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THE ASSOCIATION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS



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We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. — *Winston Churchill*

National Volunteer Week was created in 1974 by then-President Nixon. Since then, volunteerism in America has really expanded and taken off. The Baby Boom generation is 40 percent more likely to volunteer than the same age groups were in 1989 and nearly two-thirds of Generation Y employees would like to use their business skills in their volunteer efforts.



When we think about volunteerism, many things come to mind. It would be difficult to find a person who has not offered their time, skills, expertise or hard work for the good of someone else. These days, if you are a parent, it's a given that you will be involved in some form of volunteer activity on behalf of your child throughout their education (homeroom Mom/Dad, bake sale, chaperone, etc.) and extracurricular activities (team Mom/Dad, snack provider, coach, etc.) alone and that you also will likely be responsible for helping your children learn about and perform community service. Many schools now require service hours as part of the curriculum for all students.

Volunteering is quite beneficial to both giver and recipient. As a volunteer, there are not just the mental health rewards associated with feeling good about volunteering. According to a study by the University of Wisconsin, volunteers experienced increased satisfaction, improved sense of belonging, lower blood pressure, increased protection from Alzheimer's, and decreased mortality. How's that for a healthy lifestyle?

Although giving back to your community and helping others who are vulnerable or in need is one of the greatest acts of volunteerism, contributing your time to your professional association can be incredibly rewarding AND beneficial to your career and to your field. According to Monster.com, "volunteering can help you demonstrate and build skills that can help you land a new job or advance at your current company. It also can show you're a go-getter who takes initiative to keep busy and make yourself useful."

For example, I've always considered volunteering an excellent way to pursue professional development with little or no financial investment on the part of my employer. Anytime I've been intellectually stimulated by something I don't know much about, I simply find a volunteer opportunity to learn more and do a deep dive into that area. This past year, for example, I really became interested in the legal intricacies of running a nonprofit organization because the legal stuff comes up far more often than one can ever imagine. There are constant legal questions associated with human

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resources, organizational policies, contracts and grants, office leases, copyright materials, and so on. To build some volunteerism into my learning effort around legal issues in nonprofits, I recently volunteered to sit on the legal committee for the American Society of Association Executives. My hope is to be able to bring some of my recent experiences to bear on the committee's work while also learning from many other association experts on the committee.

Will YOU please think about volunteering for your professional organization? This is a terrific way to enhance the benefits of your membership in AMCHP and your career, while also contributing in a real way to the success of the organization. The AMCHP Governance Committee is currently accepting nominations for 2016 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, 2015 to be considered further. Your organization NEEDS your expertise, experience and input. You would be surprised at how much you'll get from the experience in return for some of your time. It is DOABLE!

Until next time...if you have any initial reactions to this column, please feel free to e-mail me directly at lfreeman@amchp.org or amchpengage@amchp.org.

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY CORNER



Update on Proposed Medicaid/CHIP Managed Care Regulation

A few weeks ago, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released a proposed regulation entitled *Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Programs; Medicaid Managed Care, CHIP Delivered in Managed Care, Medicaid and CHIP Comprehensive Quality Strategies, and Revisions Related to Third Party Liability* available [here](#). Since its release, the AMCHP policy team has been reviewing the

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regulation and connecting with key partners including the National Association of Medicaid Directors to get a sense of how people are responding to the proposal.

On Friday Jun. 24, you should have received [this message](#) from AMCHP staff containing highlights of the proposed rule and seeking your input. Please share your questions, comments and concerns with us directed to Brent Ewig at bewig@amchp.org. We will continue to use the AMCHP Legislative and Health Care Finance Committee to guide our response on this and appreciate your feedback to inform those efforts.

Appropriations Committees Propose MCH Cuts

On Thursday Jun. 25, the Senate Appropriations Committee voted 16-14 to approve the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies bill, which would cut overall spending from the FY 2015 enacted level by nearly \$4 billion to \$153 billion. The bill proposes a \$21.7 million reduction to the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant, with report language directing a \$5,369,000 increase to the state grant portion of the grant and the balance of reductions from the Special Programs of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS) line. While AMCHP welcomes the recognition of pressing state needs, we are concerned that the proposed increase comes at the expense of the Title V program component that supports states by funding innovation, workforce, technical assistance, quality improvement and other mission critical efforts. Details on this proposal are [here](#) starting on page 47. We are working to compile information on other proposed MCH-related cuts in this bill.

