

Member Briefs



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THE ASSOCIATION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS

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House Passes Budget Resolution Calling for Deeper Health Program Cuts

On Mar. 29, the House passed the fiscal year 2013 budget resolution developed by Budget Chairman Paul Ryan (R-WI) along party lines. This budget will serve as the blueprint for the House spending and taxing plans for the duration of the year. Notably, this resolution sets spending caps at \$1.028 trillion which is \$19 billion lower than the caps established by the Budget Control Act. The Senate, on the other hand, agreed to draft the annual funding legislation using the \$1.047 trillion cap established by the Budget Control Act. These differing spending caps set the House appropriations legislation on a collision course with the Senate and it is unclear how these differences will be resolved in the final fiscal year 2013 appropriations bills.

The budget resolution also strives to replace the \$109 billion sequester, which is scheduled to occur in January 2013 in order to protect the Department of Defense from certain cuts. Moreover, the budget assumes that the Affordable Care Act is repealed, thus achieving additional savings. The budget also assumes that legislation will be enacted to block grant both Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program. It is therefore expected that Congress may debate this issue during the upcoming months. AMCHP will continue to monitor these developments.

Finally, it is important to note that the budget resolution is an important tool that sets a pathway for members of Congress and sets the overall spending caps for the annual appropriation bills, which is significant. However, the resolution does not have the force of law and many of the proposals included in this document will not be considered by the Senate. AMCHP continues to work

with the broader public health community opposing efforts to continue to cut domestic discretionary programs.



In case you missed it...AMCHP Testified Before U.S. Congress

On Mar. 29, AMCHP CEO Mike Fraser testified before the House Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee about the importance of sustaining funding for the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant. Click [here](#) for additional information.

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AMCHP Member Assessment

As a member organization we exist to serve you, our members. With this goal in mind, AMCHP is undertaking an internal scan to learn more about our members and how well you feel we serve you by conducting an electronic survey of our full membership to solicit member feedback about key organizational activities. As with the previous member assessment conducted in 2010, AMCHP plans to use the needs assessment results *proactively* to identify opportunities to improve performance, *reactively* to respond to less than desirable results, and *continuously* as an ongoing component of a continual improvement process. Keep on the lookout for the survey to be launched tomorrow – we want to hear from you!

April is Autism Awareness Month!

To celebrate Autism Awareness Month, follow AMCHP on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to learn about new resources,

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events and facts about autism. If you have any new and/or existing content to share (i.e., interesting factoid, news article, report), please send to [Julio Arguello](#). Help us get more people engaged and aware of content around autism and share with one another! You can also learn more about AMCHP autism work [here](#).

STD Awareness Month 2012 – Get Engaged!

STD Awareness Month is an annual observance to call attention to the impact of STDs and promote STD testing. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director, Thomas R Frieden, MD, MPH will be holding a Twitter Chat about STD Awareness Month on Apr. 23 at 1 p.m. EST. Follow him [@DrFriedenCDC](#) to participate. You can also visit the [STD Awareness Resource Site](#) for clinic tools and resources, such as the STD Treatment Guidelines, billing information for confidential adolescent services, free fact sheets/brochures and tips on serving adolescent/LGBT patients.

Learn the Signs. Act Early. The Importance of Developmental Screening Broadcast

This broadcast will incorporate the CDC Learn the Signs. Act Early. messages and the importance of understanding developmental milestones and making appropriate and timely referrals when there is a concern. This broadcast, on Apr. 19 from 9-10 a.m. EST, will highlight information developed by New York state about ASD and general developmental screening, including many free resources available for parents to better understand their child's development through the age of five years old. It will also feature materials to help parents talk with their child's health care provider about any concerns. For professionals, the broadcast will highlight the importance of routine developmental screening and resources for them and parents with whom they work. For more information, [click here](#).

Women's and Infant Health Info Series Webinar

AMCHP and the CDC will host a national webinar, "Using Evidence to Inform Preconception Health Initiatives" on Apr. 26 from 2-3 p.m. EST. This webinar includes an introduction to the *Guide to Community Preventive Services* (the Community Guide) as an option for designing evidence-informed strategies and highlights examples of how data and evidence have informed state-level strategies to address preconception health issues. In addition, this webinar will be accompanied by the release of the AMCHP Issue Brief: *Using the Community Guide to Improve Preconception Health Efforts*. To register for the webinar, [click here](#).

