



MANAGEMENT MINUTE

Future Leaders, Future Trends

By Michael R. Fraser, PhD, Chief Executive Officer, AMCHP

I recently had the good fortune of presenting at the inaugural Maternal and Child Health Public Health Leadership Institute in Chapel Hill, N.C. The session was the first of three residential retreats for a group

of 25 MCH leaders from across the country. It was a great opportunity to meet state and local MCH professionals and talk about leadership challenges and successes. The presentation I gave covered the “Future of MCH.” As you can imagine I had a lot of fun preparing for the talk and thinking about what the future of MCH might look like – something that is very appropriate to consider in this landmark year for health reform and the 75th anniversary of the Social Security Act and the Title V MCH Services Block Grant. Trends I discussed included state budget woes and federal fiscal pressures, changing technologies, shifting population demographics, implementation of health reform, and several others. Eileen Forlenza from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment presented on family involvement and family leadership as a trend which is a critical part of MCH past, present and future.

At the start of the talk I broke the whole group into five smaller groups and asked them to brainstorm what they saw as the most important trends impacting MCH practice in the next three to five years. My directions at the start included leaving out money and people problems – fiscal woes and personnel shortages are pretty much a given nationwide and my gut tells me we can expect that to continue for the foreseeable future. So, what did this group of MCH leaders predict as trends for the future? Take a look:

- Strengthening MCH systems, including developing the life course perspective in MCH, sharing leadership within agencies, and including families

and youth in the work of Title V programs. Part of this also included addressing the opportunities and challenges of recently enacted health reform legislation.

- Building intra- and inter-agency collaborations, “silo-busting,” and promoting a broad MCH perspective that includes prevention, mental health and other services beyond primary care.
- Addressing the opportunities and challenges of an increasingly diverse U.S. population, and working to eliminate health disparities and assure health equity for all.
- Looking at the impact of service delivery and using data to show outcomes – i.e. telling the story of our successes in MCH and the critical need to expand and enhance MCH services.
- Developing “entrepreneurial” MCH leaders who can plan for succession and other changes in MCH agencies and working with partners to address workforce challenges.

What would your list be? How similar, how different? What are you working on that you think is a future trend that is not on this list? At AMCHP we want to know your vision of the future of MCH so that we can work together to achieve it. So, take a little time to consider what I asked one group of MCH leaders: What are the most important trends you see impacting MCH in the next three to five years? Let us know what you come up with and how you think AMCHP can position itself and our partners to anticipate those trends and help build your capacity to address them.



Appropriations Visits Continue

AMCHP has been continuing advocacy on behalf of the Title V Maternal & Child Health Block Grant. To date the AMCHP Policy department has conducted 58 meetings with Congressional staff to asking them to build on the President's proposed increase and fund the MCH Block Grant at \$730 million for FY2011. AMCHP will keep members updated as the appropriations process moves forward. For any questions or information on the federal budget, please contact [Joshua Brown](#) or call (202) 266-3042.

No Federal Medical Assistance Percentages Extension

Last week, The House of Representatives voted to approve legislation extending unemployment benefits; however, removed from the bill were two key provisions that advocates had hoped would be included: a six month extension of the temporary boost in federal matching funds for Medicaid; and an extension of the federal COBRA subsidies for unemployed workers. Advocates for those two issues have stated they will seek other vehicles to move the legislation in the future.

HHS Secretary Accepts National Newborn Screening Recommendations

On Friday, May 21, the Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius sent a letter to the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders for Newborns and Children informing them she would adopt the national recommendations for newborn screening programs. The recommendations call for screening of 30 core conditions, as well as reporting on 26 secondary conditions. The Secretary also stated that adopting the Advisory Committee's recommendations will provide the federal guidance necessary to assist states to voluntarily bring their newborn screening programs into alignment with the most up to date research, technology, laboratory and public health standards and practices. To see a copy of the Secretary's letter, click [here](#).

New Report from Kaiser Provides State Level Data on Coverage and Costs of the Health Reform Medicaid Expansion

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) creates a new mandatory Medicaid eligibility category for all individuals with income at or below 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) beginning January

1, 2014. From 2014 through 2016, the Federal government will pay 100 percent of the cost of covering newly-eligible individuals. The new state-by-state analysis by the Kaiser Family Foundation's Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured (KCMU) shows for all 50 states and the District of Columbia, the distribution of new Medicaid enrollees and costs, as well as the impact on the uninsured. To view the report, visit [here](#).

