I walk with you every step of the way.

In my first Management Minute, I cast an open call for sage words of advice or notable quotes, promising to give appropriate attribution. The quote above is one such contribution sent to me compliments of Glen T. Steele, O.D. FCOVD FAAO.

Dr. Steele is with InfantSEE, a program of Optometry Cares-the AOA Foundation (American Optometric Association). Dr. Steele shared that he challenges his optometry students with these 10 words to ensure they don’t forget that as caregivers they are dealing with a real person AND their family and possibly extended family. He added that we cannot let condition, disease or diagnosis cause us to lose sight of that.

Thanks so much, Dr. Steele, for sharing those inspirational words as well as your ongoing support of AMCHP.

As you think about your own work, I’m very interested in your stories. How has your individual work or that of your program impacted your agency, the states and communities you serve, your own children and families? I’m an avid reader and really interested to learn about you through your stories. These stories will help me to ‘walk with you every step of the way.’ I hope to gather and share these more broadly. No story is too short or too long to share (a sentence, a paragraph or a page is fine). Won’t you take a moment to e-mail me your story at lfreeman@amchp.org?

Although providing direct services may not be something that each of us does on a regular basis, we can be assured that the populations that are served by Title V – directly through services or indirectly through other Title V and maternal and child health (MCH) programs – are absolutely grounded in this ideal. Each mother, each child and each family does matter. Preventing one disease, prolonging one life, promoting health to one mom, kid or family can make a difference and inspire and ignite the broader community at large to action.

If we follow the concept that people really matter in our work, stories become important because they often provide a personal context to a more complex issue and, if crafted skillfully, share a lesson learned for all to use. Ask anyone who works with me and they’ll probably tell you that I use stories often from my former work, family upbringing, teenage twins and their daily antics, and other areas of my life. I respectfully poach other people’s interesting stories also. These stories help me to demonstrate examples, benchmark actions, encourage action, defend a position, provide a counter perspective, offer a supportive stance, you name it. They are extraordinarily useful.

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careful analysis of the effects of past policy decisions, is necessarily an imperfect guide to the future, and the actual effects of Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act could be larger or smaller than the estimates presented below. However, this evidence is clear that the consequences of States’ decisions are far-reaching, with implications for the health and well-being of their citizens, their economies, and the economy of the Nation as a whole.”

Sudden Unexpected Data Enhancement and Awareness Act to be Marked-Up in House

The Sudden Unexpected Data Enhancement and Awareness Act, HR 669, is scheduled to be considered in the House Energy & Commerce Committee on Jul. 14. This legislation will enhance surveillance on Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID), Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC), and stillbirth; improve the development of standard protocols for use in death scene investigations and autopsies surrounding these deaths; allow the secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to conduct training activities regarding these protocols; and require the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in consultation with NIH, to submit a report to Congress on current activities related to stillbirth, SUID, and SUDC and evaluate the possibility of expanding programs related to SUDC specifically.

Health Reform Implementation

Funding Availability to Support Health Center Expansion

On Jul. 8, HHS announced the availability of $100 million from the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to support an estimated 150 new health center sites across the country in 2015 and expand access to primary care through new community health centers. “Since last fall, health centers have provided enrollment assistance to more than 4.7 million people across the country,” said HRSA Administrator Mary K. Wakefield, Ph.D., R.N. “We are pleased that the Affordable Care Act is supporting the establishment of additional health center sites to provide expanded opportunities for the newly insured to receive care.” The closing date for applications is Aug. 20, 2014.

White House Report on Medicaid Expansion

The report, released by the White House Council of Economic Advisors, Missed Opportunities: The Consequences of State Decisions Not to Expand Medicaid, reviews the impact of the Medicaid expansion related to access to care, financial security, residents’ health and well-being, and state economies. “This analysis uses the best evidence from the economics and health policy literatures to quantify several important consequences of States’ decisions not to expand Medicaid. That evidence, which is based primarily on
HHS Releases Report on Coverage of Preventive Services with No Cost Sharing Under the ACA

On Jun. 30, HHS released a report "Increased Coverage of Preventive Services with Zero Cost Sharing Under the Affordable Care Act" that found that roughly 76 million Americans in private health insurance plans are newly eligible to receive expanded coverage for preventive health care services because of the ACA. Some highlights from the report are:

- Seventy six million Americans are estimated to be newly eligible for expanded preventive services coverage under the ACA – including 30 million women. Altogether, a total of 48.5 million women are estimated to benefit from free preventive services.

