

Member Briefs



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THE ASSOCIATION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS



MANAGEMENT MINUTE



You have to know the past to understand the present. ~ Carl Sagan

This week, we move into Phase II of our pre-planning effort to engage members in AMCHP strategic planning efforts. This new phase moves the conversation away from the AMCHP mission as we turn attention to your understanding of the current AMCHP

strategic plan, its overarching goals and strategies.

Please [access the online survey here](#) to rate the importance of each goal and their associated strategies in the context of your own work and overall understanding of AMCHP priorities.

Key Member Engagement PHASE II:

In the previous strategic plan, the following were identified goals and strategies. When considering the current needs in your state and within your jurisdictions and how you feel supported by AMCHP, how important are these goals and strategies **today**? [Complete our survey here.](#)

Goal 1

AMCHP will advance the nation's health by improving material and child health outcomes and achieving health equity.

Strategies:

- 1.1: Build the capacity needed to identify and address MCH priorities across the life course through training, TA, and information dissemination.
- 1.2: Support and enhance the skills and competencies of the MCH workforce with a focus on leadership development and mentoring.

- 1.3: Support the spread of effective MCH practices and innovations with AMCHP members, partners and other stakeholders.

- 1.4: Convene and lead strategic alliances to advance health equity and improve MCH.

Goal 2

AMCHP will strategically communicate the critical importance of MCH issues.

Strategies:

- 2.1: Develop and implement an annual policy agenda with a MCH focus.
- 2.2: Communicate the critical role of MCH programs by engaging key audiences including AMCHP members, policymakers, families, youth, and other consumers of MCH services, MCH professionals and practitioners, and the media.

Goal #3

AMCHP will be the lead organization supporting and representing state and territorial MCH programs.

Strategies:

- 3.1: Ensure the long-term financial stability of the organization.
- 3.2: Increase member, family and youth participation in AMCHP planning, advocacy, and programmatic activities including volunteer leadership opportunities within AMCHP.
- 3.3: Position AMCHP to respond proactively to member needs to address emerging MCH issues.
- 3.4: Continuously evaluate and improve AMCHP's organizational support for and effectiveness of its operations.

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Please plan to participate at the AMCHP conference as we continue our conversations about planning. Join your regional lunch meeting on Monday to participate in a focused conversation around priorities that are important to your work in your state. Please seize this opportunity to provide authentic and real feedback to guide our organization's future – we will embrace and welcome your inputs!

Comments, counter-points, suggestions, or thoughts are always welcomed. E-mail me at lfreeman@amchp.org.

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY CORNER



Reminder and Updated Resources for Hill Visits and Congressional Reception

Thank you to everyone who joined for our advocacy training webinar on Jan. 7. A link to the recording as well as related materials may be found on the AMCHP website [here](#). Please note that we will also make available, at conference registration, an appropriations fact sheet that can be used for educational (as opposed to lobbying) purposes as well as talking points and other leave-behind materials. In addition, updated state profiles will soon be posted to the AMCHP site. Finally, please remember to e-mail ahaddad@amchp.org with details of confirmed meeting times and to RSVP for our congressional reception on Monday Jan. 26 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. EST by clicking [here](#).

114th Congress Gets to Work

The 114th Congress was sworn in on Jan. 6, and although members are still completing some organizational tasks, such as finalizing committee and subcommittee assignments, they have already taken a number of votes related to the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Two bills passed the House with wide bipartisan support: one to exclude veterans who have health coverage through Department of Defense or Veterans Affairs from being counted toward the law's employer mandate calculations and another to exclude volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel from those calculations. Pres. Obama indicated support for both of these measures.

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On Jan. 8, the House also passed a bill to change the ACA definition of full-time from a 30 hour workweek to a 40 hour workweek, which means that employers who must provide coverage to full-time workers would not be obligated to cover employees who were fewer than 40 hours per week. The Senate is slated to take up the same bill soon, though Pres. Obama has issued a veto threat. Critics of the proposal believe it will cause many employers to cut employee hours in order to avoid having to comply with the mandate or pay penalties.

Health Reform Implementation

Open Enrollment

Since the start of the open enrollment period, nearly 6.8 million individuals have selected a plan or were automatically reenrolled in a Marketplace plan. According to Sec. Burwell, "In the first month, 87 percent of consumers got financial assistance to help lower the cost of premiums." The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has developed helpful resources to help individuals better understand coverage and benefits through their Coverage to Care initiative. The resources, including videos and booklets, can be accessed [here](#). AMCHP also has an open enrollment fact sheet for MCH leaders. This resource includes suggested steps for MCH leaders during the open enrollment period. The fact sheet is posted [here](#).

