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The Twelve Absolutes of Leadership

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In my continuing quest to study and share on the topic of leadership, I recently read a book called *The Twelve Absolutes of Leadership* by Gary Burnison. Gary is the CEO of Korn/Ferry, one of the largest talent management/executive recruiting firms in the world. Korn/Ferry recruits leaders for executive jobs in all sectors worldwide. As such, their CEO is in a remarkable place to identify and cultivate leaders. Gary's leadership style, in addition to his 12 "absolutes," seems to be very much like my own. I thought for the next few issues of *Member Briefs* I would summarize each of his 12 main absolutes and share some thinking about how they relate to maternal and child health (MCH).

It might seem obvious, if not redundant, that his first absolute is "lead." That's right, one of the twelve absolutes of leadership is leadership (seemed strange to me at first too). But what he means by "lead" and leadership, and why he starts with this seemingly obvious concept, is really important. To Gary, to me, and to many other students of leadership, leading is about getting people to take responsibility for a shared vision and motivating them to carry out their work to fulfill that vision. Leadership is not about title, power, coercion or where you sit in an organizational chart. Instead, leadership is about motivating, collaborating and sharing. Leadership takes humility, grace and understanding. To "lead" is to support, encourage, bring together and move forward. By reminding us that what is essential to leadership is not the leader but those whom the leader leads and honing in on a shared vision for the future,

Gary sets up the rest of his absolutes and shares an important tip for those of us in leadership positions in our organizations.

Far too often we confound those trappings of organizational power (title, prestige, salary, budget size, spheres of control, etc.) with leading. Leaders are often in the limelight, taking both the heat and praise for the actions of their organizations. But the absolute of leadership is not about those trappings. Instead, leadership involves getting the ego out of the way and instead inspiring, connecting and promoting the successes of others in obtaining a shared goal or accomplishing a shared vision. As a leader in MCH, your responsibility is to develop a shared vision of the future and work to move that vision forward – not by yourself, but with others. It is an important lesson for us all and one that I hope helps you see yourselves as MCH leaders wherever you sit within your organization or agency.

So, what are the other absolutes? Those are to come. But in the next two weeks, join me in taking stock of your leadership – where are you leading and where are you struggling to lead? As we continue our conversation, I hope that you share what you have learned with me and others!

If you would like to get your own copy of *The Twelve Absolutes of Leadership* and follow along over the next few months, you can order it online via the AMCHP link to Amazon.com. AMCHP receives a small royalty for all orders placed via this link. The opinions of the author, and of Mike, are their own and are not the official position of AMCHP.



AMCHP Mobilizes 49 National Organizations to Support Sustained Funding for the MCH Block Grant

In March, AMCHP spearheaded an effort resulting in 49 national organizations signing onto a letter sent to the Senate and House Appropriations Committees in support of \$645 million in funding for the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant. [Click here](#) to view the letter.

Prevention and Public Health Fund... Targeted Again

On Friday, by a vote largely along party lines, the House approved the *Interest Rate Reduction Act* (H.R. 4628), a bill designed to keep interest rates on Stafford education loans low. However, in order to pay the costs of the bill, the House proposed to eliminate the Prevention and Public Health Fund and rescind all of the unobligated balances. Elimination of this fund would have a significant impact on public health funding. Notably, President Obama issued a veto threat for this bill because the legislation uses the Fund as a pay for. The Senate will consider legislation to reduce the interest rates when they return from recess next week but it is anticipated they will use a different approach to pay for their legislation.

AMCHP developed [talking points](#) and enlisted the support of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the March of Dimes, the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials to highlight the importance of the fund to women and their families. These talking points were circulated to House leadership and the White House.

Federal Funding Update

Last week, the House appropriators set the overall level of funding for the Labor, Health and Human Services (LHHS) Appropriations bill. The limit is \$150 billion for

fiscal 2013 spending on health and labor programs, about \$6 billion (or 4 percent) lower than the current allocation. Additionally, this allocation is about 5 percent less than the Senate allocation of \$157.7 billion for the same bill. This undoubtedly sets the Senate and House LHHS bills on a collision course at the end of the year and it is unclear how the two congressional bodies will resolve their differences. Notably, President Obama this week threatened to veto any appropriations bill adopted by Congress that would cap agency spending at lower levels than agreed to in the bipartisan deal to raise the nation's debt limit last summer.

