



LEGISLATIVE CORNER

Health Reform Future Remains Unclear

As Washington still assesses the impact of the recent Massachusetts special election, the path forward on health reform remains unclear. There are still no official announcements from Congressional leadership yet on if and how health legislation might proceed. AMCHP will share more as this unfolds and adapt our advocacy efforts accordingly.

Schedule Your Hill Visits During the Annual Conference

A reminder that we have set aside time during the afternoon of Tuesday, March 9 at the AMCHP Annual Conference for you to meet with your elected officials and their staff, in accordance with your state's rules on advocacy. Now more than ever it is vital for your elected officials to understand the needs of MCH populations in your state and how they are addressed by Title V programs. We will also be hosting a Congressional Reception on Tuesday evening on Capitol Hill to announce our 2010 MCH Legislative Champion Awards. For more background, see our recent [Legislative Alert](#), and for assistance scheduling meetings, please contact [Joshua Brown](#) or call 202-775-0436.

Mark Your Calendar for MCH Advocacy Training

AMCHP will be conducting two training conference calls prior to the Annual Conference to help you prepare to make the most of your visit to Washington. On Wednesday, February 17 at 3 p.m. (EDT) we will conduct a training focused on supporting family delegates, family scholars, and other family advocates. Register for the Family Advocacy Training call [here](#). On Wednesday, February 24 at 3 p.m. (EDT) we will conduct a general Title V Advocacy training geared toward all AMCHP members and friends. Register for the general Advocacy Training Call [here](#).

Finally, we will conduct an onsite Legislative Briefing at the Annual Conference on Tuesday, March 9 to provide the latest lay of the land and answer any questions you may have prior to Hill visits.



Breaking News on Federal Budget Prospects: AMCHP Federal Budget Update Call on Tuesday, February 2 at 1 p.m. (EDT)

On the eve of the President's first State of the Union Address, the White House is announcing that the President will propose a three year freeze on all non-security related federal discretionary spending. If adopted, this will have a significant impact on the prospects of securing adequate resources for state Title V MCH programs in the foreseeable future. Additional details are expected in both the speech tomorrow as well as next Monday when the Administration's full FY 2011 budget proposal will be released. To provide you with timely details and preliminary analysis, please join us for an all AMCHP member teleconference on Tuesday, February 2 at 1 p.m. (EDT). To register, click [here](#).

This news makes what was already expected to be an extremely difficult budget cycle much more daunting. AMCHP's Legislative and Health Care Finance Committee and staff are mobilizing now to craft strategies and messages that will demonstrate that any freeze on MCH investments are counterproductive and will add to federal costs in the long term because of forgone prevention opportunities. We will need your help in crafting and delivering this message, and hope you can join us next Tuesday.



Register Now and Get the Early Bird Rate 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. The early bird registration rate ends **February 1!** Don't delay! If you have any questions, please contact Registration Manager Lynn Parrazzo, lynnparrazzo@conferencemanagers.com 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.

Vote for your AMCHP Board of Directors

The 2010 election for AMCHP's open Board positions is now open. All AMCHP delegates whose programs have paid dues for the 2009-2010 membership year are eligible to vote. For information on the candidates, please visit, <http://www.amchp.org/elections>. Online voting will be available until February 26. After that date, in-person voting will take place at the 2010 AMCHP Annual Conference. If you have any questions about the election, please contact [Nora Lam](#), Executive Assistant.

ASIP and AMCHP to Co-Sponsor Webinars on Strengthening SUID, SIDS and Infant Safe Sleep Initiatives

In ongoing efforts to support State and Local Maternal and Child Health Programs, the Association of SIDS and Infant Mortality Programs (ASIP) and the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) are pleased to co-sponsor a series of quarterly webinars to strengthen SUID, SIDS, Infant Safe Sleep and bereavement services across the United States. These live, interactive webinars will provide participants with consistent, current information, data, resources and tools regarding SUID, SIDS, Infant Safe Sleep, and bereavement. You will hear about

the latest research, new national initiatives, promising practices, and current policy and legislative activities. The first webinar will be held on February 11, from 3 to 4:30pm (EDT). To register, visit [here](#). For more information, please contact [Jessica Hawkins](#) (AMCHP) or [Sandra Frank](#) (ASIP).

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. 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.