Who's Covered for What in 2015 and Beyond?

AMCHP has developed an [updated resource](#) that provides an overview of health coverage options for specific MCH populations. The chart identifies coverage options under Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP), the Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplace, and options for those remaining uninsured and includes information for children (including those with special health care needs), adult women (under age 65), and pregnant women. The coverage chart includes interactive links to various helpful ACA resources. For questions or comments about the chart, please contact [Carolyn McCoy](#) or [Atyya Chaudhry](#).

New Report by Urban Institute

A recent report by the Urban Institute, [Public Education, Outreach and Application Assistance](#), describes general

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trends in ACA outreach and education and promising practices by states and territories. For example, states such as Minnesota and Colorado advertised ACA through coverage stories of real people. Kentucky used a “grass-tops” education strategy, involving clergy and community leaders who would then educate their respective constituents. The District of Columbia colocated tax preparers and ACA application assisters to help people file taxes and get coverage at the same time.

State Medicaid Expansion Alternative Benefit Plans

A [chart](#) developed by the National Academy for State Health Policy State Reform Initiative tracks the status of state [Alternative Benefit Plan](#) (ABP) decisions for the Medicaid expansion population. ABPs are required to cover the 10 essential health benefits (EHB) as outlined in the ACA. The chart provides useful information including ABP status, benefit package, EHB plan, among other items. For states that have expanded Medicaid, the chart includes links to the ABP State Plan Amendment (SPA) that may include important information about benefits and scope for specific MCH populations.

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Our mobile app for AMCHP 2015 is ready to download on your iPhone, iPad, or Android! Click <http://crowd.cc/amchp2015> from your device, or scan the QR code. Apple and Android users can also search for the app in the iTunes store or Play store. You will need the **event code: amchp** to complete the download. Once installed, you'll have instant access to awesome features, like:

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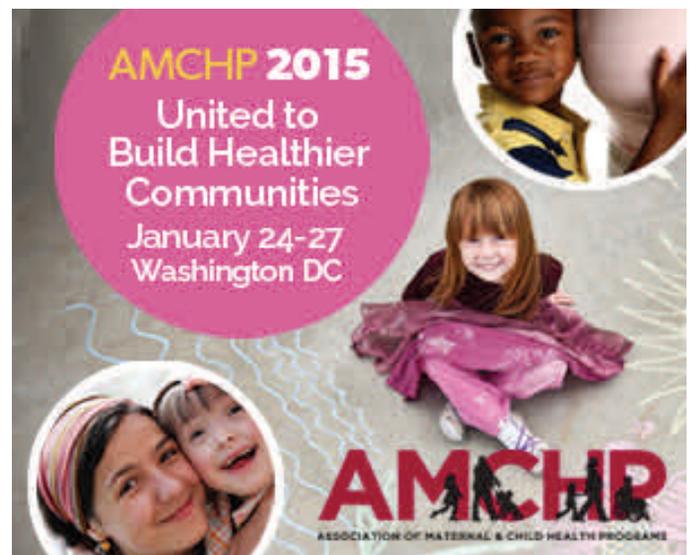
Have questions? Stop by the social media lounge at the conference, we're happy to help! Looking forward to seeing you at AMCHP 2015!

Now Available: Application to Participate in the National MCH Workforce Development Center's Cohort 2 Training

The National MCH Workforce Development Center offers a range of trainings, tools and resources to strengthen MCH workforce capacity to lead through health transformation. The Center offers training in four key areas: access to care, quality improvement, systems integration and change management. State/territory Title V agencies/MCH programs and their partners will have the opportunity to gain knowledge, skills, and tools in the four key areas and apply them to a current health transformation project of interest. Cohort 2 participants should plan to be actively engaged with the Center from April through December 2015. All applications must be received by Feb. 27 at 5 p.m. EST. Applications are available via the [AMCHP website](#) and the [Center website](#).