Budget Reconciliation Targets Affordable Care Act Funding and Medicaid

On Apr. 25, the House Energy and Commerce Committee voted to approve draft measures that will significantly impact health for women, children and their families. Under the first measure, the Prevention and Public Health Fund would be eliminated and the remaining money would be rescinded. AMCHP drafted a letter opposing this action. [Click here](#) to read the letter.

The second measure that was approved would repeal the "maintenance of effort" requirements on states for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP. The legislation would allow states to apply more restrictive eligibility standards for programs. The draft bill also would reduce the federal Medicaid match rate for U.S. territories from 55 percent to 50 percent, as well as cut the health care provider tax from the current 6 percent threshold to no greater than 5.5 percent.

This measure is considered dead on arrival in the Senate, however, it is important to note that some of these proposals may gain traction during the lame duck session when Congress needs to find ways to pay for the expiring tax cuts, Medicare doctor fix and tax extenders. AMCHP will continue to closely monitor these developments and continue to weigh in with members of Congress about the value of public health.

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Assessment Name	Target Audience	Due Date
AMCHP Membership Assessment	AMCHP Members	Deadline extended to May 8
Board of Directors Assessment	AMCHP Board of Directors	April 30



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Support the AMCHP Steps for Babies Team

On May 12, AMCHP staff and their families will take part in the March of Dimes Annual March for Babies. We are more than halfway to our goal of raising \$2,500. With your help, we know we can reach this goal! Thanks to those who already donated at our annual conference. If you haven't but you would like to support our team, please [click here](#). Thank you for your support in giving every baby a healthy start!

Coming May 1 – AMCHP Life Course Metrics Project: Request for State Team Applications

As MCH programs begin to develop new programming guided by a life course framework, indicators are needed to determine the success of their approaches. Currently, there are no standardized metrics for the life course approach. In response to this emerging issue, AMCHP launched a new project designed to identify and promote a set of indicators that can be used to measure progress using the life course approach to improve maternal and child health. This project is funded with support from the

W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The Life Course Metrics Project will work collaboratively with up to five state teams to develop a core set of life course metrics. The state teams must include multidisciplinary members from MCH program or policy staff, MCH epidemiology staff and community partners. The request for state team applications will be released tomorrow. Be sure to check the [AMCHP website](#) for more information or contact [Caroline Stampfel](#), AMCHP Senior Epidemiologist, with questions.

Volunteers Needed! AMCHP Is Seeking Annual Conference Committee Members

The Annual Conference Committee oversees the planning and implementation of our annual convening of state MCH leaders and partners. The planning committee

Welcome to Our New AMCHP Board Member: Toni G. Wall, MPA, Maine CSHN Director

In order to populate the Region I board seat vacated when Lisa Bujno was elected Treasurer, AMCHP reached out to find a new Region I representative.



While all our candidates were well qualified, Toni Wall, the ME CSHN Director was chosen to serve the remainder of the term. Toni has been an active member of AMCHP since 1999, serving as the AMCHP representative to the National Initiative on Physical Fitness for Children and Youth with Disabilities from 2003-2005, as well as serving as a mentor several times in our New Director Mentor Program. Toni has seen CYSHCN Programs trending away from direct service and toward a public health model of assessment, policy development and quality improvement. She hopes to help AMCHP play a vital role in assisting states through the transformation process by providing resources on organizational change, mentors and an opportunity to address issues at the annual meeting. Congratulations Toni!



May is Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month! AMCHP is collecting emerging, promising and best practices related to teen pregnancy prevention!

Does your program address a best practice related to teen pregnancy prevention? 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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solicits and reviews conference program presentations and works with staff to assure the AMCHP Annual Conference meets the needs of all AMCHP members. Please e-mail [Nora Lam](#), Executive Assistant, by May 11 if you are interested in joining the committee.

AMCHP 2012 Annual Conference General Sessions and Workshop Recordings Now Available

The AMCHP 2012 Annual Conference general sessions videos, as well as videos of select skills-building sessions and workshops, are now available on the AMCHP website. Couldn't make it to the conference or did you miss one session to attend another? Here's your chance to catch what you missed! Handouts for select sessions are also available. [Click here](#) for more information.

