

# Member Briefs



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THE ASSOCIATION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS



## LEGISLATIVE & POLICY CORNER



### Health Reform Implementation

On Jul. 14, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the [Medicaid Innovator Accelerator Program \(IAP\)](#). “Through the IAP, we are building on lessons and recommendations we have heard from our state partners for specific opportunities to advance innovation, and we will develop strategically targeted resources and technical assistance that states can leverage to accelerate Medicaid-focused innovations to transform health care.” This new technical assistance program will help jumpstart innovation by strengthening federal tools and resources to support states in advancing Medicaid-specific delivery system reform and by sharing lessons and best practices. The IAP will develop technical resources to support innovation through key functions:

- Identify and advance new models
- Data analytics
- Improved quality measurement

- State-to-state learning, rapid-cycle improvement, and federal evaluation

Ongoing consultation and collaboration with states as well as consumer groups, health plans, and health care providers and the academic community will be built into the IAP, and if you have a question or want to provide feedback to CMS about IAP, send an e-mail to: [MedicaidIAP@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:MedicaidIAP@cms.hhs.gov).



## 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.

### 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

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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](mailto:acornell@amchp.org); 202-266-3043. For more information and to access the RFA, [click here](#).

### 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](mailto:csiembieda@conferencemanagers.com) or (703) 964-1240, ext. 20. For more information about the 2015 AMCHP Annual Conference, [click here](#). We look forward to seeing you in Washington in January!

### Nominate Your Peers for a 2015 AMCHP Award

AMCHP recognizes leadership in maternal and child health in several ways, including awards presented to MCH leaders to honor their excellence in the field. These awards will be presented at the 2015 AMCHP Annual Conference, Jan. 24-27 in Washington, DC.

AMCHP is now accepting nominations for the following:

- **John MacQueen Lecture Award** for innovation in the field of maternal and child health
- **Excellence In State MCH Leadership Award** for an outstanding state MCH professional whose career has made significant contributions to the health of women, children and families in their state
- **Merle McPherson Leadership Award** for exemplary contributions to further family/state professional collaboration within a state Title V Program and AMCHP
- **Vince Hutchins Leadership Award** for leadership in promoting a society responsive to the needs of women, children, youth and families
- **Young MCH Professional Award** for significant contributions to state MCH programs in promoting and protecting the health of women, children, and families in their state and/or region

For more information and the nomination guidelines for these awards, [click here](#).

*Please note: All awards use the same nomination form, but a separate form must be submitted per nominee, per award. The nomination deadline for these awards is Sept. 19, 2014.*

### 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.

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- **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 FASDs. Dr Wargowski will identify the appropriate professionals needed to build an FASD team and discuss options for community based resources for 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 Webinar

The Life Course Research Network (LCRN) has an upcoming webinar, *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](#).

### Collective Impact Summit

On Oct. 6-10 in Toronto, Ontario, the [Tamarack Institute](#) will host its first-ever [Collective Impact Summit](#), a five-day dynamic workshop that will convene more than 250 leaders from across the world who desire new ways to lead, engage and transform the work of community and learn what makes collective impact work. Keynotes speakers will include [Melody Barnes](#) of the Aspen Institute's Forum for Community Solutions, [John Kania](#) of

FSG Social Impact Consultants, and [Brenda Zimmerman](#), co-author of *Getting to Maybe: How the World is Changed*. To learn more about the summit, visit [collectiveimpactsummit.com](#).

### 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](#).



**AMCHP is seeking submissions of emerging, promising and best practices in maternal and child health from all states and territories on all MCH topics.**

You'll have a chance to:

- Share successes with your peers
- Enhance the MCH field
- Contribute to program replication
- Get expert feedback from the Review Panel
- Receive national recognition

The online submission process is simple and applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For more information, contact [Kate Taft](#) at (202) 266-3056 or visit [amchp.org/bestpractices](#).

You can also [click here](#) to refer an innovative MCH program that we should know about!