- According to data from the IMS Institute for Healthcare Informatics (IMS), between 2012 and 2013, the number of women who filled prescriptions for oral contraceptives with no co-pay more than quadrupled from 1.2 million in 2012 to 5.1 million in 2013 (an increase of 3.9 million).

- IMS estimated that the total number of prescriptions for oral contraceptives with no co-pay increased by more than four-fold from 6.8 million in 2012 to 31.1 million in 2013 (an increase of 24.4 million) in part due to the Affordable Care Act’s zero-cost sharing provisions for certain preventive services.

- This increase in oral contraceptive prescriptions dispensed with no co-pay contributed to a reduction in out-of-pocket costs estimated by IMS at $483.3 million that would have been spent in 2013 had women bought the same mix of oral contraceptives as those purchased in 2012.

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GET INVOLVED

Are you looking to get more involved with AMCHP? Check out the exciting opportunities below and make the most out of your membership!

Board Nominations: The AMCHP Governance Committee is currently accepting nominations for 2015 AMCHP Board positions. These leadership positions guide, direct, inform and contribute to moving AMCHP strategic directions and goals forward. More information about these positions, necessary qualifications and the nominations process may be found on the AMCHP website or by clicking here. We ask that all nominations be forwarded to the Governance Committee by Jul. 31, 2014 to ensure that the committee has ample time to review all candidate materials.

AMCHP Annual Conference Session Reviewers Needed

Make your mark on the 2015 AMCHP Annual Conference. The Annual Conference Planning Committee is seeking volunteers to help review presentation abstracts for the next AMCHP Annual Conference. We work to keep the impact on your time to a minimum, roughly two hours maximum. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Laura Goodwin at lgoodwin@amchp.org.

Submit Your Session Proposal for the AMCHP 2015 Annual Conference

AMCHP invites you to submit a session proposal for the 2015 AMCHP Annual Conference (Jan. 24-27). The theme is AMCHP 2015: United to Build Healthier Communities. The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. The AMCHP Annual Conference is the ideal venue to present your ideas, research, innovative programming, best practices, and effective outreach strategies to MCH and other public health practitioners, directors of state programs, federal officials, advocates, family leaders, researchers and health care providers. Click here for complete information about submitting your session proposal and for the online submission system. The deadline for submissions is Friday, Aug. 15, 2014. You will be notified about the outcome of your submission by Monday, Sept. 30, 2014. If you have questions about the session proposal submission process, please contact Corey Siembieda at csiembieda@conferencemanagers.com or (703) 964-1240, ext. 20. For more information

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on the successes of the first cohort and maximize opportunities for peer learning. The six selected awardees will work together as one learning cohort, with opportunity for mentorship from states that participated in the first ALC cohort, as well as one another. Participation includes in-person and virtual technical assistance, peer to peer site visits, and a translation support sub-award to fund translation of maternal mortality review recommendations into population-based interventions. Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. EST Aug. 22. A RFA Q&A call will be held on Jul. 29 at 12 p.m. EST. For questions about the Every Mother RFA, please contact Andria Cornell at acornell@amchp.org; 202-266-3043. For more information and to access the RFA, click here.

How to Prepare for the CoIIN IM Summits

We're looking forward to seeing Regions I-III and VII-X at the CoIIN Infant Mortality next week, Jul. 21-26! A draft agenda can be found here. We have an upcoming Data Analysis webinar on Jul. 16, 3-4 p.m. EST, that will help you prepare for the summits. The webinar is for the team data leads and will share information on the data profiles that states will be given prior to the summits. The link for the Data Analysis webinar can be found here and the audio will be available through your phone using the following call-in #: 1-888-450-5996 and passcode: 979667#. If you have any questions about the webinars or how to prepare for the summits, please contact Pia Hanson at phanson@amchp.org or Caroline Stampfel at cstampfel@amchp.org.