Summary of HHS Health Implementation Call for States

The HHS Office of Intergovernmental Affairs is conducting a weekly conference call with state governors' office designees on health reform implementation. The following is a summary of the May 27 and June 3 calls.

- HHS has had calls with each state to work on the establishment of high risk pools. HHS is partnering with the Office of Personnel Management to operate the federally-administered high risk pools. HHS has also sent out a federal solicitation for bids on a contract to set up a third party to help administer the pools and process claims.
- As early as August 1, consumers can apply to the pool and will be able to find information on the HHS web portal to enroll.
- On June 3, The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services Chief of Staff joined the call and spoke about the Medicare rebate checks. Checks for \$250 will be mailed out to Medicare beneficiaries who fall into the coverage gap for 2010. Checks will continue to be sent out every 45 days. Additional information is available [here](#). Officials from the [Administration on Aging](#) also joined the call to discuss the recently announced \$60 million in grant opportunities around long-term care. Future phone calls will be scheduled to provide additional information. Information on the grants can be found [here](#).



AMCHP National Health Reform Implementation Update Call

AMCHP will host our next national health reform implementation call for all members on June 9 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. (EDT). We will share the latest updates from Washington and would like to provide plenty of time to hear from you particularly on immediate opportunities for MCH including the establishment of high-risk pools, teen pregnancy prevention funds, and home visiting program preparation. To register for the call please click [here](#).

AUCD Webinar on Disability Awareness and Women's Health

The Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) will host a webinar, "Integrating Disability Awareness and Women's Reproductive Health," on June 16 from 1 to 2 p.m. (EDT), which will introduce participants to a newly-developed online resource devoted to promoting reproductive health care for women with disabilities. The program was developed through a partnership between the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and is designed to be an easily navigable source of information to assist clinicians providing care to women with physical, developmental, and sensory disabilities. To register, visit [here](#).

AMCHP to Host a Two-Part Webinar on How to Collaborate to Improve School-Based Health in Youth

The webinar, "Leveraging the Expertise and Experience of Health and Education Departments to Collaboratively Improve School-Based Sexual Health Programs for Youth," to convene on June 23 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. (EDT), will focus on national and state-level experiences and perspectives related to how state health and education departments have effectively worked together to improve programs and policies for youth. The esteemed speakers will share their experiences and lessons learned from working with the public health and education communities and provide strategies and tools for helping to build more effective partnerships to improve school-based sexual health programs for youth. To register for Part I click [here](#). A follow up webinar will convene on June 29 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. (EDT). To register for Part II click [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Lissa Pressfield](#).

New Report on State Policymakers' Priorities for Implementing Health Reform

The report, "State Policymakers' Priorities for Successful Implementation of Health Reform," published by the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP), describes 10 aspects of federal health reform that states must get right if they are to be successful in implementation. According to NASHP, states that pursue the 10 critical elements identified in this brief will have the greatest chance of achieving the goals embodied in the federal health reform law. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

AHRQ Call for Comments

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Effective Health Care Program seeks comments to the following research projects: "Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: Effectiveness of Treatment in at-risk Preschoolers"; "Long-term Effectiveness in All Ages"; and "Variability in Prevalence, Diagnosis, and Treatment." These key questions will be open for public comment until June 16. To learn more, visit [here](#).

MCHB's Customer Satisfaction Survey of its Resource Centers

The Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) is conducting a Customer Satisfaction Survey of its Resource Centers. MCHB provides funding for the Maternal and Child Health Library. The goal is to use the feedback to help improve the quality of their Resource Centers' services and learn how they can serve you better. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. CFI Group, an independent research and consulting firm, is conducting this survey for MCHB. The survey is hosted via a secure server and your participation will remain anonymous. If you have any technical questions or issues while taking the survey, please contact MCHBSurvey@mail.cfigroup.com. To complete the survey, visit [here](#).

Call for Abstracts

The Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine is now accepting abstracts for The 15th Annual International Meeting "Breastfeeding: A Bridge to the Gold Standard," to be held October 27-30 in San Francisco. Abstracts may be submitted by physicians, medical students, and those holding post graduate degrees or students working to attain such degrees. Abstracts submitted by non-physicians

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must be sponsored by a member in good standing of the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine. The deadline for all abstract submissions is June 15. For more information, visit [here](#).