Last week, the House Appropriations Committee passed a bill recommending a \$1.2 million increase for the Title V MCH Services Block Grant. That bill, however, proposes the complete elimination of Title X Family Planning grants, the entire Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the evidence-based Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, among other cuts.

AMCHP is working with key partners to develop messaging and potential action alerts to oppose these proposed cuts and will share additional details as available.

Health Reform Implementation

In Case You Missed It: King vs. Burwell

AMCHP CEO Lori Freeman issued a statement regarding the ruling in the King v. Burwell case:

“AMCHP welcomes today's Supreme Court ruling that preserves coverage for millions of low and moderate-income women and families who receive subsidized coverage through the federal health insurance Marketplace...”

To view the full statement, [click here](#).

Special Enrollment Period – Pregnancy

New York State Senate & Assembly [passed a bill](#) to amend current insurance law to allow pregnancy to be added as a qualifying life event. Qualifying life events, such as birth of a child, change job status, change in marital status, etc., can prompt a [special enrollment period](#) (SEP). An SEP allows an individual to sign up for Affordable Care Act marketplace plans outside of the traditional open enrollment period. The bill is awaiting signature from the New York Governor. This bill strengthens access to adequate care during the critical prenatal period.

The issue of SEP for pregnancy has surfaced time and again in the past several months. Back in February, we shared a report by Young Invincibles, [Without Maternity Coverage: The Need for Special Enrollment in the Health Insurance Marketplaces during Pregnancy](#). This report recommends that pregnancy be included as a qualifying life event eligible for a special enrollment period in the marketplace. The report stresses the importance of maternity care throughout pregnancy, identifies health insurance plans that may not include maternity coverage, and discusses policy implications and recommendations for a special enrollment period. And in March, several members of Congress wrote a letter to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Sec. Burwell expressing the need for a special enrollment period for pregnant women. The members of Congress noted that pregnancy should be considered a qualifying life event that triggers special enrollment, similar to the birth or adoption of a child. The letter in its entirety is available [here](#).

Essential Health Benefits – Benchmark Selection

On Feb. 20, 2015, CMS issued a [final notice](#) for benefit and payment parameters. The rule seeks to ensure coverage options in the Health Insurance Marketplace are affordable, accessible, and of high quality. In addition, the rule further strengthens transparency and accountability. Within the final rule, there are several changes to essential health benefits (EHBs) that may have implications for MCH populations MCH including children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN). The selection of benchmark plans is underway in several states. Title V programs have an opportunity to engage in the transformation of the health care delivery system because of the Affordable Care Act and state-level health reforms. AMCHP developed a fact sheet, [Opportunities for Title V Programs and the Essential Health Benefits](#), to provide an overview of opportunities.

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RFA Released for AMCHP Life Course Indicators Intensive Technical Assistance

On Jun. 22, AMCHP released a request for applications (RFA) for a second cohort of Life Course Indicators Intensive Technical Assistance projects. This RFA, which is focused on using the indicators, will support up to four state teams to calculate and communicate a subset of the life course indicators. AMCHP will provide expert consultation on the calculation of the indicators, and will connect teams with experts in communication of life course data and implications for health and social equity. Participation in the Intensive Technical Assistance will result in the creation of at least one communications product including a policy or issue brief, fact sheet, presentation, infographic, or other useful product. States that participated in the first cohort of Life Course Indicators Intensive TA are eligible to participate in the second round. For more details, [click here](#) to view the full RFA. Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. EST, Friday, Jul. 31, 2015. For questions about the Life Course Indicators RFA please contact Jennifer Farfalla at jfarfalla@acmhp.org; 202-266-3051.

National MCH Workforce Development Center Coffee Talk Series – Check Out Video 3 Today!

This series will be hosted by the National MCH Workforce Development Center Change Management core on three pertinent topics benefiting the Title V workforce. The series will consist of three archived 20-minute videos for AMCHP members to access bi-monthly at their leisure. For the alternating months, AMCHP will host a Twitter chat on the content shared during the preceding month's archived video. The topics and identified speakers for each video/Twitter chat are outlined below. [Click here](#) to learn more about each talk and to register!