CDC Grand Rounds Webcast on Infant Mortality

This encore presentation, Public Health Approaches to Reducing U.S. Infant Mortality, to be broadcasted on Tuesday, Jul. 15 at 1 p.m. EST, explores public health, clinical, and policy strategies to improve birth outcomes. Speakers will address high risk individuals, families, and communities while emphasizing accomplishments in reducing infant mortality. The infant mortality rate, the rate at which babies less than one year of age die, has continued to steadily decline in the US over the past several decades; data from 2010 shows 6.15 deaths per 1,000 live births. Despite overall progress, racial disparities in infant mortality persist and preventable infant deaths continue to occur. Public health agencies including CDC/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), health care providers, and communities of all ethnic groups must partner to further reduce the infant mortality rate in the United States. This joint approach should address the social, behavioral, and

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**AMCHP and UNC CMIH Host Webinar on Preconception and Interconception Health**

AMCHP and the UNC Center for Maternal and Infant Health (CMIH) will host a national webinar, Before and Beyond Pregnancy—a Preconception-Interconception Clinical Toolkit on Monday, Jul. 28 from 2-3 p.m. EST. National efforts to improve infant mortality and preterm birth are aimed at improving the health of all women of reproductive age and ensuring that women get pregnant when they desire. The National Preconception-Interconception Clinical Toolkit was designed to help primary care providers and their colleagues incorporate preconception health into the routine care of women of childbearing age. The toolkit provides clinicians with a guide for the care of women whether they desire, are unsure, or do not desire to become pregnant. This webinar will include a presentation and step-by-step guidance of the use of the toolkit and how it can be used in day to day practice. The creation of this toolkit was made possible by contributions from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the UNC Center for Maternal and Infant Health, and SUMA. To register for this webinar click here.

**RFA Released for Second Cohort of AMCHP Every Mother Initiative**

On Jul. 14, AMCHP released a request for applications (RFA) for the second cohort of the AMCHP Every Mother Initiative. The purpose of this initiative is to help states address maternal health issues through strengthening and enhancing state maternal mortality surveillance systems and translating data from these systems to take action in developing and implementing strategies and policy change to prevent maternal death and improve maternal health outcomes. The second cohort will build on the successes of the first cohort and maximize opportunities for peer learning. The six selected awardees will work together as one learning cohort, with opportunity for mentorship from states that participated in the first ALC cohort, as well as one another. Participation includes in-person and virtual technical assistance, peer to peer site visits, and a translation support sub-award to fund translation of maternal mortality review recommendations into population-based interventions. Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. EST Aug. 22. A RFA Q&A call will be held on Jul. 29 at 12 p.m. EST. For questions about the Every Mother RFA, please contact Andria Cornell at acornell@amchp.org; 202-266-3043. For more information and to access the RFA, click here.

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about the 2015 AMCHP Annual Conference, click here. We look forward to seeing you in Washington in January!

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health risk factors that affect birth outcomes. For more information, click here.

CMS and NASHP Webinar on Medicaid Benefit for Children and Adolescents

State Medicaid programs offer a variety of treatment services to meet the needs of children with physical and behavioral health conditions. Under federal law, Medicaid programs must cover services for children, as long as the treatments are necessary to correct or ameliorate the child's condition, even if the services are not covered for adults. Join this NASHP webinar, Beyond the Screening: Treatment Services under the Medicaid Benefit for Children and Adolescents on Thursday, Jul. 24, from 2–3 p.m. EST, to hear a federal perspective from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on how states can leverage the Medicaid benefit for children and adolescents (also known as EPSDT) to meet the treatment needs of children. This will be followed by a conversation with presenters from Colorado and Washington about treatment services under the EPSDT benefit and their processes for determining service coverage. This webinar is the fourth in a series on the Medicaid benefit for children and adolescents. In conjunction with this webinar series, National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) launched a Resource Map on nashp.org to disseminate state-specific resources and information about strategies that state policymakers and Medicaid officials can use to deliver the Medicaid benefit for children and adolescents. Register here to participate in the webinar, and contact Mike Stanek (mstanek@nashp.org) with any questions.

AAP to Hold Webinar Series on FASDs

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) – via its Program to Enhance the Health and Development of Infants and Children – is offering a series of four 30-minute educational webinars focused on raising awareness of primary care clinicians regarding the diagnosis and treatment for children with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASDs). The educational webinars will focus on identification, diagnosis, referral, and management of FASDs.