Call for Proposals

The Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) is seeking concurrent sessions, poster presentations, and films for the media room for its 2010 AUCD Annual Meeting and Conference. Proposals will be accepted through June 28 on a wide variety of topics, including Systems-level Implementation, Demonstration and Evaluation. To submit a proposal, visit [here](#).

RWJF Local Funding Call for Proposals

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Local Funding Partnerships program forges relationships between the RWJF and local grantmakers to fund promising, original projects that can significantly improve the health of vulnerable people in their communities. The deadline to submit an application is June 30. For more information on how to apply, visit [here](#).

RWJF Call for Proposals

Active Living Research is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) that supports research to inform policy and environmental strategies for increasing physical activity among children and adolescents, decreasing their sedentary behaviors and preventing obesity. The program places special emphasis on reaching children and youth ages 3 to 18 who are at highest risk for obesity: Black, Latino, American Indian and Asian/Pacific Islander children, as well as children who live in under-resourced and lower-income communities. This call for proposals will support opportunistic, time-sensitive studies on emerging or anticipated changes in physical activity-related policies or environments. Rapid-response grants are expected to accelerate progress toward policy and environmental strategies to prevent and reduce childhood obesity. For maximum impact, studies should be completed in as short a time frame as realistically possible, and results disseminated using methods designed to reach local, state or national decision-makers in time to help inform key policy decisions. Detailed results of these studies, including methodologies and data analyses, along with the outcome of the efforts to reach policy audiences, also should be subsequently reported in peer-reviewed publications. Letters of intent are due by July 1. To learn more, visit [here](#).



Are you curious about how states are addressing the needs of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs? Do you want to know more about programs that tackle preconception health or infant mortality? Then visit the [Innovation Station](#), AMCHP's new searchable database for finding emerging, promising and best practices across the United States. You'll also find useful links to other best practice databases and resources to help you evaluate your public health programs. Check out Innovation Station to learn more about what's being done to improve the health of women, children and families!

If you are interested in contributing to this growing database, please [submit](#) your work to AMCHP's best practices program. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, however, to be considered for the next round of reviews, please submit your application. If you have questions about the process, contact [Darlisha Williams](#) at (202) 266-3057.

ON YOUR BEHALF

Darlisha Williams, Best Practices Program Manager at AMCHP, presented at the May Alliance for Information on Maternal and Child Health (AIM) collaborative meeting on AMCHP's Best Practices program. The AIM collaborative is comprised of membership organizations funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau to help members of these organizations make well-informed decisions affecting public health policies and programs for women, children and families. AIM members include decision makers within state and local government, maternal and child health professions, philanthropy, the health insurance industry, and business, as well as advocates for children and families.



General Maternal & Child Health

June is Home Safety Month 2010

During June, the Home Safety Council (HSC) is working to educate and motivate families to take actions that will increase the safety of their homes. You can help spread the word by joining the Hands on Home Safety Campaign. It's easy! The Home Safety Council has created ready-made home safety resources that you can share with family members, your community members, employees/ coworkers and many more to help encourage people to take a hands-on approach to making their homes safer this June. The site features brochures, newsletter articles, lesson plans, off-the-job safety, online resources, posters and more. For more information, visit [here](#).

New Report Explores the U.S. Role In Improving Global Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

The report, "The U.S. Government's Efforts to Address Global Maternal, Newborn and Child Health: The Global Health Initiative and Beyond," published by the Kaiser Family Foundation, examines the U.S. role in improving global maternal, newborn and child health, including the heightened focus placed on these issues by the Administration's Global Health Initiative. It provides an overview of international efforts and a detailed look at the U.S. government's response to date, reviews U.S. funding trends for maternal and child health, U.S. agencies' related activities, the contribution of key U.S. global health efforts, and U.S. participation in international multilateral efforts. It also identifies key policy issues surrounding the future of the U.S. involvement. To download the report, visit [here](#).