January is National Birth Defects Prevention Month

Birth defects are common, costly, and critical conditions, affecting one in every 33 babies in the United States each year. Birth defects are also a leading cause of infant mortality and account for one in every five infant deaths. This year's theme is "Making Healthy Choices to Prevent Birth Defects – Make a PACT for Prevention." Although not all birth defects can be prevented, actions



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can be taken to increase a woman's chance of having a healthy baby. This year we are encouraging all pregnant women and those who may become pregnant to:

- Plan ahead
- Avoid harmful substances
- Choose a healthy lifestyle
- Talk to your healthcare provider

Throughout January, help promote birth defects prevention through these activities:

- New research: Check the [CDC MMWR website](#) each week this month for new birth defects-related research findings
- CDC January Public Health Ground Rounds: Tune in on Jan. 20, at 1 p.m. EST for a [live webcast](#) on birth defects research, including an overview of current and historical efforts to understand the major causes of birth defects.
- Twitter campaign: @CDC_NCBDDD will tweet facts each day in January to raise awareness about birth defects. Daily facts will be marked by the hashtag: #1in33 (a reference to the number of babies affected by birth defects)
- Inaugural launch of state data on major birth defects: The [March of Dimes PeriStats website](#) provides easy, free access to National Birth Defects Prevention Network data on major birth defects by state
- New Web features: Each week in January, CDC will highlight a different action to *Make a PACT for Prevention* via web features posted on the [CDC website](#)

Maternal Mortality Prevention Project Webinar

This webinar, hosted Jan. 21 from 1-2:30 p.m. EST, will highlight Colorado's efforts to identify what works for pregnant or postpartum women who are experiencing severe pregnancy related depression, substance abuse or intimate partner violence. Colorado's maternal mortality data and Title V needs assessment efforts have identified gaps in mental and behavioral health systems within the state, specifically with regards to pregnant and postpartum populations. With funding from a recent Every Mother Initiative (EMI) grant from AMCHP, Colorado conducted a pilot project to identify what worked for women who experienced severe pregnancy-related depression (PRD), substance use (SA) or

intimate partner violence (IPV) but were able to get help. While a review of mortality data can clearly identify what could have been done differently, there is limited available research or standardized practice focusing on what worked well for women who experienced severe PRD, SA or IPV but were able to obtain the support or help needed. The presentation will explore the findings and include opportunities for future action. To register, [click here](#).

Upcoming ASTHO Webinar on Newborn Screening Quality Improvement

Every year, as part of the newborn screening process, millions of newborns are routinely screened for genetic and metabolic conditions. Though these conditions are rare, if identified and treated promptly, newborn health outcomes can improve and potential disabilities can be avoided or mitigated from timely screening. Newborn screening has improved or saved the lives of more than 12,000 newborns each year. In 2013, a [report](#) in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* found evidence of serious delays in newborn screening programs across the country. Since that time, newborn screening programs in public health departments across the country have undertaken quality improvement initiatives to improve timely submission and testing of newborn blood samples. Join this webinar on Jan. 28 from 3-4:30 p.m. EST, hosted by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), and learn about quality improvement initiatives in Arizona, Wisconsin, and the Association of Public Health Programs. Discuss successes, challenges, and lessons learned to strengthen newborn screening systems across the United States. To register, [click here](#).

Webinar: Assessing Public Health's Role in Outreach and Enrollment

The ACA lays the groundwork for a substantial increase in the number of people who will have access to health insurance through either Medicaid expansion or the Health Insurance Marketplace. States are now tasked with reaching out to and enrolling newly eligible persons. State and local public health departments remain a relatively untapped resource for such efforts as they are often trusted entities in the community with reach into populations living in the most vulnerable conditions, and may be able to leverage resources and data to facilitate outreach and enrollment. In 2014, RAND and the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) conducted an environmental scan, key

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informant interviews, and site visits in order to explore innovative models and best practices that leverage public health assets. During this 60-minute webinar, presenters will share barriers and facilitators and offer compelling models to guide local health department engagement in outreach and enrollment. The webinar will be held Jan. 28 from 2-3 p.m. EST. To register, [click here](#).

E-Cigarette Messages: Exploring Messages on E-cigarettes Aimed at Women and Youth

In 1964, the U.S. Surgeon General released a milestone report that formally addressed the severe health risks of smoking and tobacco use. In the fifty-years since the report's release the United States has made considerable progress in reducing the tobacco-use epidemic. However, public health agencies are now facing new challenges due to the emergence of smokeless tobacco products, such as electronic cigarettes ("e-cigarettes"). This webinar, hosted by ASTHO with the support of AMCHP, NACCHO, and the Children's Safety Network, will explore messages that have been developed regarding the poisonous threat that e-cigarette liquids pose to young children and the negative effects that nicotine has on brain development in adolescents. Furthermore, we will explore public health messages aimed at women before and during pregnancy on the use of e-cigarettes. The intended audience for this webinar includes state and local health agencies addressing tobacco and/or maternal and family health, and community assistance organizations. The webinar will be held on Jan. 29 from 2-3:30 p.m. EST. To pre-register for the webinar, please [click here](#). A recording of the webinar and slides will be made available on the ASTHO website within two weeks of the webinar.