Coffee Talk 1: Title V Transformation

Presenter: Lacy Fehrenbach, MPH, CPH, Director, Programs, AMCHP

Video Release: Mar. 2 – [Click here](#) to view the video

Coffee Talk 2: Getting to the Table

Presenter: Sharron Corle, MS, Associate Director, MCH Leadership Development & Capacity Building, AMCHP

Video Release: Apr. 1 – [Click here](#) to view the video

Coffee Talk 3: Leading Change

Presenter: Karen Trierweiler, Director of Programs & Services, Prevention Services, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Video Release: Jun. 1 – [Click here](#) to view the video

Twitter Chat: Jul. 22 2-3 p.m. EST

Coffee Talk 4: Managing Change

Presenter: Brenda Jones, DHSc, RN, MSN, WHNP-BC, Deputy Director, Office of Women's Health, Illinois Department of Public Health

Video Release: Aug. 1

Twitter Chat: Sept. 9 1-2 p.m. EST

Family Engagement in Title V

Want to know more about what AMCHP learned about family engagement in Title V programs? Save-the-date: Friday, Jul. 24, from 2-3 p.m. EST to hear more about the results from the AMCHP Family Engagement Survey. Register [here!](#)



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

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 [Ki'Yonna Jones](#) at (202) 266-3049 or visit amchp.org/bestpractices.

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

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Oral Health Across the Lifespan Webinar Series

Research shows that oral health can have both good and poor impacts on our overall health. Poor oral health care can lead to a wide range of oral diseases, from cavities to cancer. In some populations, there is limited access to oral healthcare and these populations have unique needs that continue to be overlooked due to the lack of understanding of current recommendations. This series hosted by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), with support from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), will explore oral health in special populations, specifically addressing the unique oral health needs of children and youth with special health care needs, pregnant women, and older adults.

Improving Oral Health Services during Pregnancy

Date: Jul. 7, 2015

Time: 2-3:30 p.m. EST

The second webinar in the Oral Health Across the Lifespan webinar series will address oral health care needs during pregnancy. [Register](#)

Oral Health and Aging: Meeting the Needs of Older Adults

Date: Jul. 21, 2015

Time: 2-3:30 p.m. EST

The final webinar in the Oral Health Across the Lifespan webinar series will address the oral health care needs of older adults. [Register](#)

MCH Navigator Monthly MCH Leadership Competencies Series Starts in July

Beginning in July 2015, the MCH Navigator will conduct a monthly series that explores each of the 12 MCH Leadership Competencies, provides learning opportunities and implementation strategies, and culminates in an interactive learning session with an expert from the field. The series will consist of an easy-to-follow format designed to increase your knowledge and skills through five-minute intensive learning sessions e-mailed to you each week and available through the Navigator's web portal:

- In week 1 of each month, you will learn about a new competency through a 5-minute video podcast. You

will learn what knowledge and skill sets each competency contains and how they are important for your daily work. You also will be linked to the MCH Navigator's online self-assessment to further identify your learning needs.

- In week 2 of each month, you will receive five highly focused learning opportunities for that month's competency. You may take one or all of the trainings to sharpen your knowledge and skills. You can share your learning experiences online with others who have taken the same trainings.
- In week 3 of each month, you will receive five implementation strategies to put knowledge to practice. You can share your experiences implementing the strategies in your workplace on the 5-Minute Portal.
- In week 4 of each month, you will hear a five-minute presentation from an expert in the field. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and dialogue with other health professionals in a 10-minute follow-up to the speaker. Now you are on your way to becoming an expert!

At the close of the webinar you will receive a certificate of completion for your focused work throughout the month. See if you can complete all 12 (and receive a special MCH Navigator Work Kit)! Learn more and register today: <http://www.mchnavigator.org/5min/index.php>

Join MCH Navigator for the first competency: MCH Knowledge Base/Public Health Context – JUST ANNOUNCED: Michael Lu, MD, MS, MPH, Associate Administrator Maternal and Child Health, will be giving the week 4 presentation!

MCH Workforce Center Cohort 4 Application Deadline Extended

The National MCH Workforce Development Center has extended its deadline for applications to its Cohort 4 training and practice laboratory program. Consider working with the Center to enhance the capacity of your workforce to implement new Title V action plans with skills in systems integration, change management, and quality improvement. All the Center's offerings leverage transformative activities happening in states and territories as a result of Title V and health & Medicaid reforms. Applications are now being accepted on a rolling basis (through Sept. 30) until the cohort is full. Interested applicants should submit an application as soon as

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possible (spots are filling up quickly) but no later than Sept. 30. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Center before writing their application, to discuss their practice laboratory ideas and to confirm that space is available. The application is available on [Transformation Station](#) at [amchp.org](#) and at [mchwdc.unc.edu](#). If you have any questions about the process, your project ideas or to confirm availability of training slots please reach out to Amy Mullenix at amy_mullenix@unc.edu or 919-843-4457.