AAP and MCHB Launch Time Out for Genetics Webinar Series

The Genetics in Primary Care Institute, a cooperative agreement between the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), is now offering *Time Out for Genetics*, an educational webinar series. Each month – from April through December – a webinar will be presented by recognized experts with the overarching goal of educating participants about the value of incorporating genetic medicine into primary care. The webinars target a wide audience, including pediatricians, family physicians, nurse practitioners, and other stakeholders. The upcoming webinars are: Building an Accurate Family History, Constructing a Pedigree – An Overview for Primary Care (Apr. 26 from 12-12:30 p.m. CST) and Ordering the Right Tests – Genetics in Primary Care (May 31 from 12-12:30 p.m. CST). For more information on the *Time Out for Genetics* webinar series, or to register for a webinar, [click here](#).

National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month Event – May 8

The Office of Adolescent Health (OAH) invites you to a special event in recognition of National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month. Hear from issue experts and program leaders about the importance of engaging teen boys in strategies to prevent and reduce unplanned teen

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pregnancies and network with federal and nonprofit leaders who share your interests. Browse resource tables from federal agencies and connect with colleagues. The event will take place on May 8 from 10-11:30 a.m. EST at The Hubert H. Humphrey Building in Washington, DC. The agenda and more details will be shared in the next few weeks on the [OAH website](#).

RWJF: Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization Call for Proposals

RWJF Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization (HCFO) grants support research, policy analysis and evaluation projects that provide policy leaders timely information on health care policy, financing and organization issues. Supported projects include: examining significant issues and interventions related to health care financing and organization and their effects on health care costs, quality and access; and exploring or testing major new ways to finance and organize health care that have the potential to improve access to more affordable and higher quality health services. For more information, [click here](#).

CDC/Emory University to Offer Epidemiology in Action Course

CDC and Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University will cosponsor the course, *Epidemiology in Action*, Jun. 11-22, at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. This course is designed for state and local public health professionals. The course emphasizes practical application of epidemiology to public health problems and consists of lectures, workshops, classroom exercises (including actual epidemiologic problems) and roundtable discussions. Topics scheduled for presentation include descriptive epidemiology and biostatistics, analytic epidemiology, epidemic investigations, public health surveillance, surveys and sampling, and Epi Info training, along with discussions of selected prevalent diseases. For more information, [click here](#).

MCHB Webinar on CAAI Evaluation Results

April is Autism Awareness Month. Join the MCHB webinar on Apr. 16 from 1-2:30 p.m. EST to learn some evaluation results from their Combating Autism Act Initiative (CAAI). The webinar, hosted by the MCHB Autism team with speakers from MCHB and Insight Policy Research, is geared toward CAAI grantees but all are welcome. To register for the webinar, [click here](#).

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



General Maternal and Child Health

Departments of HHS and Education Launch New Stop Bullying Website

On Mar. 30, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan unveiled a revitalized Stop Bullying website to encourage children, parents, educators and communities to take action to stop and prevent bullying. The website provides a map with detailed information on state laws and policies, interactive webisodes and videos for young people, practical strategies for schools and communities



April is Autism Awareness Month! AMCHP is collecting emerging, promising and best practices related to autism!

Does your program address a best practice related to autism spectrum disorders (e.g. awareness and outreach, screening, care coordination, transition)? If so, consider sharing your program through [Innovation Station](#), AMCHP's searchable database of emerging, promising and best practices in maternal and child health. Through this opportunity, you can:

- 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 Howe](#) 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!

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to ensure safe environments, and suggestions on how parents can talk about this sensitive subject with their children. The site also explores the dangers of cyberbullying and steps youngsters and parents can take to fight it. Visit stopbullying.gov to learn more.

New IOM Report – Primary Care and Public Health: Exploring Integration to Improve Population Health

The traditional separation between primary health care providers and public health professionals is impeding greater success in meeting their shared goal of ensuring the health of populations, says a new report from the Institute of Medicine (IOM). The report recommends ways that CDC and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) could foster integration between primary care and public health through funding, policy levers and other means. Collaboration presents an opportunity for both primary care and public health to extend their reach and achieve the nation's population health objectives, the committee noted. To see the full report, [click here](#).

Children's Health

Fact Sheet: Ten Things You Need to Know about Birth Defects

This fact sheet, from the CDC National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) and the National Birth Defects Prevention Network, contains information about birth defects, including statistics on incidence and cost, common causes of birth defects, and strategies and behaviors that can prevent birth defects. Access the fact sheet [here](#).