- **Myths, Media and the Medical Home (Faculty: Renee Turchi, MD, MPH, FAAP)** – The myths, media and the medical home session will highlight common media misconceptions about alcohol use during pregnancy, provide a clinical overview of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, and most importantly discuss the role of medical home providers in identifying and managing children with FASDs. To register for this webinar on Jul. 16 at 3 p.m. EST, click here.
- **Detection, Discovery and Diagnosis (Faculty: Yasmin Senturias, MD, FAAP)** – The detection, discovery and diagnosis session will delineate the signs and symptoms that may indicate prenatal alcohol exposure and a possible condition along the continuum of FASDs. An algorithm for evaluation of FASDs will be introduced and discussed as a tool for diagnosis and referral in primary care. Information about various diagnostic tools will also be shared. To register for this webinar on Jul. 28 at 3 p.m. EST, click here.
- **Roles, Referrals and Reimbursement (Faculty: David Wargowski, MD)** – The roles, referrals and reimbursement session will provide primary care clinicians with the tools they need to work with families and children who have or may have an FASD. Dr Wargowski will identify the appropriate professionals needed to build an FASD team and discuss options for community based resources for

AMCHP is seeking submissions of emerging, promising and best practices in maternal and child health from all states and territories on adolescent health and youth engagement. Do you have a program that fits?

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You can also click here to refer an innovative MCH program that we should know about!
referral and treatment. Billing, coding and reimbursement will also be discussed. To register for this webinar on Aug. 13 at 3 p.m. EST, click here.

- **Communication, Care Coordination and Co-management** *(Faculty: Phillip John Matthias, MD, FAAP and Ira Chasnoff, MD)* – The communication, care coordination and co-management session will confirm the importance of a medical home and its role in working with patients and families. Drs Matthias and Chasnoff will review the development of comprehensive care plans and present several case studies to demonstrate different approaches to care coordination and co-management. To register for this webinar on Aug. 27 at 3 p.m. EST, click here.

**Upcoming LCRN Webinars**

The Life Course Research Network (LCRN) has several upcoming webinars on topics of interest for AMCHP members, including:

- **Life Course Health Development: Past, Present and Future** on Jul. 22 from 9-10 a.m. PST. This webinar - featuring LCRN director Neal Halfon, MD, MPH - will chart the evolution of the life course health development framework, and illustrate its potential to transform how the maternal and child health system addresses social, psychological, biological, and genetic influences on health, eliminates health disparities, reduces chronic illness, and contains health care costs. Register here.

- **Using the Fragile Families and Child Well-being Study (FFCWS) to Conduct Life Course Analyses** on Sept. 16 from 9-10 a.m. PST. This webinar features Jeanne Brooks-Gunn, MEd, PhD, and Amanda Geller, PhD, presenting on FFCWS of nearly 5,000 children born in large U.S. cities between 1998 and 2000, roughly three-quarters of whom were born to unmarried parents. The FFCWS consists of parent interviews at birth and ages one, three and five, plus in-home assessments of children and home environments at ages three and five. Register here.

**Scientific Writing for Peer Reviewed Publications for Public Health Professionals Course**

On Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., as part of the Learning Institute of the 142nd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association in New Orleans, LA, this course will help public health practitioners turn their work into manuscripts for publication. The two trainers are experienced in teaching this topic: Dr. Kogan is the director of epidemiology and research at MCHB, and has served on various editorial boards, as well as edited special issues of *Pediatrics* and the *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, while Dr. Posner is the editor-in-chief of the *Preventing Chronic Disease* journal at the CDC. Both presenters have published more than 100 articles. The trainers will be assisted by other experienced authors or editors who will work with the class on partially-completed manuscripts that students will be asked to bring to class. To learn more, click here.

**PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES**

### General Maternal & Child Health


The Child Maltreatment Prevention: 2014 Resource Guide describes resources on child maltreatment prevention including data, reports, toolkits, and programs to help state health departments expand and enhance their own child maltreatment prevention efforts. Topics include data and definitions; policies, laws and legislation; prevention and healthy childhood; outcomes and types of maltreatment; campaigns, programs, and toolkits; and organizations. To view the resource guide, click here.

#### New Resources about EPSDT

The MCH Library at Georgetown University released a new knowledge path, Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) Services in Medicaid. The knowledge path points to resources about providing and strengthening EPSDT and includes tools for state Medicaid programs, health care practices, training, and finding data and statistics, journal articles, reports, and other materials. The knowledge path is available here. A separate brief presents resources to help families find care, services, and support for their children, learn more about EPSDT, and find tools to help...
them play a more active role in their children's EPSDT-related visits.