Text4baby Kicks Off 2015 Enrollment Contest

The 2015 Text4baby State Enrollment Contest – launched in honor of Mother’s Day and National Women’s Health Week – has begun. The contest is open to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The top states to enroll the highest percentage of mothers in Text4baby between May 10 and Oct. 17, 2015 will be recognized. Even if you are not one of the final winners, your state will still have the opportunity to win each week. You can monitor your state’s progress at www.text4baby.org and through Text4baby Tuesday. Check out where your state currently ranks [here](#). For ideas on how to promote Text4baby in your community, download the [Text4baby Outreach Toolkit](#) that provides outreach strategies and best practices for promoting Text4baby in your state or community. Check out the [2015 State Enrollment Contest page](#) for additional tools and information.

Special Issue Call for Papers: Postpartum Health and Wellness

The *Maternal and Child Health Journal* is soliciting manuscript submissions to be considered for an upcoming issue on the theme of postpartum health and wellness. This important period in the reproductive life continuum provides a critical link between prenatal care and women’s preventive health care as well as an essential opportunity to guide and support maternal role attainment, breastfeeding, mental health and healthy parenting. The Journal solicits manuscripts on any aspect of postpartum health and wellness, including policy briefs, original research, commentaries, perspectives in practice (clinical or public health), program development or implementation, program evaluation, and literature reviews. The deadline for submission is Oct. 15. For more information, [click here](#).

Scientific Writing for Peer Reviewed Publications for Public Health Professionals

The Learning Institute of the 143rd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association will offer a pre-conference course on Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST at McCormick Place in Chicago. The purpose of this Institute is to help public health practitioners turn their work into manuscripts for publication. The course will be a mixture of presentations and hands-on work. Participants will be strongly encouraged to come to the training with an abstract, manuscript outline, data analysis results, or a draft of an article that they would like to see turned into a manuscript. To learn more, [click here](#).

How to Evaluate Public Health Programs

A short course will be offered by the Learning Institute of the 143rd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association on Nov. 1 from 8-11:30 a.m. CST at McCormick Place in Chicago. The purpose of this course is to teach public health professionals, particularly at the community, local or state levels how to evaluate public health programs. In a time of budgetary constraints and increased expectations of accountability for public health programs, it is essential that we follow evidence-based strategies, develop measurable performance outcomes, and effectively quantify the impact of programs. To learn more, [click here](#).

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General Maternal & Child Health

The ACA: A Working Guide for MCH Professionals

These National MCH Workforce Development Center modules provide the building blocks for current and future MCH professionals to learn the basics of the ACA and its implications for Title V programs. The first three modules provide an overview of the ACA and its implications; the final three modules address new and expanded ways individuals can access health care

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coverage and provide an explanation of the covered services. Each module includes a Test Your Knowledge quiz to help clarify what has been learned, a Find Out in Your State section with questions to delve deeper into the specifics for your state or territory, and resources for further exploration. To access the modules on the AMCHP Transformation Station, [click here](#).

ON YOUR BEHALF

- On Jun. 16-17, AMCHP staff Maria Murillo and Kate Taft helped facilitate the 2015 State Public Health Autism Resource Center (SPHARC) Peer-to-Peer Exchange on "Considering Culture in Autism Screening and Systems of Care." Hosted by the Massachusetts HRSA Autism Planning Grant team and Act Early State team, the meeting was held at the Boston Children's Museum and brought together seven state teams (CT, IA, MA, ME, MN, NH and VA) to brainstorm and problem solve educating parents from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds about healthy developmental milestones in young children and reducing early identification barriers for autism and other developmental disorders. The meeting included a training on the [Considering Culture in Autism Screening](#) curriculum, sharing strategies and models of intervention, and creating action plans inspired by the wisdom shared from the state efforts. More information on this meeting and prior Peer-to-Peer Exchanges can be found on the [SPHARC website](#).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

AMCHP Recruiting for Associate Director, Finance & Accounting

The associate director of finance & accounting has overall responsibility for financial management, financial reporting, ongoing development and monitoring of control systems, and regulatory compliance. Specific responsibilities include reliable and timely financial reporting to the Board of Directors and senior management team; alignment of long-term budgetary planning and cost management with the AMCHP strategic plan; support and collaboration with the

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organization's teams; assistance to CEO and board with best practices related to financial accountability, transparency, and activities consistent with the organization's exempt purpose; timely processing of accounting transactions; the effective administration of employee benefit plans; accurate and timely filing of federal tax returns and periodic reports; responsibility and oversight of the organization's audits; and ongoing financial sustainability. To learn more, [click here](#).