Toolkit for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

This [toolkit](#), from the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality, provides an improved framework for engaging community leaders, clinicians, families, and Title V directors to assist children and youth with special health care needs (CSHCN). Each collaborative involved in creating the toolkit identified and tested a number of tools that families and providers could use to support quality improvement within systems of care for CSHCNs. Examples of communication tools include the Family Newborn Hearing Screening Roadmap, care notebooks and a pictorial description of seizures.

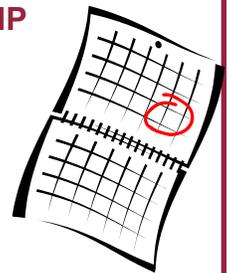
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AMCHP Working On Your Behalf

- On Mar. 12-15, AMCHP staff Maritza Valenzuela represented AMCHP at the CDC National STD Prevention Conference. Session highlights included emerging research, state efforts in program collaboration and service integration, innovative prevention approaches for women and adolescents, collaboration with family planning advocates, clinical preventive services for women and the CDC sexual health initiative.
- On Mar. 29, AMCHP staff members Tegan Callahan and Piia Hanson attended the March of Dimes Tri-State Summit at Providence Hospital in Washington, DC. The goals of the summit were to convene stakeholders, advance perinatal health equity by sharing quality improvement and safety initiatives, highlight best practices, and identify gaps in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC.
- AMCHP is partnering with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-supported Quality Improvement Demonstration Project, focused on maternal and child health, chronic disease, and environmental health. AMCHP staff, Lauren Raskin Ramos, participated in the kick-off training meeting for state teams, which include Arizona, Connecticut, Maryland, Minnesota and Oregon.

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.





CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

AMCHP Women's and Infant Health Team Seeks Summer Intern

AMCHP is looking for a graduate student intern for summer 2012. The intern will work with the Women's & Infant Health Team on a variety of projects and initiatives. Potential projects include, but are not limited to: drafting a comprehensive overview of AMCHP's Women's and Infant Health Team to use as a resource and communicate the breadth of the team's work to partners and funders; conducting an environmental scan of state health department Title V programs (maternal and child health services) to elucidate current programmatic efforts in the areas of preconception health, current programmatic partnerships between state health departments and state Medicaid agencies and/or current collaborative efforts between maternal and child health programs and chronic disease programs; producing a learning module on the Core Preconception Health Indicators to be hosted on the AMCHP website and the website of the MCH Epi Group; researching and drafting an issue brief highlighting best practices and examples of state programs translating data to action in regard to women's and infant health; researching and drafting an issue brief/resource on the cost effectiveness of preconception health interventions; and identifying best practices in MCH programs and policies and preparing submissions to the AMCHP Best Practice data base: the MCH Innovation Station. For more information, [click 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 Telehealth Resource Center Grant Program Grant

Deadline: *Apr. 13*

This announcement solicits applications for the Telehealth Network Grant Program (TNGP). The primary objective of the TNGP is to demonstrate how telehealth programs and networks can improve access to quality health care services in rural and underserved communities. Grants made under this authority will demonstrate how telehealth networks improve healthcare services for medically underserved populations in urban, rural, and frontier communities. TNGP networks are used to: (a) expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of health care services; (b) improve and expand the training of health care providers; and/or (c) expand and improve the quality of health information available to health care providers, and patients and their families, for decision making. However, because of legislative restrictions, grants will be limited to programs that serve rural communities, although grantees may be located in urban or rural areas. For more information, [click here](#).

HRSA Telehealth Network Grant Program Grant

Deadline: *Apr. 20*

This announcement solicits applications for the Telehealth Resource Center Grant Program (TRCGP). The purpose of the TRCGP is to support the establishment and development of Telehealth Resource Centers (TRCs). The TRCGP expects to create centers of excellence that expedite and customize the provision of telehealth technical assistance across the country, while at the same time working together to make available a wide range of expertise that might not be available in any one region. The TRCs provide technical assistance to health care organizations, health care networks, and health care providers in the implementation of cost-effective telehealth programs to serve rural and medically underserved areas and populations. The program seeks entities with proven successful records in providing technical assistance in the development of sustainable telehealth programs. This funding cycle will support up to five Regional TRCs (RTRCs) serving as focal points for advancing the effective use of telehealth technologies in their respective communities and regions for clinical care. For more information, [click here](#).

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CDC Improving the Health of People with Disabilities through State Based Public Health Programs Grant

Deadline: *Apr. 27*

The purpose of the program is to promote health, prevent chronic disease, and increase the quality of life among people with disabilities through implementation of evidence and practice-based policy, environmental, programmatic, and infrastructure changes in states and territories. For more information, [click here](#).