Applications for Training Course in MCH Epidemiology

The MCHB and CDC are offering a Training Course in MCH Epidemiology as part of their ongoing effort to enhance the analytic capacity of state and local health agencies. This national program is aimed primarily at professionals in state and local health departments who have significant responsibility for collecting, processing, analyzing, and reporting maternal and child health data. Faculty members working with state MCH departments also are eligible for the course. While some review is provided, the course is geared to individuals with at least moderate skills in using statistical and epidemiologic methods, preferably in maternal and child health or a related field. The application must be accompanied by a letter from your state MCH director indicating that he or she is aware that you are applying for the training course. This letter helps to foster communication between state MCH directors and data analysts. Applications must be submitted to Positive Outcomes, Inc. by 5 p.m. (EDT) on February 26. For additional information, contact [Dr. Julia](#)

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[Hidalgo](#) or call 443-203-0305. To complete the online application, 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 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 All-Member Call on Needs Assessment

Do you have any questions on how states are reaching families to inform the needs assessment? Wonder how other states are working with providers or other partners? Want to hear some successes on needs assessment stratagems from other states? If so, join your colleagues on February 9, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. (EDT) for an all-member "ask a colleague" call on needs assessment. This call is intended to provide an open forum for states to talk with one another about successes and tips on the Title V needs assessment. The call information will be sent to all members closer to the date of the call.



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. If you have any questions about the process, contact [Darlisha Williams](#) at (202) 266-3057.



General Maternal and Child Health

Resources for New Title V Staff

- [MCH Timeline: History, Legacy and Resources for Education and Practice](#)
The MCH Timeline traces the history of maternal and child health in the United States and it provides in-depth modules on topics such as MCH 101, MCH Systems of Care, Infant Mortality and MCH Performance and Accountability, and allows you to search for topical areas of interest to you.
- [MCHB History, Vision, Mission, Strategic Plan, and MCHB Partnership of Investment](#)
This 50 minute video presents an overview of Title V philosophy, legislation, operations, and history by Dr. Peter van Dyck, Associate Administrator for Maternal and Child Health, HRSA. This presentation was given for new Title V Directors at the October 2007 Federal/State Partnership Meeting. Presentation slides and a transcript of Dr. van Dyck's talk also can be downloaded.
- [Leading State Maternal and Child Health: A Guide for Senior Managers](#)
If you are a senior manager in your agency responsible for the oversight or management of all or part of the Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant, this manual is for you. Titles, duties, and scopes of responsibility for family health related federal and state programs vary between agencies and states, but this guide was written to be adaptable to your situation regardless of your specific position title or responsibilities. It is also useful whether you are from a state where you are the only staff member or from a state having a large number of staff devoted to block grant programs.
- [MCH Leadership Competencies](#)
This site defines MCH leadership competencies in 12 areas and provides information about educational experiences, additional reading and assessment tools for each competency area.

- [Maternal and Child Health Leadership Skills Development Series](#)

This open-access web series synthesizes leadership development materials into modular formats to bring leadership concepts to life in an MCH context, allowing you to conduct your own training sessions, within your own time frames and in your own settings. There are 6 modules; each offers a mix of presentation and exploration in different learning formats, including: 1) video "mini-lectures" presenting key content and themes, 2) interactive group discussion questions and exercises, 3) case study with discussion prompts and hands-on exercises, 4) video clips from interviews with MCH leaders, 5) individual self-reflection exercises, and 6) individual leadership development planning worksheet.

OpenEpi 2.3: Open Source Epidemiologic Statistics for Public Health

OpenEpi is free and open source software for epidemiologic statistics. It can be run from a web server or downloaded and run without a web connection. A server is not required. The programs are written in JavaScript and HTML, and should be compatible with recent Linux, Mac, and PC browsers, regardless of operating system. (If you are seeing this, your browser settings are allowing JavaScript.) A new tabbed interface avoids popup windows except for help files. A toolkit for creating new modules and for translation is included. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Comments Wanted for the National Plan for Action

The National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities (NPA), a collaborative of representatives from community, faith-based, and nonprofit organizations; academic institutions; foundations; and federal, state, and local agencies initiated by the U.S. Office of Minority Health, has announced a public comment period on the National Plan for Action, which captures the status of health disparities in the United States and proposes strategies for their elimination. The plan will be available for public comment until February 12. The website provides visitors with an opportunity to comment on individual chapters or on the report overall. Comments will be used for development of the final plan. To learn more, visit [here](#).

NACDD Releases Health Department Partnership Publication

The publication, “Partnering for Success: How Health Departments Work and How to Work with Health Departments,” published by the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD), focuses on creating healthy schools and the many ways in which health departments can be of support to schools, education departments and community leaders. It is designed to help readers better understand how state and local public health systems are structured, their roles, what types of programs they administer, the support and resources they can offer to school health programs, and how to take advantage of those resources. To download the publication visit [here](#).