National Child Health Policy Conference

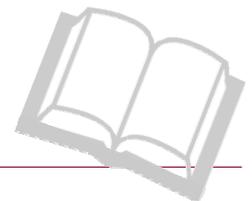
Register today for the AcademyHealth 2015 National Child Health Policy Conference (CHPC), being held on Feb. 11 in Washington, DC. The CHPC will feature sessions that highlight the key policy priorities for child health in the evolving health care systems on the federal, state and local levels. Sessions will cover timely policy initiatives for child health while addressing relevant evidence to bridge gaps in child health services research. Speakers will put policy issues and priorities into context specifically for child health experts. With more than 300 attendees and a discussion-focused format, the CHPC offers unique opportunities to gain access to child health policy stakeholders and build your professional network.

Register [online](#) by Jan. 30. For more information about the conference, [click here](#).

Call for Applications: Training Course in Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), CDC and CityMatCH are offering a Training Course in MCH Epidemiology on Jun. 1-5 in Baltimore, MD, as part of their ongoing effort to enhance the analytic capacity of state and local health agencies. The training course is an intensive program, combining lectures, discussion, hands-on exercises and opportunities for individualized technical assistance. Content for the 2015 course will include: needs assessment; target setting for performance measurement; program evaluation; statistical and epidemiologic methods: from descriptive statistics to multivariable modeling; and presenting data: linking high quality analysis to reporting. A brief series of webinars prior to the training will set the stage for the onsite training. This national program is aimed primarily at professionals in state and local health agencies who have significant responsibility for collecting, processing, analyzing and reporting MCH data. This year, the course is geared to individuals with basic to intermediate skills in statistical and epidemiologic methods, preferably in MCH or a related field. The deadline for applications is Feb. 13 at 5 p.m. PST. To learn more and apply, [click here](#).

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



General Maternal & Child Health

New AMCHP Resource on Quality Improvement

At the 2014 Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) conference, AMCHP and CSTE convened a roundtable discussion to hear about epidemiologists' experiences with quality improvement (QI) and the challenges and barriers they face to successful QI. In December 2014, based on the needs identified through the roundtable discussion, AMCHP created a resource sheet titled Quality Improvement Resources for Epidemiologists. The resource sheet

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provides links to materials on QI in public health, QI measurement, MCH-specific QI training, and examples of QI initiatives at state and local health departments. To access the resource, [click here](#).

AMCHP Releases Two New Resources on ROI

The AMCHP Community of Practice for Return on Investment (ROI) is a peer-sharing group that discusses mutual interests and experiences in developing economic analyses for MCH programs. Based on the needs identified from the Community of Practice for Return on Investment, AMCHP created the Roadmap of Resources that gathers a wide-range a materials to be used throughout the analysis process. The Roadmap of Resources provides links to materials on introductory definitions, guidelines and toolkits, case studies, webinars, journal articles, and examples of ROI projects for state MCH programs. To view the roadmap, [click here](#).

Current research literature for the economic evaluation of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) programs lacks specific examples of ROI analyses that calculate net financial gain from the provider perspective. In an effort to encourage the implementation of LARC program ROI analyses in state and local health departments, AMCHP created a resource sheet on the Economic Analysis of LARC Programs that can facilitate the process. The resource sheet summarizes previous LARC studies, describes the need for ROI analyses, differentiates ROI and cost-effective analyses, and identifies the steps to consider in implementing an ROI analysis for LARC programs. To view the resource sheet, [click here](#).

New Resource on Multisector Partnerships for Preventing Violence

There is growing recognition that many sectors must be engaged to effectively prevent violence, but people always don't know what they bring to the table or how their sector can pitch in. This publication clarifies the roles and contributions of 10 sectors and 12 departments, and it walks readers through Collaboration Multiplier, an influential Prevention Institute tool. This guide can be used to maximize the benefits of collaboration and overcome the barriers, whether you're just getting started or already have a strong coalition. To

view the resource, [click here](#).

New Affordable Care Act Fact Sheets for Families

Created by the National Center for Medical Home Implementation and the Catalyst Center, these four fact sheets highlight provisions of the Affordable Care Act which benefit children and youth with special health care needs. Each fact sheet is written in plain language, making the content easy to read and understand. Families will find information related to [concurrent care](#); [habilitative services](#); [Health Home programs](#); and [health insurance marketplace and Medicaid coverage for children and disabilities](#). To learn more, [click here](#).

