

Member Briefs



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THE ASSOCIATION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS



BOARD CORNER



These volunteer leaders have been elected by you to provide for the care and future direction of AMCHP. This information is meant to provide you with a resource for a new MCH connection, a better understanding of the role of board members, or simply to pique your interest in the work of your peers.

This month, we have the privilege of introducing you to Susan Colburn and Mary Frances Kornak, who currently serve on the AMCHP Board of Directors.

Susan Colburn has been an AMCHP member since the late 1990s, serving in multiple volunteer capacities including as a member of the Annual Conference Planning, Legislative and Health Care Financing, and Family and Youth Leadership Committees (where she has served in a Vice-Chair role). Susan has served as a Family Representative member of the AMCHP Board since 2014.

Susan has advocated for children with special health care needs for more than 20 years. She is presently employed by Children's Rehabilitation Service, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (Alabama's Title V Program for CSHCN) as the state parent consultant. She has held this position since 1996. Prior to that, Ms. Colburn worked in the Alabama Early Intervention System as a district service coordinator and a service coordinator for a local Early Intervention Service program. She was an appointed member of the Governor's Interagency Coordinating Council for Early Intervention Services from 1987-1996, and a member of the Alabama Special Education Advisory Panel from 1989-1991. She is the co-coordinator of Family Voices of

AL, home of Alabama's Family to Family Health Information Center, and has served as the co-Regional Coordinator for the eight-state Southeast Region for two terms. In 1987, Ms. Colburn was also a co-founder of Friends for Life, a support group for families and friends of children with special needs.

Susan serves on a variety of other statewide boards, councils and committees. She has a BS degree from Auburn University and is the mother of three young adult children, two of whom have special health care needs.



We welcome Mary Frances Kornak from the DC Department of Health to the AMCHP Board as the Interim Region III Director, and a new member of the AMCHP Workforce Development subcommittee. She has been an active AMCHP member since 2007. Prior to joining the Board of Directors, she also volunteered her time to the

Annual Conference Planning and Emerging Issues Committees, as well as served as an abstract reviewer for the AMCHP Annual Conference.

Ms. Kornak has more than 20 years of experience in public health, with 10 years of that time spent in the Maternal and Child Health area working with the Title V Block Grant.

"I wanted to be a part of the AMCHP Board to help DOH improve the health of women, children, youth and families, including those with special health care needs in

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the District of Columbia,” Mary Frances shares. “I specifically wanted to partner with AMCHP beyond just the member level to advocate for families and to fully utilize AMCHP technical assistance and spread the word to my regional colleagues about the value of what I received. As regional director I also wanted to help increase collaboration among the region to share experiences and ideas.”

In her spare time, Mary Frances is currently the president of her condominium association in DC and the former president of the Metropolitan Washington Public Health Association (MWPCHA). She believes she brings to the table strong prior organizational and management experience.

We thank and honor these two professionals for giving their time and expertise to AMCHP. Please take a moment to visit the AMCHP Board page on the website at <http://www.amchp.org/AboutAMCHP/board/Pages/default.aspx>) for more details and how you can reach Susan Colburn and Mary Frances Kornak.

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY CORNER



Preparing for Hill Day Visits

On Jan. 6, AMCHP hosted a webinar to provide an update on federal legislation, review how to conduct a meeting and logistics for the hill day, and how to build a relationship with a member of Congress. A recording of the webinar may be viewed [here](#). If you haven't already done so, now is the time to send meeting requests to your members of Congress. We encourage you to schedule meetings on Tuesday Jan. 26, but you may use any free time during the conference to visit your member of Congress' office. For those persons with limited mobility, AMCHP staff is available to help you with transportation. Documents to help you with your Hill day including a map, appropriations fact sheet, state profile fact sheets and suggested talking points will be available near the AMCHP registration desk.

Appropriations Recap

Congress passed the FY2016 Omnibus Appropriations bill to fund the government through Sept. 30, 2016. We

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are pleased to share that the bill included a **\$1.2 million increase for the Title V Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant to \$638,200,000**. Notably, it reversed the previously proposed cuts to the Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS) line contained in the Senate Appropriations Committee's Labor, Health and Human Services, and Related Agencies bill earlier this year. We thank all of our members and partners for their support of sustained funding for Title V!