Women’s Health

ACOG Launches Revamped Site for Clinicians Serving Women with Disabilities

The site, “Reproductive Health Care for Women with Disabilities,” produced by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), is a new, free interactive web program designed to help women’s health care clinicians with office skills to assist with their care of women with physical, developmental or sensory disabilities and giving specific information for reproductive health care. This comprehensive recorded program has over 1000 internal and external links to easily locate desired information. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Adolescent Health

New Toolkit on Youth Physical Activity Guidelines

The toolkit, “Youth Physical Activity Guidelines,” published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), highlights strategies that families, schools, and communities can use to support physical activity among youth. The toolkit was developed by the CDC to promote the guidelines for children and adolescents included in the 2008 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans. A user guide provides an overview of all toolkit materials, offers suggestions for customizing components, and provides examples of use. Additional toolkit contents include fact sheets, a poster, and PowerPoint presentations on the roles of families, schools, and communities in promoting youth physical activity. To download the toolkit, visit [here](#).

New Report on Youth Sexual Victimization in Correctional Facilities

The report, “Sexual Victimization in Juvenile Facilities Reported by Youth, 2008-2009,” presents findings from the first National Survey of Youth in Custody (NSYC), conducted in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, by Westat, under a cooperative agreement with the Bureau of Justice Statistics. The report provides national and facility-based estimates of sexual victimization in juvenile correctional facilities. Topics include juvenile facilities’ rates of sexual victimization, the prevalence of sexual victimization, the experiences of victims of sexual victimization, and the circumstances surrounding sexual victimization. Information about the survey methodology, including survey items, is provided. Tables in the appendices contain data on the characteristics of participating juvenile facilities, youth reporting sexual victimization by another youth, and youth reporting staff sexual misconduct. To download the report, visit [here](#).

BJA Releases New Edition of its Guide on Preventing School Violence

The Office of Justice Programs’ Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), in coordination with the International Association of Chiefs of Police, has published a new edition of its “Guide for Preventing and Responding to School Violence.” Designed to assist local communities, the guide describes the roles of the school, community, families, law enforcement, and justice system in working together to take effective action to address school violence. To download the guide, visit [here](#).



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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](#).

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](#).

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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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](#).

FVPF Funding for a New Initiative to Prevent Domestic and Sexual Violence

Deadline: **February 8**

The Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPF) is launching a new multi-state initiative, "Project Connect: A Coordinated Public Health Initiative to Prevent Domestic and Sexual Violence," supported by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office on Women's Health (OWH).

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This initiative is a result of funding from the Violence against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005. The FVPF is working with the OWH to identify and partner with statewide teams to develop maternal/child health responses to domestic and sexual violence in and to provide health services in domestic and sexual violence programs. In each participating state, the FVPF will work closely with new or existing leadership teams made up of domestic and sexual violence experts, and members of the public health community to develop sustainable statewide responses to domestic violence. States selected will receive \$100,000 a year for 2 years (with the possibility of a third year – pending funding) for their participation and must provide a \$25,000 match in order to be selected. The FVPF will work with the OWH and a selection committee to select seven states for this initiative that demonstrate strong history collaboration between domestic violence and health care and public health systems and a capacity and interest in the proposed program. If have any questions regarding the program or application process, please contact [Lisa James](#) at 415-252-8900, ext. 27 or [Keisha Walker](#) 202-682-1212.

Projects to Deliver Peer-to-Peer Recovery Support Services

Deadline: **February 16**

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. Recovery Community Services Program (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. 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 (ADDM) Network. Approximately \$4,750,000 will be

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available in fiscal year 2010 to fund 10 awards. To learn more, visit [here](#).

MCHB Funding for R40 MCH Autism Intervention Research Program

Deadline: **May 2010**

R40 MCH Autism Intervention Secondary Data Analysis Studies (SDAS) Program will support up to four (5) one-year projects (\$100,000) that utilize exclusively the analysis of existing secondary data. Studies in the areas of autism prevalence, factors associated with prevalence, or autism and medical home will not be considered for funding under this competition. Innovative selection and use of secondary datasets from a variety of sources is encouraged when applying for the SDAS competition. To learn more, visit [here](#).



CALENDAR

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

February 7–10
Phoenix, AZ

[Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\) Second Annual Multi-State Health IT Collaborative for E-Health Conference](#)

February 8–9

Washington, DC

[AMCHP Annual Conference 2010](#)

March 6-10
National Harbor, MD

[National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association's 2010 National Conference](#)

April 11-14
Arlington, VA

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[National Oral Health Conference](#)

April 26-28
St. Louis, MO

[National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy](#)

May 5

[New Perspectives in Global Health: Integrating Ecological, Social and Biological Sciences](#)

June 20 — July 2
Honolulu, HI

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“Moving Ahead Together: Celebrating the Legacy, Shaping the Future of MCH”

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National Harbor, MD

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

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