Adolescent Health

Issue Brief on How the New Health Care Law Will Affect Young Adults

The brief, "Rite of Passage: Young Adults and the Affordable Care Act of 2010," published by the Commonwealth Fund, describes critical provisions in the new law that will help, including the ability to enroll in a parent's health plan up to age 26 beginning in September 2010; significant expansion in eligibility for Medicaid, beginning in 2014; and the creation of state or regional health insurance exchanges with subsidized private

insurance for people with low and moderate incomes, also beginning in 2014. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

Alliance for Health Reform Briefing

The Alliance for Health Reform held a briefing on May 24 to discuss young adults and the Affordable Care Act. Speakers discussed health care provisions and requirements, the extent of coverage for young adults and lessons to be learned from health reform in Massachusetts. Click [here](#) for the webcast, podcast, individual speaker videos and various resource materials.

Adolescent Films on Pregnancy Prevention and More

Scenarios USA has posted a variety of films focusing on teen pregnancy prevention, parenting and other issue affecting youth. Each film comes with lesson plans and a behind-the-scenes documentary. To view the films, visit [here](#).

CSN Issues Brief on the Role of Health Plans in Adolescent Injury Prevention

The brief, "Preventing Adolescent Injury: The Role of Health Plans," published by the Children's Safety Network (CSN), highlights the prevalence, consequences and costs of adolescent injuries to explain why health plans should want to invest in injury prevention and how they can help prevent adolescent injury, thereby reducing injury-related mortality and healthcare spending for adolescents. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

HTN Report on Creative Approaches to Engaging Youth

The report, "Engaging Youth... On Their Turf: Creative Approaches to Connecting Youth Through Community," published by the Healthy Teen Network (HTN), focuses on how adolescent health professionals can use creative approaches to engage youth in positive youth development. The publication highlights six examples of programs that reach out to youth in non-traditional communities through parental engagement, athletics, service-learning, art, mentoring and youth empowerment approaches. To download the report, visit [here](#).

Children's Health

Report Finds that Children in Medicaid Aren't Receiving Preventive Screening

A report, "Most Children in Medicaid in Nine States are Not Receiving All Required Preventive Screening Services," published by the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General, found that in 2007, three out of four children were not receiving all the medical, hearing and vision screenings required by Medicaid. Forty-one percent of children did not receive any required medical screenings and more than half did not receive any required vision or hearing screenings. To download the report, visit [here](#).

National Center for Health Statistics Issues Report on Infant Mortality Data

The report, "Infant Mortality Statistics from the 2006 Period Linked Birth/Infant Death Data Set," published in the National Vital Statistics Report, contains data based on birth and infant death certificates registered in all states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam. Content includes methods, results and discussion about trends in infant mortality. Discussion and tables address infant mortality by race and Hispanic origin of mother, state, sex of infant, multiple births, age at death, period of gestation, birthweight, prenatal care, maternal age, maternal education, live birth order, marital status, nativity, maternal smoking, leading causes of infant death and preterm-related causes of death. To download the report, visit [here](#).

Women's Health

New Resources for Pregnant Women and New Mothers who Smoke

The American Legacy Foundation, in partnership with the National Alliance for Tobacco Cessation, recently released a series of EX-branded print and radio advertisements designed specifically for pregnant women and new mothers who smoke. EX is an ongoing national paid/PSA campaign that encourages adult smokers to re-learn their lives without cigarettes. These ads are available for use by the 10 states that are National Alliance for Tobacco Cessation members, including Arkansas, Connecticut, Kentucky, Missouri, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Washington and Wyoming.

In addition to the new ads, Legacy has added to [BecomeAnEX.org](#) an introductory/welcome page that includes information about the benefits of quitting smoking during pregnancy. Visitors to the site can personalize their quit plan and communicate with other women in a new group called Pregnant and Quit Smoking in the [EX online community](#).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Australian-American Health Policy Fellowship

On behalf of the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, The Commonwealth Fund is pleased to announce the 2011-12 Australian-American Health Policy Fellowship. The Australian-American Health Policy Fellowship offers a unique opportunity for outstanding, mid-career U.S. professionals—academics, government officials, clinical leaders, decision-makers in managed care and other private health care organizations, and journalists—to spend up to 10 months in Australia conducting research and working with leading Australian health policy experts on issues relevant to both countries. The Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing hopes to enrich health policy thinking as fellows study how Australia approaches health policy issues, share lessons learned from the United States, and develop an international perspective and network of contacts to facilitate exchange and collaboration that extends beyond the fellowship experience. The deadline for applications is August 15. For further information on the 2011-12 Australian-American Health Policy Fellowships and to obtain an application, visit [here](#).