Congress Sends ACA Repeal Bill to President

On Jan. 6, the House of Representatives passed a bill to repeal major parts of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Among other things, the bill would repeal the individual mandate, employer mandate, premium subsidies for exchange plans and Medicaid expansion. Furthermore, the bill would eliminate taxes on medical devices and so-called “Cadillac plans” as well as cut off federal funding for Planned Parenthood. Although the president has already promised to veto the bill, congressional leaders said they were fulfilling a promise to voters to send a repeal bill to the president and plan to offer an alternative to the law over the course of the coming year. A veto override vote by Congress is expected to fail.

Health Reform Implementation

Marketplace Enrollment Numbers Remain High throughout Open Enrollment Season

Since open enrollment began on Nov. 1, more than [8.5 million](#) consumers have signed-up for health coverage through the HealthCare.gov platform or had their coverage automatically renewed. Of these 8.5 million enrollees, [29 percent](#) are new consumers selecting plans on the marketplace for the very first time. The plan selection period is open until Jan. 31, 2016. Enrollments or application changes made between Jan. 16 and Jan. 31 will take effect Mar. 1, 2016. To connect with a navigator organization near you, visit the [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#) (CMS). Eligible individuals can enroll in [Medicaid](#) and the [Children's Health Insurance Program](#) (CHIP) year round. Visit healthcare.gov to get covered!

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Administration Issues Executive Actions on Mental Health, Gun Violence

More than [4 million](#) Americans have been the victim of a crime involving a gun in the last decade, including more than [20,000](#) children under the age of 18 who have died by a firearm. The Obama administration [announced](#) a series of [executive steps](#) aimed at curbing gun violence, including broader background checks and the hiring of additional specialists to process those checks. In addition, the White House proposed a [\\$500 million](#) investment to improve mental health care. In conjunction with this new funding, the Social Security Administration and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services are finalizing rules to increase mental health treatment and reporting to the background check system.

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AMCHP to Launch New Best Practices Category at Annual Conference

[Innovation Station](#), the AMCHP online searchable database for emerging, promising and best practices in MCH, is launching a new practice category: *cutting edge*. Cutting edge practices are considered emerging innovations of existing or new methods and practices. Specifically, these practices may provide an innovative approach to an evolving public health issue; align with experiential evidence inside or outside of public health; show early signs of promise or success; and have an evaluation or quality improvement plan in development. AMCHP will be launching this new practice field at the [annual conference](#) Jan. 23-26 in Washington D.C. Look for more information on [social media](#) by following AMCHP on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)!

Newborn Screening Contingency Plan Survey Now Open for Public Comment

AMCHP is partnering with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) and the Health Resource Service Administration (HRSA), and an Advisory Committee to update the Newborn Screening Contingency Plan (CONPLAN), with a focus on addressing gaps in laboratory and clinical follow-up. We are seeking input from state/territorial newborn screening

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programs, state public health laboratories, Title V MCH and CYSHCN programs, preparedness programs, primary care providers, specialists, hospitals, local health departments, families, consumers, and other stakeholders. Please feel free to distribute the public comment survey link to any audience you feel is applicable. We also encourage agencies and programs within states to collaborate with one another to develop a robust survey response. The survey will be open **Jan. 12 to Feb. 15**. To learn more about CONPLAN, [click here](#). For questions and concerns, please contact Cori Floyd at cfloyd@amchp.org or call 202-266-3046.

Infant Mortality CoIIN Virtual Learning Session 3 (VLS 3)

The third learning session for Infant Mortality Collaborative Improvement & Innovation Network (CoIIN) state teams will occur on **Feb. 23** and **Feb. 24 from 1:00-4:30 p.m. EST** each day. Pre-work for the learning session is due Feb. 5. The registration deadline for VLS 3 is **Feb. 19**. For more information, [click here](#).

Seeking Abstracts: Maternal and Child Health Journal

In recognition of the 25th anniversary of the Healthy Start Program, the Maternal and Child Health Journal is soliciting abstract submissions to be considered for a thematic issue focusing on the Health Start Program's role in leading community action to improve pregnancy

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outcomes. All abstract submissions must be related to work completed with the Healthy Start Program and must be connected to improving women's health, promoting quality services, strengthening family resilience, achieving collective impact, or increasing accountability through quality improvement, performance, and evaluation. All abstracts must be submitted by **Jan. 15, 2016**. For more information, [click here](#). For questions about abstract submissions only, please send an e-mail to MCHBHealthyStart@hrsa.gov.

Medication Prescribing for Pregnant and Childbearing-aged Women: Resources for the Practicing Clinician

Taking some medications come early in pregnancy can increase the risk for some birth defects and other poor pregnancy outcome. Whereas information available to health care providers to guide and support patients in the decision making process is limited. A webinar will be held on **Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. EST** to review what is known about medication safety during pregnancy, relevant clinical consultations and resources to help counsel women on treatment decisions before and during pregnancy. Click [here](#) to register.