**Women's & Infant Health**

**New AMCHP Publication on MCH Programs Collaborating with Title X**

This month, AMCHP released a new case study describing how five state MCH programs - Alaska, Iowa, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Virginia – leverage Title X investments or collaborate with Title X grantees to maximize their impact on reproductive, maternal, and infant health; improve the health of women across the life span; and create a continuum of care and integrated system of community-based services in women's health. AMCHP compiled the publication in consultation with the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association and with the support from the CDC Division of Reproductive Health. View the Title V and Title X Coordination Case Study here. Please direct any questions, suggestions, or feedback to Andria Cornell, senior program manager, women's health, at acornell@amchp.org.

**AAP Chapters Collaborate with Title V Programs**

*How 3 AAP chapters and Title V are improving the lives of children with special needs* describes the efforts of AAP chapters in Ohio, Washington and Wisconsin to work with their state Title V directors to identify and address health care needs for children and mothers. The article, which includes a "Top 10 things pediatricians should know about Title V" sidebar, is reaching 61,000 pediatricians with great information about the Title V MCH Block Grant and offers some examples of effective collaboration. Please note it also implies that not all pediatricians are aware of the valuable resources Title V supports in each state. This is a great opportunity to reach out to your AAP chapter leadership to discuss other opportunities to strengthen collaboration, and explore any additional state-specific information on Title V that could be shared in follow-up with your state's pediatric community. Together let's ensure that the Title V – AAP chapter relationship is a "cornerstone for child health" in all states.

**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!

**AMCHP CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

**AMCHP Seeks Analyst for Quality Improvement and Life Course, WIH (#14-10003)**

The analyst for QI and life course, women’s and infant health (WIH) 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 women’s and infant health and maternal and child health/data and assessment. General responsibilities include contributing to the development, implementation and evaluation of program activities related to women’s and infant health, collaboration with advisory committee members, AMCHP members and staff; serving as a liaison to federal project officers; and project promotion. This position reports to the senior epidemiologist, WIH. For more information, click here.

**AMCHP Opens Search for a Policy Analyst (#14-10001)**

This position, on the program team, supports the advancement of MCH programs by contributing to major issues surrounding workforce and capacity building in the context of health reform for AMCHP members. The position primarily supports AMCHP work and activities with the National MCH Workforce Development Center. This position is accountable for implementing policy and program activities related to the promotion and strengthening of comprehensive, integrated health care systems that serve women, children and their families, particularly those who are low-income and underserved, particularly in the area of health care reform, health systems transformation and financing (e.g., Medicaid and CHIP), and the role of public health and state Title V maternal and child health programs. The position's activities will focus mainly on supporting training of the state Title V maternal and child health staff. The position...
AMCHP Accepting Applications for Program Manager, Workforce Development and Capacity Building (#14-10002)
The Program Manager for Workforce Development and Capacity Building is a member of the Program Team and supports the advancement of maternal and child health (MCH) programs by contributing to major issues surrounding workforce and capacity building for AMCHP members. The work involves contributing to the development, implementation, support and evaluation of activities as part of the National MCH Workforce Development Center (the Center), collaboration with staff and partners of the Center, as well as performing a variety of planning and program implementation, research, and evaluation projects related to capacity building, including the AMCHP Best Practices Innovation Station and Replication Initiatives, partnership with fellow staff, participation in associated professional organizations and groups, and collaboration with member programs and funding agencies. This position reports to the associate director, MCH leadership development and capacity building. To learn more, click here.

AMCHP Seeks CYSHCN Intern (I-50001)
The AMCHP child and adolescent health team promotes the health and development of children and adolescents, including children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN), by supporting state Title V maternal & child health and CYSHCN programmatic efforts. The CYSHCN intern will support AMCHP work in developing, implementing and evaluating program activities related to CYSHCN. For more information, click here.

Washington State Department of Health Seeks Epidemiologist
The Washington State Department of Health is recruiting for an Epidemiologist 3 - Non-Medical (DOH2379). The position is located in the Office of Healthy Communities, Surveillance and Evaluation Section in Tumwater, Washington, under the Division of Prevention and Community Health. The Epidemiologist provides epidemiologic leadership, coordination, and expertise in order to lead, design, and oversee assessment, surveillance, and evaluation projects. S/he supervises a team of epidemiologists with a focus on maternal and child health issues. For the complete job announcement and instructions on how to apply, click here.