Fellowships for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

The Doris Duke Fellowships for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect aim to identify and nurture promising leaders in child abuse prevention in doctoral and dissertation students. Each fellow will receive an annual stipend of \$25,000. The deadline to apply is December 15. To learn more, visit [here](#).

AMCHP's CAREER CENTER

The Career Center is the premiere online job board for individuals seeking employment in Maternal and Child Health 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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HRSA Funding for First Time Motherhood/ New Parents Initiative

Deadline: **June 11**

The First-Time Motherhood/ New Parents Initiative (FTM/NPI) are demonstration grants to fund states to increase public awareness of resources available to women preparing for childbirth and new parents through advertising campaigns and toll-free hotlines. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for MCH Research Network Programs

Deadline: **June 14**

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) will award a cooperative agreement that will support the establishment and maintenance of an MCH Life Course Health Development Research Network. The Network will advance public health research on the epidemiology, social determinants, and on the origins and impacts of health disparities, from a life course perspective. A cooperative agreement provides Federal funding for a project in which the Federal Program works in partnership with the cooperative agreement recipient. Substantial MCHB scientific and/or programmatic involvement with the awardee is anticipated during the performance of the project and will be clearly outlined in the application guidance. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding to Improve Services for Children and Youth With ASD and Other Developmental Disabilities

Deadline: **June 14**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will award grants to improve access to comprehensive, coordinated health care and related services for children and youth with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and other developmental disabilities. Grantees will implement an existing state plan to improve the system of services for children and youth with special health care needs who have ASD and other developmental disabilities as defined by the following components: partnerships between professionals and families of children and youth with ASD, access to a culturally competent family-centered medical home which coordinates care with pediatric subspecialties and community-based services, access to adequate health insurance and financing of services, early and continuous screening for ASD and other developmental disabilities, community services organized for easy use by families, and transition to adult health care. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for Part D: Coordinated HIV Services and Access to Research for Women, Infant, Children and Youth

Deadline: **June 14**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will award grants to provide family centered care involving outpatient or ambulatory care (directly or through contracts) for women, infants, children, and youth with HIV/AIDS. This means all Part D grantees are expected to directly provide or coordinate for the provision of primary medical care to the clients they serve. The projects are expected to conduct case finding in order to bring infected people into care. Once in care, specific efforts must be made to retain individuals in care. Grantees are expected to provide care, treatment, and support services or create a network of medical and social service providers, who collaborate to supply services. To learn more, visit [here](#).

FNS Funding for CACFP Child Care Wellness Grant FY2010

Deadline: **June 18**

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-80) authorized the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to award \$8 million in grants to state

agencies administering the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) for projects aimed at improving the health and nutrition of children in child care settings. The submission of an application does not guarantee funding. Funding approved for CACFP Child Care Wellness Grants will be provided through a Grant Award/Letter of Credit process, in the same manner as other federal funds, upon receipt of a properly executed Grant Agreement and subject to the availability of funding. All CACFP Child Care Wellness Grant funds must be obligated and all activities under the Grant must be completed within two to three years after distribution of grant funding. States may designate a two or three year grant period based on proposal complexity and award amount. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for Innovative Strategies for Serving Children and Youth with Epilepsy (Project Access)

Deadline: **June 21**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will award grants to support innovative strategies in improving access to care for children and youth with epilepsy through one or two of the following approaches: focusing on Mental Health issues for children and youth with epilepsy; implementing telemedicine/telehealth; implementing a training program aimed at educating providers (PCP, Pediatricians) on epilepsy care, particularly in rural and medically underserved areas; partnering with a Community Health Center/ Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Clinic utilizing a chronic health model; and/or through partnering with a disease-specific organization (autism, cerebral palsy, etc) in addressing issues around co-morbidities in an effort to increase awareness about epilepsy. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for 2010 LEND Planning Grants