2016-2018 Developmental Monitoring Within State Systems Grants Request for Applications

Through funding from the CDC National Center for Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, AMCHP will facilitate a competitive award process of up to \$20,000 to 12 states or territories over the next two years. The purpose of this grant is to increase parent-engaged developmental monitoring by promoting the adoption and integration of Learn the Signs. Act Early. materials and training resources into programs and statewide systems that serve young children and their families, such as Early Head Start/Head Start, child care, home visiting, WIC, Child Find, health care, etc. AMCHP will provide ongoing technical assistance, disseminate resource materials and link grantees to other states and experts in early identification of developmental delay. For more information and to apply, [click here](#). **Applications are due Feb. 29**, and the applicant informational conference call will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 3:30 p.m. EST. Please RSVP to cfloyd@amchp.org if you plan to participate on the call. For additional questions, contact Kate Taft, senior program manager, CYSHCN, at

ктаft@amchp.org or (202) 266-3056, or Cori Floyd, program associate, child and adolescent health, at cfloyd@amchp.org or (202) 266-3046.

Call for Abstracts: 2016 CityMatCH Leadership and MCH Epidemiology Conference

CityMatCH invites you to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentation in two tracks: scientific research and data or program and policy issues in maternal and child health. This is an opportunity to share your successes, research, results, and lessons learned with national and global audiences. The deadline to submit an abstract is **Feb. 19, 2016**. To apply, [click here](#). Please contact Carol Gilbert at cgilbert@unmc.edu / (402) 552-9589 or Maureen Fitzgerald at mfitzgerald@unmc.edu / (402) 552-9585 for any questions or concerns.

New Webinar Series to Support Implementation of the MCH Block Grant Transformation Taking Action with Evidence: Implementation Roadmaps

AMCHP and the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health Strengthen the Evidence Base for MCH are hosting a series of webinars to support your next phase of action – selecting evidence-based or -informed strategies and developing your state-initiated Evidence-based or -informed Strategy Measures (ESMs) that will impact your state selected Title V population-based National Performance Measures (NPMs).

Each webinar in the series will focus on one of the 15 NPMs. The series will take place through February. The webinars are scheduled as follows:

- NPM #5 Safe Sleep Jan. 14 at 4 p.m. EST
- NPM #14 Child Obesity Jan. 19, 2016 at 4 p.m. EST
- NPM #1 Women's Well-Visit Feb. 1 at 4 p.m. EST
- NPM #15 Smoking during Pregnancy Feb. 3 at 4 p.m. EST
- NPM #12 Transition Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. EST

More information about the series and registration links for each webinar are posted to the [MCH Block Grant Transformation Resources](#) page on the AMCHP website. We will update this site on a rolling basis and provide reminders in *Member Briefs*.

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



General & Maternal Child Health

Medical Home Modules for Pediatric Residency Education Now Available

A series of five case-based, educational modules on key medical home principles for pediatric residency programs are now available from the American Academy of Pediatrics. Each module, both as a full set and individually, is designed to be incorporated into existing curriculum by residency program directors and faculty. Collectively, the modules educate residents about characteristics and benefits of the patient and family, centered medical home, care coordination, care planning, transition to adult care and team-based care. They are the result of efforts of the Medical Home Resident Education Initiative Work Group whose goal is to provide direction, tools and resources to residency program directors, faculty and others in their efforts to educate trainees regarding the core tenets of medical home. The modules are available for download [here](#) on the American Academy of Pediatrics website.

Women & Infant Health

January is National Birth Defects Month

Birth defects are common, costly, and critical. Every four and a half minutes, a baby is born with a major birth defect in the United States. The National Birth Defects Prevention Network, in collaboration with many state and local organizations, are working together to increase awareness that birth defects are “Common, Costly, and Critical” and offer actionable steps that professionals, community groups, and the public can take to prevent birth defects. The theme for 2016 is "Making Healthy Choices to Prevent Birth Defects - Make a **PACT** for Prevention" by **P**lanning ahead, **A**voiding harmful substances, **C**hoosing a healthy lifestyle and **T**alking to your healthcare provider. Download resource and learn more [here](#).