Providing Newborn Screening Specimens for Research: Legal Issues Faced by State Health Departments

States that store and provide residual dried blood spots (DBS) for secondary uses, or are considering storage and secondary uses, may face an array of legal issues. This webinar series is intended to cover these legal issues – and related ethical and policy issues – concerning secondary uses of DBS and associated data. This series is geared toward public health attorneys, newborn screening programs and laboratories, institutional review boards, HIPAA privacy boards, privacy officers, researchers, and others who have interest in legal, ethical and policy issues related to secondary uses of residual DBS. For more information, [click here](#).

May is Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Month!

Follow AMCHP on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) during the month of May to learn about new resources, events and facts around teen pregnancy prevention. If you have any new and/or existing content to share (interesting facts, news article, report, etc.), please send them to [Julio Arguello](#). Help us get more people engaged and aware of what they can do to help prevent teen pregnancies! You can also learn more about AMCHP adolescent and sexual health work [here](#).

Global Twitter Chat on Prematurity: May 3 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. EDT

Join the #BornTooSoon Global Twitter Relay Chat on Thursday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT. Led by the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), Save the Children, the United Nations Foundation (UNF), March of Dimes, the Global Alliance to Prevent Prematurity and Stillbirth (GAPPS), and the Healthy Newborn Network (HNN), this Global Twitter Relay will bring together experts, professionals, advocates and parents in a conversation around preterm birth. The *Born Too Soon: The Global Action Report on Preterm Birth*, expected to be released on May 2, provides the first-ever national, regional and global estimates of preterm birth – join us for a discussion about the latest numbers, commitments and way forward. Everyone has a role to play in reducing and preventing preterm birth. Help us raise awareness about preterm birth in the United States and around the world, follow #BornTooSoon to learn more.

Webinar: Reaching Your Audience through Effective Health Communication

This free webinar, offered by the National Healthy Tomorrows Technical Assistance Resource Center, is intended to educate participants about the characteristics of effective health messages, cost-effective ways to create clear and compelling health communication materials, and how technology and social media can help increase audience reach and engagement. The webinar will take place on May 9 from 1-2:30 p.m. CDT. If you can't make the webinar, a recording will be posted on the [Community Pediatrics website](#). To register for the webinar, [click here](#).

Help HHS Celebrate National Women's Health Week – May 13-19; National Women's Check-Up Day – May 14

Many national, regional, state and local organizations have joined with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to ensure that as many women as possible are reached during National Women's Health Week (NWHW). There are many ways to participate. You can host a health fair during the week of May 13-19, or partner with local providers to offer women in your community free health services, such as blood pressure checks, Pap tests, mammograms, diabetes screenings or HIV testing. NWHW offers another opportunity to

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increase direct health care services to those most in need. Any women's health event that occurs during the month of May is eligible for inclusion in the NWHW online Activity Registry. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grantees and the public may also access free online promotion and educational materials to support their efforts on the [NWHW website](#). In 2011, more than 100,000 people participated in over 2,000 National Women's Health Week events and screenings nationwide and helped make NWHW a success. Please help thousands of women take steps toward leading healthier lives this year.

Join the MWPCHA Annual Conference: Healthy Women, the Cornerstone of Strong Societies

Join the Metropolitan Washington Public Health Association (MWPCHA) on May 16 for their Annual Meeting. Believing that women's health is crucial to the health of a nation, the theme of this year's conference is "Healthy Women, the Cornerstone of Strong Societies: Setting the Agenda for Women's Health." With the recent controversy over coverage of preventive care services for women and contraceptive coverage, this conference will allow for a timely examination of the current women's health care debate. For more information, [click here](#).

DC DOH Community Meeting on Improving Health Disparities in the MCH Population

The DC Department of Health (DOH) Community Health Administration will be holding a Maternal and Child Health Community Meeting on the efforts within DOH administrations to improve health disparities in the MCH population. The meeting will take place on May 24 from 5-8 p.m. EDT at the DC Department of Health, 899 North Capitol Street, Fourth Floor. The meeting will discuss DOH programs and their involvement with the MCH population, including the MCH Block Grant, and identify gaps in DC services and provide potential solutions. Please RSVP to [Mary Frances Kornak](#) at 202-442-9167.