## Child & Adolescent Health

### Child Trends Releases Policy Brief on Children's Mental Health

The Child Trends report *Are the Children Well?* summarizes current knowledge on children's mental health access and to mental health services. It offers a more-inclusive framework for understanding mental wellness, and provides recommendations to policymakers for improving the mental wellness of children and youth. To view the report, [click here](#).

### New Publication from the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics on Young Adults

The Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics published America's Young Adults: Special Issue, 2014, a report on young adults in the United States, ages 18–24, in fulfillment of its commitment to understanding the challenges and opportunities facing children and families today. Findings highlight data trends and snapshots of the education, health and well-being of this population as they transition to adulthood. To view the full issue, [click here](#).

### Technical Assistance Tool from SAMHSA

A new technical assistance tool related to the mental health of young adults from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is available. Knowledge Network for Systems of Care TV (KSOC-TV) is a live, Web-based talk show that features compelling conversations between behavioral health experts, people with "lived experience" and leaders of organizations that focus on the mental health of children, youth, and families. To view the full tool, [click here](#).

- On Jul. 16, AMCHP staff Brent Ewig and Amy Haddad participated in the Coalition for Health Funding Hill Day. They visited with four congressional offices to underscore the harmful effects of the decline in federal funding for public health programs due to sequestration, and to urge Congress to act to prevent further cuts next year. During the meetings, they were able to highlight the work of Title V programs and also received positive feedback from the staff with whom they met about the importance of the public health community presenting a united front to protect vital funding across all discretionary health programs. The Hill Day overall reached more than 50 members of Congress in one afternoon, and came on the heels of the release of the Faces of Austerity Report, which can be found [here](#).
- On Jul. 28, AMCHP staff Lacy Fehrenbach, Sharron Corle, Carolyn McCoy and Michelle Jarvis attended a meeting organized by the National MCH Workforce Development Center in Washington, DC. The meeting brought together the advisory committee for the Center as well as key staff from HRSA MCHB to develop an interprofessional/interdisciplinary approach to health care; integrating primary care, specialty care and public health; driving partnerships across sectors to optimize the well-being of maternal and child health populations and to introduce and solicit feedback on the use of system dynamics methods as a means of planning in MCH and organizing efforts to achieve meaningful collective impact. The meeting produced many opportunities for the Center to build on its current work to enhance the Title V workforce in advancing health reform implementation.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

### AMCHP Accepting Applications for Program Associate, Child & Adolescent Health (#14-10005)

The program associate, child and adolescent health is a member of the program team and contributes to the advancement of maternal and child health (MCH) programs by performing a variety of planning and program implementation, research and evaluation

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projects. This position supports and assists the child and adolescent health team in the development, implementation and evaluation of program activities related to MCH and Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN), child health and adolescent health. This position also contributes to the collection of state best practices (*Innovation Station*), newsletter development, and implementation of communication strategies. This position reports to the associate director, child and adolescent health. For more information, [click here](#).

### **AMCHP Seeks Senior Program Manager, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (#14-10004)**

This position develops, implements and evaluates program activities related to CYSHCN. The program manager will assist in the tracking, analysis, and reporting on national and state programs impacting CYSHCN and will partner with relevant federal agencies such as MCHB and CDC, and other national organizations and groups concerned with child health, adolescent health, and CYSHCN. Specifically, this position will manage two major AMCHP projects, the Leadership Institute for State Title V Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Directors and the implementation of Standards of Care for CYSHCN. This position reports to the associate director, child and adolescent health. To learn more, [click here](#).

### **AMCHP Opens Search for 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 Seeks 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 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 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 Accepting Applications for CYSHCN Intern (#I-50001)**

The AMCHP child and adolescent health team promotes the health and development of children and adolescents, including CYSHCN, by supporting state Title V MCH 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](#).