Women's & Infant Health

New CDC Resource on the Impact of Disasters on Pregnant and Postpartum Women and Infants

To promote consistency in the study of the impact of natural and manmade disasters on pregnant and postpartum women and infants, the CDC Division of Reproductive Health (DRH) Emergency Preparedness and Response Program recently released a list of common post-disaster epidemiologic indicators. The publication: Zotti, M.E., Williams, A.M., & Wako, E. (2014). Post-Disaster Health Indicators for Pregnant and Postpartum Women and Infants. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, 18(10). DOI: 10.1007/s10995-014-1643-4 describes the development process and the final proposed Post-Disaster Indicators. The indicators' intended use is to guide assessment and surveillance and affect public health interventions to disaster-affected pregnant and postpartum women and infants. To access the publication and learn more about the proposed set of indicators and suggested questions for measuring them, [click here](#).



ON YOUR BEHALF

- On Jan. 6, AMCHP staff Krista Granger presented content on the Title V MCH Services Block Grant at the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Program Evaluation Practicum. The presentation was part of the MCH at the State Level and at the CDC session. The goal of the presentation was to introduce Harvard practicum students to the activities states and territories accomplish for the application and annual reporting of Title V. The presentation also focused on the Title V Block Grant transformation, and how states and territories are expected to implement new requirements.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

AMCHP Seeks Analyst for Adolescent Health

The analyst for adolescent health, child and adolescent health (CAH) is a member of the program team and contributes to the advancement of maternal and child health outcomes by performing a variety of planning and program implementation, research and evaluation projects related to the Adolescent and Young Adult Health National Resource Center (AYAH-NRC). General responsibilities include contributing to the development, implementation and evaluation of program activities related to advancing the health and well-being of adolescents and young adults (ages 10-24), collaboration with AYAH-NRC partners, AMCHP members and staff; serving as a liaison to federal project officers; and project promotion. This position reports to the senior program manager for adolescent health, child and adolescent health. To learn more, [click here](#).

AMCHP Accepting Applications for Program Associate, Women's and Infant Health

The program associate, women's and infant health (WIH) is a member of the program team and contributes to the advancement of MCH programs by performing a variety of planning and program implementation, research and evaluation projects. This position supports and assists the WIH team in the development, implementation and evaluation of program activities related to MCH and women's and infant health. This position also contributes to the collection of state best practices (Innovation Station), newsletter development, and implementation of

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communication strategies (MS SharePoint, listserv, social media). This position reports to the associate director, women's and infant health. To learn more, [click here](#).

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AHA Grants Available to Help Prevent Childhood Obesity

The American Heart Association (AHA) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation have announced the availability of several grant opportunities through the Voices for Healthy Kids program. The program aims to engage, organize and mobilize people to improve the health of their communities and reverse the childhood obesity epidemic. The grants are available in the following priority areas: smart school foods, healthy drinks, marketing matters, active places and active kids out of school. The grants represent strategic investments in ongoing state, local and tribal public policy issue campaigns. There is no deadline for applications. For more information, [click here](#).

HRSA National Coordinating Center for the Regional Genetic Service Collaboratives

Deadline: *Feb. 2*

This program was established to enhance, improve and expand access to quality genetic services over the lifespan, in keeping with the statutory authority Title V, Section 501(a)(2) which requires that HRSA provide for genetic disease testing, counseling and information development and dissemination programs. The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement for the NCC is to: 1) develop a framework for a national network of regional genetic centers that will serve as a shared resource for providers and patients in each region,

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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!

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assuring that all individuals have access to the same high quality genetic services regardless of where they live; 2) support and coordinate the work of Regional Genetic Service Collaboratives (RCs) and disseminate national collaborative activities that address the infrastructure needs of public health genetic services in each state; and 3) provide a national genetics education and consumer network. To learn more, [click here](#).

NIH Understanding Infancy and Early Childhood Factors That Influence Obesity

Deadline: *Feb. 5*

Institutions/organizations should propose to characterize or identify factors in early childhood that may increase or mitigate risk for weight gain and fill risk for development of obesity in children research gaps. Studies should propose research in young children and may also assess factors relevant to families of them. For more information, [click here](#).

