neighborhood that may support or threaten them. It includes analyses of key indicators at the national and state level. To download the report, visit [here](#).

Adolescent Health

AACAP Releases New Study on Youth Service Use After Suicide Screening

The study, "Service Use by At-Risk Youths After School-Based Suicide Screening," published by the Journal of

the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP), sought to examine service use follow-through by adolescents who screened as at risk for suicidal behavior and to identify barriers that adolescents and parents perceived as preventing them from following up on referrals. To read the abstract, visit [here](#).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

AMCHP is Seeking Applicants for a Program Team Associate

The Program Associate, Program Team position supports AMCHP's efforts to build capacity and provide resources for state Maternal and Child Health and Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) programs. This position supports and assists Program staff in the development, implementation and evaluation of program activities related to MCH and CYSHCN, with a particular focus on autism and developmental disabilities, and contributes to the collection of state best practices, newsletter development, and implementation of communication strategies. This position will report to the Senior Program Manager, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs. To learn more, visit [here](#).

MCH Public Health Leadership Institute Call for Applications

The Maternal and Child Health Public Health Leadership Institute is currently accepting applications for an exciting year-long leadership development program. Three onsite residential retreats combined with ongoing executive coaching and a robust, customizable distance-skill building component provides continuous learning and skill enhancement throughout the experience. Learn how to motivate and engage others, manage difficult conversations, negotiate, communicate during crisis, create a compelling vision, apply critical thinking skills among many other skills. Application deadline is February 15. For more information contact mchphli@unc.edu or [Claudia Fernandez@unc.edu](mailto:Claudia_Fernandez@unc.edu).

Public Health Prevention Service Fellowship

Every year, the Public Health Prevention Service (PHPS) selects 25 highly qualified individuals to become prevention specialists at the CDC. This challenging and rewarding three-year experience at CDC (first year) and state and local health public health agencies (second and third years)



provides training and experience in areas such as program management, epidemiology, surveillance, emergency response, program evaluation and health communication. Prevention specialists engage in a variety of activities including seminars, evaluation projects, conferences, and field experiences designed to provide them with essential public health management and leadership skills. All online applications are due by February 15 for class beginning in October. To learn more about PHPS, visit [here](#).

Minority Health Policy Fellowship

Supported by The Commonwealth Fund, administered by the Minority Faculty Development Program at Harvard Medical School, this innovative fellowship is designed to prepare physicians, particularly minority physicians, for leadership roles in formulating and implementing public health policy and practice on a national, state, or community level. Five one-year, degree-granting fellowships will be awarded per year. Fellows will complete academic work leading to a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree at the Harvard School of Public Health, and, through additional program activities, gain experience in and understanding of major health issues facing minority, disadvantaged, and underserved populations. For application materials, information, and other training opportunities, please contact the Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy Program Coordinator at (617) 432-2922; by fax at (617) 432-3834; or by [e-mail](#).

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 to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Targeted Areas of Need - Local Recovery Oriented Systems of Care

Deadline: **January 14**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment is accepting applications for fiscal year 2010 Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Targeted Areas of Need – Local Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (TCE - Local ROSC). This program is designed to foster the development and utilization of local recovery-oriented systems of care to address gaps in treatment capacity by supporting person-centered and self-directed approaches for substance abuse (including alcohol and drug) treatment and recovery services in communities with serious drug problems. The purpose of this program is to expand the community's ability to provide integrated and comprehensive community-based responses to a targeted, well-documented substance abuse treatment capacity problem and/or improve the quality and intensity of services. The focus is on providing support for local organizations, including grass-roots, faith- and community-based treatment programs, and recovery community organizations, that can link services critical to the population of focus and deliver them in a manner consistent with the principles of recovery-oriented systems of care. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CMS Funding Available for Enrolling American Indian, Alaska Native Kids in Health Care

Deadline: **January 15**

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius has just announced the availability of up to \$10 million in grants to help reach American Indian and Alaska Native children who qualify for, but are not yet enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Applications are due by January 15, 2010, and the grants will be awarded on April 15. Grants will be available to the Indian Health Service, Tribes and Tribal organizations operating a health program, and Urban Indian organizations operating a health program. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Funding for Recovery Act 2009 Limited Competition: Expansion of Research Capability to Study Comparative Effectiveness in Complex Patients (R24)

Deadline: **January 20**

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) issued by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) solicits Infrastructure Development (R24) grant applications from applicant organizations that propose to build or enhance partnerships, datasets and methodologies that will improve the capacity to study, and the quality of studies, of patients with multiple chronic illnesses (referred to as Complex Patients). To learn more, visit [here](#).

Funding for Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholars

Deadline: **February 2**

The goal of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) 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. RWJF will select up to 12 awards of up to \$350,000 each over three years. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Projects to Deliver Peer-to-Peer Recovery Support Services

Deadline: **February 10**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) announces the availability of FY 2010 funds for grants to deliver peer-to-peer recovery support services that help prevent relapse and promote sustained recovery from alcohol and drug use disorders. Successful applicants will provide peer-to-peer recovery support services that are responsive to community needs and strengths, and will carry out a performance assessment of these services. RCSP is intended to support peer leaders from the recovery community in providing recovery support services to people in recovery and their family members, and to foster the growth of communities of recovery that will help individuals and families, achieve and sustain long-term recovery. Recovery Community Services Program (RCSP) grants are authorized under section 509 of the Public

Health Service Act, as amended. This announcement addresses Healthy People 2010 focus area 26 (Substance Abuse). To learn more, visit [here](#).

Funding for FY 2010 Special Diabetes Program for Indians Community-Directed Grant Program

Deadline: **February 19**

The Indian Health Service (IHS) is accepting grant applications for the FY 2010 Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) Community-Directed grant program. This competitive grant announcement is open to all existing SDPI grantees that have an active grant in place and are in compliance with the previous terms and conditions of the grant. This program is authorized under H.R. 6331 "Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act of 2008" (Section 303 of Pub. L. 110-275) and the Snyder Act, 25 U.S.C.13. The program is described in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CDFA) under 93.437. The SDPI seeks to support diabetes treatment and prevention activities for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities. Grantees will implement programs based on identified diabetes-related community needs. Activities will be targeted to reduce the risk of diabetes in at-risk individuals, provide services that target those with new onset diabetes, provide high quality care to those with diagnosed diabetes, and/or reduce the complications of diabetes. The purpose of the FY 2010 SDPI Community-Directed grant program is to support diabetes treatment and prevention programs that have a program plan which integrates at least one IHS Diabetes Best Practice and that have a program evaluation plan in place which includes tracking outcome measures. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for Enhancing Public Health Surveillance of Autism Spectrum Disorders and Other Developmental Disabilities through the Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network

Deadline: **February 22**

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to enhance the capacity of currently operational surveillance programs (whether funded by CDC or other sources) to implement or enhance a population-based, multiple-source surveillance program for autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and other developmental disabilities among children who are eight years of age, such that they may participate as a member of the Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring

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(ADDM) Network. Approximately \$4,750,000 will be available in fiscal year 2010 to fund 10 awards. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CALENDAR



[The Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children \(ACHDNC\) Meeting](#)

January 21-22
Washington, DC

[23rd Annual Rural Health Care Leadership Conference](#)

February 7–10
Phoenix, AZ

[AMCHP Annual Conference 2010](#)

March 6-10
National Harbor, MD

[National Oral Health Conference](#)

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St. Louis, MO

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