### **Alaska Division of Public Health, Section of Women's, Children's, and Family Health Seeks Epidemiologist Specialist II**

The Alaska Division of Public Health, Section of Women's, Children's, and Family Health, is currently

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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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recruiting for an epidemiologist specialist II position to manage the Alaska Birth Defects Registry (ABDR). The position oversees the full range of public health surveillance activities for the ABDR. This includes providing specialized managerial, statistical and epidemiological expertise on conducting, evaluating and supervising birth defects surveillance and ensuring effective collection, analysis, interpretation and application of birth defects surveillance data. Interested applicants can view the full job posting [here](#). Please direct questions about living or working in Alaska to Margaret Young ([Margaret.young@alaska.gov](mailto:Margaret.young@alaska.gov) or 907-269-5657) or Jared Parrish ([Jared.parrish@alaska.gov](mailto:Jared.parrish@alaska.gov) or 907-269-8068).

### Washington State Department of Health Seeks Epidemiologist

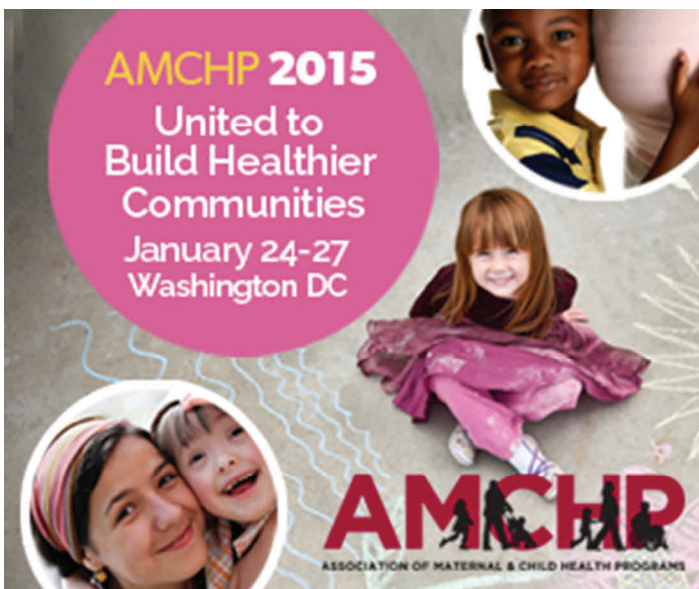
The Washington State Department of Health is recruiting for an epidemiologist 3 - non-medical (DOH2379). The position is located in the Office of Healthy Communities, Surveillance and Evaluation Section in Tumwater, Washington, under the Division of Prevention and Community Health. The Epidemiologist 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](#).

### Oregon Health Authority Seeks an MCH Senior Research Analyst

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Public Health Division (PHD) is seeking qualified candidates for the position of permanent, full-time Research Analyst 4 (MCH Senior Research Analyst) located in Portland. This position will provide consultation and leadership on assessment, evaluation and research to the MCH Management Team as well as across the Center for Prevention and Health Promotion (CP&HP). Identifies and prioritizes assessment, program evaluation and research needs, and advises the management team regarding these needs. Needs may include program-wide, project-specific, and coalition or partner supported projects. To view a detailed job announcement and online application instructions, [click here](#), or go to [www.oregonjobs.org](http://www.oregonjobs.org), select "Look for Jobs" and enter OHA14-0472 in the "Enter Keywords" search box at the bottom of the screen. Job closes Aug. 6.



## FUNDING

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### 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,

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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](#).

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## CALENDAR



### AMCHP Events

#### AMCHP 2015

Jan. 24-27, 2015  
Washington, DC

### MCH Events

#### [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

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

Do you want to include your listing on the AMCHP MCH Events Calendar? It's easy! Just complete our easy [online submission form](#). You are welcome to submit MCH conferences, webinars, trainings, webcasts and meetings. Thanks for helping us to build our MCH Events Calendar! If you have any questions, please contact [Julio Arguello Jr.](#), Online Media & Information Technology Manager. Please note: All event listings are subject to AMCHP approval.