HRSA Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship Program (NAT)

Deadline: *Feb. 26*

The purpose of the NAT Program is to provide traineeship support for licensed registered nurses enrolled as full-time students in an anesthesia program. Traineeships will pay full or partial costs of the tuition, fees, books/e-Books and the reasonable living expenses of the individual trainee during the period for which the traineeship is provided. NAT funds are awarded to institutions. Complete applications will be submitted via Grants.gov. Applicants must provide a brief Work Plan in the Project Narrative. NAT grantees will be required to complete and submit a Final Report at the end of the grant. For more information, [click here](#).

MCHB Children's Safety Network Program

Deadline: *Mar. 2*

The purpose of this cooperative agreement program is to reduce fatal and serious injuries among infants, children and youth by 100,000 over the next three years by increasing the adoption of effective child safety interventions at the national, state and local levels. The Children's Safety Network Program objectives/goals will be advanced through three primary components of activity: a National Coordinated Child Safety Initiative, Child Safety Collaboration Innovation and Improvement Network (CollIN) Activities and Child Safety Promotion

Capacity Building. To learn more, [click here](#).

NIH Patient Safety in the Context of Perinatal, Neonatal and Pediatric Care

Deadlines: *Mar. 5 (R01) and Mar. 16 (R21, R03)*

A wide range of collaborative research projects related to patient safety in the context of perinatal, neonatal and pediatric care both in routine hospital settings and in the intensive care units related to:

The epidemiology of various domains of medical errors and consequent patient harm; Assessing the factors at various levels that contribute to such errors; and Intervention strategies at individual, systems, and institutional levels to help reduce and eliminate medical errors is encouraged. Available funding includes [Research Project \(R01\)](#), [Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant \(R21\)](#), and [Small Grant Program \(R03\)](#).

NIH Pregnancy in Women with Disabilities

Deadline: *Mar. 5 (R01) and Mar. 16 (R21)*

Grant applications should propose to investigate the incidence, course, and outcomes of pregnancy among women with disabilities. Areas of interest also include studies to inform counseling and strategies for addressing barriers to prenatal care, and management of pregnancy, the puerperium, and the transition to parenthood in order to optimize outcomes for women with physical, intellectual and developmental, and/or sensory disabilities and their families. Letters of intent are due 30 days before application due dates. Available funding includes [Research Project \(R01\)](#) and [Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant \(R21\)](#).

NIH Studies in Neonatal and Pediatric Resuscitation

Deadlines: *Mar. 5 (R01) and Mar. 16 (R21, R03)*

Grant applications should propose to stimulate research on a wide range of topics related to neonatal and pediatric resuscitation. It is anticipated that the results from well-conducted studies will enable translation of knowledge into evidence-based resuscitation practices ensuring optimal short- and long-term outcomes for all newborn infants and children. Letters of intent are due 30 days before application due dates. Available funding includes [Research Project \(R01\)](#), [Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant \(R21\)](#), and [Small Grant Program \(R03\)](#).

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CDC Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury

Deadline: *Mar. 16*

The National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) is soliciting investigator-initiated research that will help expand and advance knowledge in three areas: 1) how best to disseminate, implement, and translate evidence-based primary prevention strategies, programs, and policies designed to reduce youth violence; 2) what works to prevent violence by rigorously evaluating primary prevention strategies, programs, and policies; and 3) research to determine ways to effectively prevent serious and lethal interpersonal or self-directed violence. For more information, [click here](#).

NIH Initiative to Maximize Research Education in Genomics Diversity Action 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 on grant PA-14-001 and more, [click here](#).

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CALENDAR



AMCHP Events

[AMCHP 2015](#)

Jan. 24-27, 2015

Washington, DC

MCH Events

[Children's Environmental Health Network \(CEHN\) 2015 Research Conference](#)

Feb. 4-6, 2015

Austin, TX

[National Health Policy Conference \(NHPC\)](#)

Feb. 9-10, 2015

Washington, DC

[2015 National Child Health Policy Conference](#)

Feb. 11, 2015

Washington, DC

[2015 Preparedness Summit](#)

Apr. 14-17, 2015

Atlanta, GA

[Society for Public Health Education 66th Annual Meeting](#)

Apr. 23-25, 2015

Portland, OR

[The Safe States Alliance 2015 Annual Meeting](#)

Apr. 29-May 1, 2015

Atlanta, GA

[National Network of Public Health Institutes Annual Conference](#)

May 12-14, 2015

New Orleans, LA

[31st Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity](#)

May 18-19, 2015

Honolulu, HI

[8th Biennial Childhood Obesity Conference](#)

Jun. 29-Jul. 2, 2015

San Diego, CA