UIC School of Public Health Hiring an Assistant/Associate Professor of Community Health Sciences with MCH focus
This University of Illinois - Chicago (UIC) posting is for a tenure-track faculty position in maternal and child health at the ‘mid-level assistant’ or ‘early associate’ professor rank. Responsibilities include establishing/maintaining a funded program of research, teaching graduate and professional courses in MCH and/or CHS, advising and mentoring graduate and professional students, serving on doctoral, college and campus committees, and developing and maintaining community partnerships for research and practice. Anticipated starting date is August 2015. For fullest consideration please apply by Nov. 30, 2014. For more information and to apply, click here.

Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network on School-Based Health Services
Deadline: Jul. 17
This announcement solicits applications for the fiscal year (FY) 2014 Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network on School-Based Health Services (CoIIN-SBHS) Program. It provides a mechanism for gathering and analyzing new and critically needed information for improving practice and quality of care among school-based health centers (SBHCs) and comprehensive school mental health programs (CSMHPs), identifying trends and emerging best practices for the field of school-based health services, supporting the development of innovative practices, explicating the attributes of successful model programs, and explaining how low performing programs can improve. For more information, click here.
Reproductive and Environmental Health Network

Deadline: Jul. 21

This announcement solicits applications for a new project entitled Reproductive and Environmental Health Network. This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) seeks to administer a cooperative agreement that will improve maternal and fetal health outcomes through providing education, individualized counseling, improved access to resources, and advancing the knowledge base related to the safety of exposures to medication and environmental agents before, during, and after pregnancy. The purpose of the Reproductive and Environmental Health Network funding opportunity is to fund a national organization to improve maternal and fetal health outcomes by providing evidence-based information on the safety of exposures in pregnancy and lactation. For more information, click here.

Promoting Preventive Health Services for Women

Deadline: Jul. 21

This announcement solicits applications for the Promoting Preventive Health Services for Women initiative. The purpose of this initiative is to improve women's health across the life course by increasing the use of clinical preventive services. This will be accomplished by: increasing the number of women enrolled in health insurance; raising consumer awareness of the importance of clinical preventive services; and supporting providers in the delivery of quality preventive services. These objectives will be accomplished by a coalition of organizations representing women's health care providers who will: develop and implement strategies to assist uninsured women in obtaining health insurance coverage; develop and implement strategies to promote awareness among consumers about the importance of clinical preventive services; and provide information and training to providers to support the quality provision of these services. For more information, click here.

State Systems Development Initiative Grant Program

Deadline: Sept. 2

This announcement solicits applications for the State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI) Grant Program. The purpose of SSDI is to develop, enhance and expand State Title V MCH data capacity to allow for informed decision making and resource allocation that supports effective, efficient and quality programming for women, infants, children and youth, including children and youth with special health care needs. Applicants should note the purpose of SSDI was modified from previous grant cycles to reflect its alignment with efforts in the HRSA, MCH Services Block Grant to States program. These efforts seek to ensure the continued effectiveness and readiness of Title V-supported programs in responding to the changing needs of the nation's MCH population. For more information, click here.

NIH Initiative to Maximize Research Education in Genomics Diversity Action Plan

Deadline: Sept. 6, 2016

The National Institutes of Health (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. For more information, click here.

Exploratory and Developmental Grant to Improve Health Care Quality through Health IT

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 (IT) 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.
**AMCHP Events**

**AMCHP 2015**  
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**MCH Events**

**Regions VII-X Infant Mortality CoIIN**  
Jul. 21-22  
Washington, DC

**45th Annual Autism Society National Conference**  
Jul. 23-26  
Indianapolis, IN

**Regions I-III Infant Mortality CoIIN**  
Jul. 24-25  
Washington, DC

**Pacific Basin Infant Mortality CoIIN**  
Aug. 24-26  
Honolulu, HI

**ASTHO Annual Meeting and Policy Summit**  
Sept. 9-11  
Albuquerque, NM

**CityMatCH Leadership & MCH Epidemiology Conference**  
Sept. 17-19  
Phoenix, AZ

**APHA 2014 Annual Meeting and Exposition**  
Nov. 15-19  
New Orleans, LA

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**CALENDAR**

**List Your Event on the AMCHP MCH Events Calendar**

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