2012 MCH Epidemiology Awards: Nominations Being Accepted

Nominations are being accepted for the following 2012 National MCH Epidemiology Awards to be presented at the Annual MCH EPI Conference, Dec. 12-14 in San Antonio, TX. The Coalition offers awards in seven categories: Manuscript that Advances the Field of Applied MCH Epidemiology Award; Greg Alexander Award for Advancing Knowledge Award; Effective Practice Award; Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring Award; Outstanding Leadership Award; Zena Stein and Mervyn Susser Award for Lifetime Achievement; and Young Professional Achievement Award. Nominations are due by Jun. 15. Nominate your candidates and find more information about the 2012 MCH Epidemiology Awards by clicking [here](#).

University of Illinois at Chicago MCH Retreat – Registration Open

Registration is now open for this year's retreat, which will focus on Leading in Challenging Times. However, this concept will be talked about ways that you may not expect. Participants will share personal stories of their journey and work with women, men, children and families. AMCHP CEO Dr. Michael Fraser will lead this process. The retreat also will explore and practice various leadership concepts, including challenging the assumption that these are indeed challenging times. The leadership training will be facilitated by Dr. Stephen Bogdewic, PhD, Executive Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs & Professional Development at the Indiana University School of Medicine. The retreat will be held Jul. 22-24 at the Hyatt Lodge in Oak Brook, IL. For more information, [click here](#).

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MCHB EnRICH Webinar Archives Available

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) EnRICH (Research Innovations & Challenges) is a series of webinars that feature special topics related to MCH research. Each event features one or more speakers who are experts in the field. EnRICH webinars are conducted by the MCH Training and Research Resource Center, which is funded by the MCHB Division of Research, Training, and Education. Several past webinars are available in the archives, including Preparing a Successful Manuscript; Preparing a Successful Research Grant Application; Latent Variable Analysis in MCH Research: A Practical Application of Structural Equation Modeling and Latent Growth Models; and Youth with developmental disabilities transitioning into adulthood. For more information, [click here](#).

Family Voices Releases Free, Health and Wellness Fact Sheets for Families

Family Voices recently released a series of fun, concise and user-friendly fact sheets designed to support families in providing their children with a healthy start in life. These informative one-pagers for families focus on the 10 themes that recur in all stages of child development. Each fact sheet provides a description of the theme, how the theme relates to the child and family, how the theme relates to the different ages/stages, what families can do to promote healthy development as part of that theme, and additional resources. To view these publications, [click here](#).

Women's Health

"Smoking Cessation for Pregnancy and Beyond: A Virtual Clinic" Now Available

The Interactive Media Laboratory at Dartmouth Medical School, in collaboration with ACOG and CDC, released an updated interactive Web-based program, "Smoking Cessation for Pregnancy and Beyond: A Virtual Clinic." This online training is designed for health care professionals to enhance their skills in assisting pregnant

women to quit smoking. The curriculum teaches a best practice approach for smoking cessation, the five As, and is based on current clinical recommendations from the U.S. Public Health Service and ACOG. The target audiences of the program are physicians, physician assistants, nurse-midwives, registered nurses, licensed practical/vocational nurses, nurse practitioners, certified health educators, other health educators, pharmacists, health professional students and other health professionals that may interact with women of reproductive age. For more information, [click here](#).

Adolescent Health

New Adolescent Health Infrastructure Toolkit from NACCHO

Effective partnerships are developed from clear agreements, a thorough understanding of the work to be done, sufficient capacity to achieve set goals and proper management. This National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) toolkit, developed by the Forum for Youth Investment, guides youth advocates and professionals in building partnerships and leadership councils; aligning and strengthening coalitions, commissions, and intermediaries; and engaging key stakeholders in setting priorities and solving problems. For more information, [click here](#).

Children's Health

Oral Health Education Guide from the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center

This series of guides for professionals highlights resources on oral health topics and includes materials and websites on a specific topic. Topics include children with special health care needs, dental home, dental sealants, early childhood caries, fluoridated community water, fluoride varnish, Head Start, health literacy, injury, pregnancy and periodontal health, and school-based and school-linked services. To view the K-12 education guides, [click here](#).