Child & Adolescent Health

National Symposium on Children with Complex Health Care Needs

On Dec. 7-8, the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health hosted a gathering of the nation's leading experts in complex health care for children at the

National Academies of Sciences in Washington, D.C. Session topics included national health policy for this population, care coordination, self-management, team care, and financing for complex care. Presentation slides, along with a recorded web cast of the [event](#), are available [here](#).

New Epilepsy Resources

The AAP is the coordinating Center for Children and Youth with Epilepsy Center under the HRSA Maternal and Child Health Bureau. The Center provides continuous learning opportunities for MCHB grantees, the program's Advisory Committee, as well as other health professionals. Parent articles that have been posted on [healthychildren.org](#) have provided information on [epilepsy in children](#), [supporting a child with epilepsy](#), [dealing with epilepsy at school](#), as well as [safety tips for parents](#). Additionally, the Center offers a quarterly newsletter that includes information on Center activities, Section on Neurology resources, medical home resources, grantee achievements, forthcoming events and more. The December 2015 issue is available now. If you would like to subscribe or submit articles to the newsletter, contact dsantos@AAP.org.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

AMCHP Recruiting for Associate Director, Women's and Infant Health

This position is accountable for the implementation and evaluation of program activities within AMCHP's Women's and Infant Health Portfolio, which includes four staff and a budget of approximately \$1.75M annually from three major grants with Merck for Mothers, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation as well as a few small subgrants. The position reports to the Director of Programs and serves as a member of the organization's management team. Provides leadership and operational management support of AMCHP's strategic goals as related to women's and infant health. For more information, [click here](#).



University of Iowa Seeks Director of the Division of Child and Community Health

The Department of Pediatrics at the University of Iowa is seeking faculty candidates for Director of the Division of Child and Community Health, which operates Iowa's statewide Title V program for children and youth with special health care needs under the Title V Block Grant, Iowa Department of Health. The position will have responsibility for public health policy, child advocacy, and regionalized care coordination and clinical services, and will assume the duties of Title V-CYSHCN director. The successful candidate will also partner with other divisions within the Stead Family Department of Pediatrics to develop new clinical and research programs. Responsibilities also include leadership in Title V strategic planning, serving as the new Principal Investigator for multiple discretionary grants, and providing vision for emerging public health issues. To apply, [click here](#) and use reference number 68012.

Louisiana Office of Public Health Recruiting MCH Epidemiology Program Manager

The Louisiana Office of Public Health, Bureau of Family Health is located in downtown New Orleans. The MCH Epidemiology Program Manager will be responsible for direct supervision of lower-level epidemiology staff and students, as well as coordination of the State Systems Development Initiative. This includes data management, analyses and linkages, communicating findings through reports and presentations, monitoring performance measures and maintaining records for/or writing grants progress report. Please send CVs, resumes, cover letters, salary requirements, and three professional references to careers@lphi.org. For more information, please [click here](#).

AMCHP CAREER CENTER

The Career Center is the premiere online job board for individuals seeking employment in MCH 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!

Advanced Nursing Education Grant Program

Deadline: *Jan. 15, 2016*

The HRSA is now accepting applications for the Advanced Nursing Education Program to support the enhancement of advanced nursing education and practice. Funded projects will implement creative academic-practice partnerships within advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) primary care programs. Partnerships between academic institutions and rural and/or underserved primary care sites will promote APRN students' readiness to practice upon graduation by improving training and competencies for both students and preceptors. Working collectively, these partnerships will facilitate the meaningful exchange of information of information to identify the needs of the community and the clinical workforce; use this information to enhance curriculum, preceptor recruitment, training and evaluation; and shape the experiential training of advance practice nursing students to be better prepared upon graduation to provide care for rural and underserved populations. To learn more, [click here](#).

Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship (AENT) Program

Deadline: *Feb. 15, 2016*

The HRSA is accepting eligible applicants in education programs that provide registered nurses with nurse practitioner and nurse mid-wife education. Such programs may include schools of nursing, nursing centers, academic health centers, state or local governments, and other public or private nonprofit

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entities authorized by the Secretary to confer degrees to registered nurses for nurse practitioner nurse-midwife education. Federally recognized Indian Tribal Government and Native American Organizations are also eligible to apply. For more information, [click here](#).

Emergency Medical Services for Children Targeted Issues Program

Deadline: *Feb. 29, 2016*

The HRSA is now accepting applications for the Emergency Medical Services for Children Targeted Issues Program (EMSC). The program works to ensure that critically ill and injured children receive optimal pediatric emergency care. The target goal of the Targeted Issues Program is to support strategies to improve the quality of pediatric care delivered in emergency care settings across the continuum of emergency care through the implementation of pediatric emergency care research and innovative cross cutting projects. Targeted Issues programs translate research into practice and improve pediatric health outcomes related to emergency care, such as reduced severity of asthma and decreased hospitalization for trauma. To learn more, [click here](#).