CDC Alcohol-Related Motor Vehicle Injury Research Grant

Deadline: *May 2*

The purpose of this announcement is to evaluate strategies for implementing and disseminating known, effective interventions for reducing alcohol-impaired driving (AID) in the United States and to test the effectiveness of new, innovative strategies to reduce AID in non-occupational settings. For more information, [click here](#).

CDC Research Grant to Prevent Prescription Drug Overdoses

Deadline: *May 2*

This funding opportunity announcement encourages research that will build the scientific base for the prevention of unintentional poisonings from drug overdoses in the adolescent and adult population (ages 15 to 64 years) in the United States. It solicits proposals from organizations to conduct exploratory/developmental research that evaluates novel approaches to drug

overdose prevention and addresses the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control research agenda priorities related to unintentional poisoning. It is meant to engage professionals from a wide spectrum of disciplines including epidemiology, community medicine, pharmacology, biostatistics, public policy, public health law, justice, and behavioral and social sciences. For more information, [click here](#).

Administration on Aging Funding for Lifespan Respite Care Program

Deadline: *May 14*

This funding is to be used for the development and enhancement of lifespan respite care at the state and local levels; the provision of respite care services for family caregivers caring for children or adults; training and recruiting of respite care workers and volunteers; the provision of information to caregivers about available respite and support services; and assistance to caregivers in gaining access to such services. For more information, [click here](#).

Administration on Aging Funding for 2012 Lifespan Respite Care Program Competing Program Expansion Supplements

Deadline: *May 14*

The U.S. Administration on Aging (AoA) is providing this competitive grants opportunity to current grantees of the Lifespan Respite Care Program to further implement the requirements of the Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2006. Based on an FY 2012 appropriation of approximately \$2.5 million, it is anticipated that this opportunity could provide funding for as few as zero (0) and up to as many as nine (9) grants, with a federal funding level of up to \$150,000 per award for a 12 month project period. The primary focus of these one-year Competitive Expansion Supplement grants is the provision of respite services to eligible populations. In addition to using the funds to provide respite services, successful applicants may also use funds to further enhance the volunteer recruitment, training and retention activities begun during years one and/or two of their existing grants and further enhancement of outreach and dissemination activities, provided those activities can be demonstrated to produce a measurable increase in the provision of respite services. For more information, [click here](#).



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CDC Coordinating Center for Research and Training to Promote the Health of People with Developmental/Other Disabilities

Deadline: *May 21*

The purpose of this announcement is to solicit applications aimed at strengthening the nation's capacity to carry out public health activities in the areas of birth defects, developmental disabilities, and disability and health. The objectives are to: (1) Establish a coordinating center for conducting and coordinating research; (2) Promote the health and well being of children and adults with disabilities and their families; (3) Conduct research in support of NCBDDD priorities; (4) Train health and public health professionals; (5) Communicate and disseminate information with and for stakeholders and other audiences; and (6) Evaluate and report on findings. For more information, [click here](#).

CDC Funding for Improving Health of People with Intellectual Disabilities

Deadline: *May 21*

The purpose of this program is to fund activities for people with intellectual disabilities (ID) that identify co-morbid conditions and poor health behaviors and to increase healthy behaviors, and improve and increase access to appropriate health services. The primary goal is to address overall health by enhancing and increasing access to health services for people with ID and increasing their healthy behavior choices. For more information, [click here](#).

CALENDAR



MCH Events

[Autism Awareness Month](#)

April 2012

[2012 National Health Promotion Summit](#)

Apr. 10-11
Washington, DC

[Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America Spring Conference 2012](#)

Apr. 13-16
Jacksonville, FL

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[Safe States Alliance 2012 Joint Annual Meeting](#)

May 1-4
Atlanta, GA

[ACOG 60th Annual Clinical Meeting](#)

May 5-9
San Diego, CA

[Head Start's 11th National Research Conference](#)

Jun. 18-20
Washington, DC

[25th Anniversary Meeting of the Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research](#)

Jun. 25-27
Minneapolis, MN

[APHA Mid-Year Meeting](#)

Jun. 26-28
Charlotte, NC

[NACCHO Annual Conference](#)

Jul. 11-13
Los Angeles, CA

[2012 International Conference on Stillbirth, SIDS and Infant Survival](#)

Oct. 5-7
Baltimore, MD

[AAP National Conference and Exhibition](#)

Oct. 20-23
New Orleans, LA

[APHA 140th Annual Meeting and Exposition](#)

Oct. 27-31
San Francisco, CA

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