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New Healthy Start Teacher's Guide for Healthy Smiles

Oral Health for Maryland's Kids: A Head Start Teacher's Guide for Creating Healthy Smiles is a curriculum to help Healthy Start teachers instill positive oral health knowledge, attitudes and behaviors in children and their families. It also serves as an introduction to good oral health habits for children. Each lesson plan, seven in total, contains learning objectives, background information for teachers, Head Start domains and elements, special instruction, a description of the main lesson plan, a list of materials needed to conduct the lesson, questions to check children's knowledge and understanding, optional small group supplemental/enrichment activities, and a newsletter for parents. To view the curriculum, [click here](#).

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AMCHP Working On Your Behalf

- On Apr. 17, AMCHP staff Carolyn McCoy attended a Futures without Violence "Ideas to Action: Prevent and Intervene in Domestic and Sexual Violence through Health Systems" meeting. The meeting brought together leaders in the field including representatives from HHS, CDC, the Office of the Surgeon General, and violence prevention and health promotion non-governmental organizations. Attendees identified policy priorities to "turn the tide on the public issue of interpersonal and domestic violence." The results of this meeting will be shared with attendees to gather comments and reach consensus on an "Ideas to Action" blueprint.
- On Apr. 17, AMCHP staff Alma Gomez, Kate Howe and Lauren Raskin Ramos, in partnership with the Division of Human Development and Disability/ National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities/CDC, facilitated a workgroup meeting on "Improving Preventive Health Care Services for Women with Disabilities: A Toolbox" in Washington, DC. AMCHP CEO Mike Fraser provided welcoming remarks. The purpose of the meeting was to build on ongoing U.S. efforts to improve preventive health care services for women with disabilities by creating a toolbox for use by state and local program planners

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and providers in health promotion and health services, clinical service providers, community programs, and women with disabilities. The meeting brought together key stakeholders to help inform and lay the groundwork for development of an online "toolbox" of resources. More information will soon be available on the AMCHP website.

- On Apr. 18, AMCHP staff Maritza Valenzuela attended a Capitol Hill briefing on "Improving Outcomes for Children by Meeting the Needs of Teen Parents." The event was sponsored by the Congressional Baby Caucus, Zero to Three, National Crittenton Foundation, and Georgetown Center on Poverty, Inequality and Public Policy. Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) was in attendance, as well as staff of Rep. Jared Polis (D-CO). A panel of teen mothers spoke about their experiences and the support structures that helped them have healthy babies and become self-sufficient. Staff from Florence Crittenton and the Connecticut State Department of Education spoke about their programs that serve young parents and their children.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

AMCHP Open Position: Program Associate, CYSHCN

This full-time position supports AMCHP efforts to build capacity and provide resources for state MCH and Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) programs. This position supports and assists the CYSHCN team and other program staff in the development, implementation and evaluation of program activities related to MCH and CYSHCN, with a particular focus on the AMCHP State Public Health Autism Resource Center (SPHARC). The incumbent also contributes to the collection of state best practices (Innovation Station), newsletter development and implementation of communication strategies (MS SharePoint, listserv, etc.). The program associate reports to the senior program manager, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs. For more information, [click here](#).

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CDC DCH Accepting Applications for Director, Division of Community Health

The CDC Division of Community Health (DCH) promotes sustainable community action to improve health and achieve health equity. This division was recently created as part of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion to allow greater focus on existing community health programs and on the newly developed [Community Transformation Grant Program](#).

The director has a broad operating authority and is responsible for overall planning, direction and management of the division and will lead efforts of the division and its grantee programs to mobilize and coordinate partnerships and collaborations to build a national infrastructure for community health. The director also is responsible for advancing community health by providing national leadership in applied research, epidemiology, evaluation, surveillance and performance monitoring at the community level. In addition, the director will also develop and maintain relationships among a variety of national and international public health, medical, and environmental organizations; other government agencies; academic institutions; and state and local health departments. For more information, [click here](#).

MCHB Seeks Director of the Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services

The director of the Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services (DHSPS) serves as the point of accountability with the bureau for MCH Block Grant to states programs. As a principal maternal and child health specialist within DHSPS, MCHB and HRSA, the director serves as the advocate for the program with other organizations, both governmental and private. Incumbent will provide a

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central MCHB point of reference for program continuity and information for the associate administrator in the area of the perinatal systems and women's health programs. To apply, medical officers please [click here](#); non-medical officer applicants [click here](#); current federal employees [click here](#).