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Integrated HIV Planning Implementation

Deadline: *Mar. 1, 2016*

The HRSA is accepting applications for the RWHAP (Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program). This is a cooperative agreement to provide technical assistance to RWHAP Parts A and B recipients and their planning bodies to support activities and strategies for integrating HIV planning across prevention, care, and treatment service delivery systems, and support activities related to the CDC and HRSA Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan submissions. The main objectives is to develop and review tools and processes for the Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plans; develop strategies, tools, and trainings for RWHAP recipients and planning bodies to identify and support activities to integrate planning and prevention care across systems; to deliver technical assistance in a select number of jurisdictions to facilitate integrated planning ; to support peer learning opportunities across RWHAP recipients and planning bodies. For more information, [click here](#).

NIH Initiative to Maximize Research Education in Genomics Diversity in Education Plan

Deadline: *Sept. 6, 2016*

NIH present this funding opportunity to facilitate the training of individuals at all careers levels (the undergraduate, graduate, post baccalaureate, postdoctoral and faculty levels) from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in scientific disciplines relevant to genomics to enable them to pursue genomics research that spans all areas of interest to National Human Genome Research Institute later in their careers. To learn more, [click here](#).

Exploratory and Developmental Grant to Improve Health Care Quality through HIT

Deadline: *Nov. 16, 2016*

The purpose of this grant is to fund exploratory and developmental research grants that will contribute to the evidence base of how health information technology (HIT) improves health care quality. This funding opportunity supports the use of a wide variety of research designs in order to generate information regarding the design and development, implementation, use, or impact of health IT on quality. For more information, [click here](#).

Reducing Health Disparities among Minority and Underserved Children

Deadline: *Jan. 7, 2017*

This initiative encourages research that targets the reduction of health disparities among children. Specific targeted areas of research include biobehavioral studies that incorporate multiple factors that influence child health disparities such as biological (e.g., genetics, cellular, organ systems), lifestyle factors, environmental (e.g., physical and family environments) social (e.g., peers), economic, institutional, and cultural and family influences; studies that target the specific health promotion needs of children with a known health condition and/or disability; and studies that test and evaluate the comparative effectiveness of health promotion interventions conducted in traditional and nontraditional settings. For more information, [click here](#) (R01) or [here](#) (R21).

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Chronic Illness Self-Management in Children and Adolescents

Deadline: *Jan. 7, 2017*

The purpose of this announcement is to encourage research to improve self-management and quality of life in children and adolescents with chronic conditions. Managing a chronic condition is an unremitting responsibility for children and their families. Children with a chronic condition and their families have a long-term responsibility for self-management. For more information, [click here](#) (R01) or [here](#) (R21).

Understanding Factors in Infancy and Early Childhood That Influence Obesity Development

Deadline: *Feb. 5, 2017*

This funding announcement invites Research Project Grant (R01) applications from institutions/organizations which propose to characterize or identify factors in early childhood (birth-24 months) that may increase or mitigate risk for obesity and/or excessive weight gain and/or to fill methodological research gaps relevant to the understanding of risk for development of obesity in children. For more information, [click here](#).

Maternal Nutrition and Pre-pregnancy Obesity: Effects on Mothers, Infants and Children

Deadline: *May 7, 2018*

This announcement encourages applications to improve health outcomes for women, infants and children, by stimulating interdisciplinary research focused on maternal nutrition and pre-pregnancy obesity. Maternal health significantly impacts not only the mother but also the intrauterine environment, and subsequently fetal development and the health of the newborn. For more information, [click here](#).

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AMCHP Events

[2016 AMCHP Annual Conference](#)

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MCH Events

[National Health Policy Conference](#)

Feb. 1-2
Washington, DC

[2016 Preparedness Summit](#)

Apr. 19-22
Dallas, TX

[YTH Live](#) (the youth+tech+health conference)

Apr. 24-26
San Francisco, CA

[CSTE Annual Conference](#)

Jun. 19-23
Anchorage, AK

[NACCHO Annual Conference](#)

Jul. 19-21
Phoenix, AZ

[Public Health Informatics Conference](#)

Aug. 21-24
Atlanta, GA

[CityMatCH Leadership and MCH Epidemiology Conference](#)

Sept. 14-16
Philadelphia, PA

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