Deadline: **June 21**

The purpose of the Maternal and Child Health Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Other Related Disabilities (LEND) program is to improve the health of infants, children, and adolescents who have, or are at risk for developing, neurodevelopmental and other related disabilities by preparing trainees from a wide variety of professional disciplines to assume leadership roles and to ensure high levels of interdisciplinary clinical competence. Institutions applying for a LEND

planning grant in this competition must demonstrate that proposed interdisciplinary training opportunities in autism will increase diagnosis of or rule out individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) or other developmental disabilities. Trainees in these programs should receive an appropriate balance of academic, clinical, and community opportunities; are culturally competent; are ethnically diverse; demonstrate a capacity to evaluate, diagnose or rule out, develop, and provide evidence-based interventions to individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities; and demonstrate an ability to use a family-centered approach (Combating Autism Act of 2006, Sec.399BB,(e)(1)(A)(B)). This grant opportunity is a one-year planning grant. Only applicants from States without an existing LEND program are eligible to apply under this announcement. HRSA would like to foster knowledge transfer and exchange between LEND and at least one minority-serving institution. Therefore, HRSA will consider collaboration with minority-serving institutions when selecting applications for funding. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for Developmental Behavioral Pediatric Research Network

Deadline: **June 28**

The purpose of the Developmental Behavioral Pediatric Research Network is to establish a multi-center scientific and clinical research network that will promote coordinated research activities and address health issues for, but not limited to, children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other developmental disabilities. Furthermore, it will build a developmental behavioral pediatric research infrastructure that supports multidisciplinary research, focuses on the translation of research to practice and provides the environment in which to train a new generation of developmental behavioral pediatric researchers. These funds should be leveraged to develop more research studies leading to the effective and evidence-based developmental behavioral pediatric care and treatment that will improve clinical services and health outcomes. This will be accomplished through the development and maintenance of a national network of developmental behavioral pediatric research programs that will collaborate in research design, implementation and mentorship. This cooperative agreement will support the Research Network to develop new ideas for study; pilot protocols; and seek additional research funding sources to carry out specific critical research studies on a range of

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topics relevant to developmental behavioral pediatrics. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HHS Funding for CHIPRA Pediatric Healthcare Quality Measures Program Centers of Excellence

Deadline: **June 30**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), solicits cooperative research demonstration and dissemination projects for the purpose of implementing the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) of 2009 section on advancing and improving pediatric quality measures. Under this FOA, the CHIPRA Pediatric Healthcare Quality Measures Program Centers of Excellence (U18) AHRQ anticipates making seven to nine awards that total \$55 million over a four-year period. The maximum annual award can be no greater than \$2 million. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CJ Foundation for SIDS Grant Opportunity

Deadline: **July 8**

The CJ Foundation for SIDS will offer two grant opportunities for 2010, including a Program Services Grant and the Program Services Mini-Grant (formerly the Express Grant). Programs offering education or bereavement services relating to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) and/or Infant Safe Sleep are eligible to apply for funding. The guidelines for both the Program Services Grant and Program Services Mini-Grant are now available. The application materials will not be posted on the CJ Foundation's website. To request the grant program information, accompanying materials, and application guidelines, please contact Wendy S. Jacobs directly. Please specify which guidelines (Program Services, Mini-Grant, or both) you would like to receive and if you would like the guidelines sent to you by email or mail. While you are welcome to request the guidelines for both types of grants, an organization may apply for either a Program Services Grant or a Program Services Mini-Grant, not both. Remember that in order to apply for a grant, you must follow the application guidelines provided by the CJ Foundation for SIDS. For more information or to apply, please contact [Wendy S. Jacobs](#), Assistant Executive Director of Programs & Grants, or call her at (866) 314-7437.

CALENDAR



[Summit: Substance Exposed Newborns](#)

June 23-24
Alexandria, VA

[18th Annual Health Forum and American Hospital Association Leadership Summit](#)

July 22-24
San Diego, CA

[Fourth Annual National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media](#)

August 17-19
Atlanta, GA

[Global Maternal Health Conference](#)

August 30 – September 1
India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India

[CityMatCH Urban MCH Leadership Conference](#)

September 11–14
Chicago, IL

[AHRQ's 2010 Annual Conference](#)

September 27-29
Bethesda, MD

[MCHB 75th Anniversary of Title V Commemoration](#)

October 20
Washington, DC

[Looking to the Future: What are the Opportunities and Challenges of Health Reform for Improving Maternal and Child Health?](#)

October 21
Washington, DC

[2010 AUCD Conference](#)

October 30-November 3
Crystal City, VA

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