AAP Job Opening: Manager for Screening and Public Health Prevention Programs

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) seeks a manager for screening and public health prevention programs within the division of children with special needs. This individual will oversee and manage the Program to Enhance the Health and Development of Infants and Children (PEHDIC) and newborn screening programs in an effort to expand provider and public education as it relates to health promotion and disease prevention. This position would be a good fit for someone who has a non-clinical, programmatic or project management background within a nonprofit organization. For more information, [click here](#).

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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 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

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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](#).

HRSA National Support for Title V/Maternal and Child Health Oral Health Services Grant Program

Deadline: *May 8*

The purpose of this MCHB-funded project is to provide funds for the National Support for Title V/MCH Oral Health Services (MCHOHS) Grant Program. The goal of this ongoing national effort is to help in the development of effective strategies aimed at improving maternal and child oral health status. The MCHOHS grant program will provide support to health professionals, program administrators, educators, policymakers, researchers and others who seek to address current and emerging public oral health issues in their efforts to achieve sustainable oral health services for the MCH population (defined as women, infants, children, adolescents, including those with special health care needs, and their families). 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*

This competitive grants opportunity is for 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](#).

EPA Lead-Based Paint Vulnerable Population Projects

Deadline: *May 15*

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 is soliciting grant proposals from eligible entities to raise awareness of the hazards of lead-based paint, especially from renovation and repair activities in older homes and child care facilities, with the goal of reducing children's exposure to lead. For more information, [click here](#).

HRSA Funding for the CAAI: National Interdisciplinary Training Resource Center

Deadline: *May 18*

This announcement solicits applications for the National Interdisciplinary Training Resource Center. The purpose of the Combating Autism Act Initiative (CAAI) National Interdisciplinary Training Resource Center is to improve the health of infants, children, and adolescents who have, or are at risk for developing, autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and other developmental disabilities (DD), including children with hearing loss, by providing technical assistance to the network of interdisciplinary training programs in neurodevelopmental and related disabilities programs. The goal of these programs is to better train professionals to utilize valid and reliable screening tools to diagnose or rule out and provide evidence-based interventions for children with ASD and other developmental disabilities. For more information, [click here](#).

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](#).

Administration for Children and Families Early Care and Education Research Scholars: Child Care Research Scholars Grant

Deadline: *May 21*

The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Policy, Research and Evaluation is announcing its plan to solicit applications for Child Care Research Scholars grants to support dissertation research on child care policy issues. These grants are meant to build capacity in the field to focus research on questions that inform the decision making of policy for child care and to foster collaboration and consultation between researchers and program and policy stakeholders. For more information, [click here](#).

AMS 2012 Farmers Market Promotion Program Grants

Deadline: *May 21*

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has announced the availability of approximately \$10 million in competitive grant funds in fiscal year (FY) 2012 to be awarded through the Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP). The FMPP competitive program is administered by the Marketing Grants and Technical Services Branch (MGTSB), Marketing Services Division (MSD) of AMS and is designed to promote the domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding direct producer-to-consumer marketing opportunities. For more information, [click here](#).

CDC State Public Health Approaches for Ensuring Quitline Capacity Funds

Deadline: *May 24*

As part of the overall effort to reduce the burden of chronic diseases and chronic disease risk factors, CDC, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Office on Smoking and Health (OSH) announces the opportunity to apply for funds to ensure and support state quitline capacity, in order to respond to upcoming federal initiatives such as the National Tobacco Education Campaign. For more information, [click here](#).

National Institute of Food and Agriculture Grant for Agriculture and Food Research Initiative – Childhood Obesity Prevention

Deadline: *Jun. 5*

This grant focuses on the societal challenge to end obesity among children, the number one nutrition-related problem in the United States. Food is an integral part of the process that leads to obesity and USDA has a unique responsibility for the food system in the United States. This program is designed to achieve the long-term outcome of reducing the prevalence of overweight and obesity among children and adolescents 2-19 years. The Childhood Obesity Program supports Multi-function Integrated Research, Education, and/or Extension Projects and Food and Agricultural Science Enhancement (FASE) grants. For more information, [click here](#).

FUNDING CONT.