AMCHP Seeking Senior Program Manager, CYSHCN

This position develops, implements and evaluates program activities related to children and youth with special health care needs (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 the Maternal and Child Health Bureau 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 & adolescent health. For more information, [click here](#).

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HHS New Pathways for Fathers and Families

Deadline: *Jul. 7*

HHS, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Family Assistance (OFA) is announcing its

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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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intent to competitively award demonstration projects that support activities promoting responsible fatherhood as enacted by the *Claims Resolution Act of 2010*. The Responsible Fatherhood initiative is designed to help fathers establish or strengthen positive parental interaction by providing activities that develop and improve relationship, communication and parenting skills, and contribute to the financial well-being of their children by providing job training and other employment services. Responsible Fatherhood activities also help fathers improve relationships with their spouses, significant others, and/or the mothers of their children. For more information, [click here](#).

AAPD Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children Grant

Deadline: *Aug. 3*

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children program supports community-based initiatives providing Dental Homes to children whose families cannot afford dental care. It provides one-year matching grants of up to \$20,000, supporting community-based initiatives in the United States that provide dental care and serve as a dental home to underserved/limited access children. To learn more, [click here](#).

RWJF Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity

Deadline: *Jul. 1* (Concept papers), *Sept. 9* (Invited full proposals)

This national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) supports research on environmental and policy strategies with strong potential to promote healthy eating among children to prevent childhood obesity, especially among groups at highest risk for obesity. Findings are expected to advance RWJF efforts to reverse the childhood obesity epidemic, eliminate disparities, and help all children achieve a healthy weight. The award types are Round 9 grants and RWJF *New Connections* grants awarded through the *Healthy Eating Research* program. To learn more, [click here](#).

Asthma and Allergic Diseases Cooperative Research Centers

Deadline: *Oct. 2*

The purpose of this announcement is to invite applications from single institutions or consortia of institutions to participate in the Asthma and Allergic Diseases Cooperative Research Centers (AADCRC) program. The program will support centers that integrate clinical and basic research to conduct studies on the mechanisms underlying the onset and progression of diseases of interest, including asthma, rhinitis (allergic and non-allergic), chronic rhinosinusitis, atopic dermatitis, food allergy, and drug allergy. The overarching goal of the program is to improve the understanding of the pathogenesis of these conditions and to provide a rational foundation for new, effective treatments and prevention strategies. To learn more, [click here](#).

National Centers for Translational Research in Reproduction and Infertility

Deadline: *Nov. 12*

The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), through the Fertility and Infertility Branch (FIB), provides funding for a limited number of research centers in the reproductive sciences. These centers provide an arena for multidisciplinary interactions among basic and clinical scientists interested in establishing high quality translational research programs in the reproductive sciences. The centers also serve as national resources for the training and career development of young scientists electing to pursue careers conducting research in high priority areas of reproduction and infertility. Finally, center investigators develop and participate in important community outreach and education efforts to increase awareness and convey the importance and implications of their research activities to the general public. Accordingly, the purpose of this is to announce the competition of the National Centers for Translational Research in Reproduction and Infertility, which replaces the Specialized Cooperative Centers Program in Reproduction and Infertility Research U54 program. To learn more, [click here](#).

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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

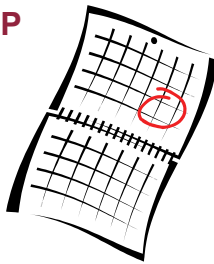
Deadline: *Nov. 16, 2016*

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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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



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AMCHP Events

2016 AMCHP Annual Conference

Jan. 23-26, 2016
Washington, DC

MCH Events

[NACCHO Annual 2015](#)

Jul. 7-9
Kansas City, MO

[2015 CityMatCH Annual Urban MCH Leadership Conference](#)

Sept. 27-30
Salt Lake City, UT

[2015 ASTHO Annual Meeting](#)

Sept. 29-Oct. 1
Salt Lake City, UT

[28th Annual State Health Policy Conference](#)

Oct. 19-21
Dallas, TX

[AAP National Conference and Exhibition](#)

Oct. 24-27
Washington, DC

[2015 APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition](#)

Oct. 31-Nov. 4
Chicago, IL

[Prematurity Prevention Conference 2015](#)

Nov. 17-18
Arlington, VA

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