Office of Public Health and Science Cooperative Agreements for Family Planning Research

Deadline: *Jun. 11*

This funding opportunity encourages research grant applications from public or nonprofit private organizations for research on selected topic areas for family planning service delivery improvement. The purpose is to support applied research which will promote improvements in the delivery of family planning services offered under Title X of the Public Health Service Act. Projects funded under this program will conduct research, which is intended to help family planning administrators to achieve the goals of the Title X program. For more information, [click here](#).

Administration for Children and Families Child Welfare - Early Education Partnerships to Expand Protective Factors for Children with Child Welfare Involvement Grant

Deadline: *Jun. 11*

This funding announcement solicits proposals for projects to improve the socio-emotional and behavioral well-being of infants and young children, age birth to 5 years old, and their families, through collaborative service delivery. These projects will build infrastructure capacity between state, local, or tribal child welfare agencies and early childhood systems to ensure that infants and young children who are in or at-risk of entering into foster care have access to comprehensive, high-quality early care and education services. For more information, [click here](#).

CDC Building and Strengthening Epidemiology, Laboratory and Health Information Systems Capacity in State and Local Health Departments Funding

Deadline: *Jun. 11*

This Announcement represents the third year continuation solicitation for existing ELC recipients to continue and strengthen their Affordable Care Act (ACA) activities initiated in 2010 under Funding Opportunity Announcement # C110-1012. This announcement also extends the original 22-month project period and current second budget period for an additional 12 months. For more information, [click here](#).

HRSA Maternal and Child Health Doctoral Training Program Grant

Deadline: *Jun. 15*

This funding opportunity is to solicit applications for the MCH Doctoral Training Program. This program meets the MCHB goals of training the MCH workforce, and especially to enhance the epidemiologic capacity for assessment, planning, and delivery of health services to the MCH population. The Office of Epidemiology and Research (OER) is continuing support of this training grant under the Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS) grant. Grants to institutions of higher learning will support doctoral students who elect a relevant MCH applied epidemiologic analysis as the basis for their research and dissertation, utilizing program information and data from a state, county or city department of health. For more information, [click here](#).

USDA Farm to School Grant Program

Deadline: *June. 15*

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA) amended the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) to establish a Farm to School program in order to assist eligible entities, through grants and technical assistance, in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools. To fulfill the farm to school mandate in the HHFKA, \$5 million will be provided to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) on an annual basis to support grants, technical assistance and the federal administrative costs related to USDA's farm to school program. For more information, [click here](#).

Administration for Children and Families AdoptUSKids Grant

Deadline: *Jun. 25*

This funding opportunity establishes, by awarding a cooperative agreement, a multi-faceted national AdoptUSKids program designed to assist states and tribes in the recruitment and support of foster and adoptive families for children in public foster care. AdoptUSKids will: Provide training and technical assistance to states and tribes regarding the recruitment, including interjurisdictional recruitment, of foster and adoptive families for children who require these services. For more information, [click here](#).

FUNDING CONT.

HHS Funding Opportunities for 97 Head Start Service Areas

Deadline: *Jul 18*

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced the availability of Head Start funding in 97 Head Start service areas across the country. These funding opportunities are consistent with new criteria for quality and accountability in Head Start programs announced in November 2011. These funding opportunities are open to all eligible organizations, and applicants have until Jul. 18 to submit their Head Start grant proposals online through www.Grants.gov. To provide relevant information and support for all applicants, the Office of Head Start has created an applicant support website that offers a resources to support organizations in gaining a deeper understanding of the Head Start and Early Head Start programs, the funding opportunity announcement, and the evaluation criteria for health and safety, fiscal integrity, and measures of Head Start classroom quality. To see the funding opportunities, [click here](#).



CALENDAR

Notice of Board Meetings

AMCHP Board of Directors Meeting
Jun. 19-21
Denver, CO

AMCHP Board of Directors Conference Call
Sept. 13

MCH Events

[Safe States Alliance 2012 Joint Annual Meeting](#)
May 1-4
Atlanta, GA

[ACOG 60th Annual Clinical Meeting](#)
May 5-9
San Diego, CA

CALENDAR CONT.

[2012 New York State Perinatal Association Annual Conference](#)

Jun. 7-8
Albany, NY

[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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