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MANAGEMENT MINUTE



Feeling It

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Many of you know I travel frequently for work and one of my favorite parts of working at AMCHP is visiting maternal and child health (MCH) and children and youth with special health care needs

(CYSHCN) programs across the country. I get a tremendous amount of energy from meeting members and partners, sharing what we are doing at AMCHP on your behalf, and learning about your programs, priorities and needs.

Of course, that travel can be draining: long lines, security checks, taking stuff out of your bag, crowded flights, etc. In the last few days air travel has been even more draining because the FAA started to furlough air traffic controllers due to the sequester. Fewer controllers means some runways have had to be shutdown, fewer planes can be in the air at the same time, and there are long lines of flights that have to wait to take off (not to mention long lines at security where TSA agents have been furloughed). On a recent trip, my flight was number 25 in a long line to depart. Needless to say, we were very late in getting to our final destination. Ironically, the front page headline on the *Wall Street Journal* that the person sitting next to me was reading was about the FAA furloughs and delays.

Everywhere I went this week people asked me about the delays. The taxi driver asked if I was delayed. The front desk staff asked if I was delayed. People at the meeting I went to asked about the delays. My family asked me about delays. "Yes," I said. "I experienced delays. And I was glad."

"What?!" they would say. "You were glad you were delayed?"

"Yep." I answered.

"Why?" they asked in sheer amazement. Here was my response:

"Because we are finally experiencing the impact of these ridiculous across the board cuts that were never meant to be. Now people will really see what this sequester is all about."

I find it striking that the air travel delays over the past three days have caused so much ire and outrage nationwide and delays are something everyone has heard about while the other sequester cuts, cuts that will have a much more significant negative impact over time than air traffic delays, are practically unknown. True, details have not yet been released so we are not feeling the full brunt of other cuts but we know that Head Start programs may have to limit their enrollments. WIC and other nutrition assistance will be cut. The Title V MCH Services Block Grant will be cut. No one asks me about those on my travels – not a taxi driver, a hotel clerk, and even some of the folks at the meetings I attended. Air travel delays took precedence over covering cuts to programs that support our most vulnerable Americans and lay the foundation for a healthier future for us all.

Of course I did not think that the sequester was the best approach to addressing our budget woes but a small part of me is glad that the air traffic delays are keeping this in

front of people, at least this week. Maybe by feeling these cuts a larger group of folks will ask that if this is happening at the FAA, where else will we feel these cuts? What can we do about them before they take place? Maybe by “feeling it,” some will add their voice to the growing number of advocates who are pushing for a sensible, balanced approach to solving the budget problems we are experiencing. Till then, I’m bringing an extra book and a toothbrush in my carry-on.

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY CORNER



FY 2013 Operating Plans

The federal government plans to release their FY 2013 operating plans at the end of the month. These plans will detail the level of spending reductions as a result of sequestration and reprogramming for the remainder of the fiscal year. It also will provide information about the final allocations of the Prevention and Public Health Fund. AMCHP will closely monitor these developments and provide you with information regarding the operating plans as soon as this information is public.

Prevention and Public Health Fund

During the past few weeks, the Prevention and Public Health Fund has garnered a lot of attention from members of Congress. AMCHP sent a [letter](#) to Capitol Hill indicating our continued support and opposing any effort to eliminate, reduce or divert funding to pay for other priorities. Additionally, AMCHP continues to work with a broad coalition of groups led by Trust for America’s Health informing the administration that we are opposed to their approach to transfer money from the fund to pay for implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

MIECHV Legislative Update

As reported last week, President Obama’s FY 2014 budget proposes to extend and expand the current Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Education Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) beginning in fiscal year 2015. AMCHP signed a [letter](#) indicating our strong support for the extension of the program and interest in working with

the administration to advocate for enactment of the president’s proposal.

ICYMI Federal Navigator Grants

In case you missed it, the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Announces New Grant Opportunity for ACA Outreach and Enrollment**. On Apr. 9, HHS released [a new federal grant opportunity](#) for those interested in serving as navigators in states with partnership and federally facilitated marketplaces. **The deadline to apply is Jun. 7**. This announcement represents new resources (\$54 million) that may be available to state Title V MCH programs and your partners to support outreach and enrollment for individuals gaining insurance coverage through the Affordable Care Act.

AMCHP created [a fact sheet](#) that outlines three steps for your program to consider to help connect women, children and their families to health insurance coverage. Additionally, friends at Enroll America put together [a new fact sheet](#) that helps clarify the four types of outreach assistance that may be available (navigators, in-person assistors, certified application counselors, and agents and brokers) and compares them side-by-side in all three types of exchanges.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: Home (CMS) scheduled two pre-application calls, one of which has already passed. The remaining call will provide an overview of the announcement, budget guidance, and other available materials, as well as an opportunity for potential applicants to ask questions.

Key Dates:

Letter of Intent (strongly encouraged): May 1
Application due date: Jun. 7
Anticipated Notice of Award: Aug. 15

*** Please note this funding announcement is only for states with a federally facilitated or partnership exchange, including:** Alaska, Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin, West Virginia and Wyoming.

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Navigator Resources

- (Kaiser Family Foundation) How Will Consumers Navigate New Health Care Options? ([Webcast](#))
- (Kaiser Family Foundation) Consumer Assistance in Health Reform ([Issue Brief](#))
- (Kaiser Family Foundation) Navigator and In-Person Assistance Programs: A Snapshot of State Programs ([Issue Brief](#))

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May MCH EPI Grand Rounds: Using the Fertility Cycle to Empower Couples and Scientists

This presentation of MCH EPI grand rounds will explore the physiological basis of natural family planning. Leading experts also will describe clinical and research applications of natural family planning and fertility awareness methods. The webcast will take place on May 1 at 2 p.m. EST. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

A Global Look at Teen Pregnancy Prevention: Strategies for Success

The Office of Adolescent Health invites you to attend its free webcast – [A Global Look at Teen Pregnancy Prevention: Strategies for Success](#) – on May 2 from 2-3 p.m. EST. Hear from Robert W. Blum, MD, MPH, PhD, an expert in adolescent health and teen pregnancy, about how teen pregnancy outcomes in the United States compare globally, and what we can learn from teen pregnancy prevention efforts abroad. Dr. Blum also will answer some commonly asked questions concerning teen pregnancy prevention. To register, [click here](#). They also invite you to live tweet during the webcast using #TPPGlobal, and be sure to follow OAH on [Twitter](#). This webcast will kick off a month of activities by OAH for its third annual recognition of National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month.

Archive of 2013 AMCHP Annual Meeting is Now Available!

Archived material from the 2013 AMCHP annual meeting, Advancing the Maternal and Child Health Vision: Quality, Leadership and Action, is now live and

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available. The archive includes viewable presentations, resources, and tools from the plenary sessions, skills-building workshops, and power sessions. For more information and to browse materials, [click here](#).

National Premature Infant Health Coalition Summit

This year, the National Premature Infant Health Coalition Summit will take place May 4 -11, both in-person and virtually for ease of participation across the country! Events are completely free and open to parents, providers, policymakers and anyone with an interest in issues surrounding prematurity. Activities taking place throughout the week include webinars, a live Facebook chat, a networking reception, and an NPIHC team in the March For Babies! For more information, [click here](#).

Call for Nominations: APHA MCH Awards

The Maternal and Child Health Section of the American Public Health Association (APHA) is seeking nominations for the 2013 APHA Maternal & Child Health Section Awards, to be presented at the APHA Annual Meeting on Nov. 2-6. Nominations are due by May 10, and are being sought for The Young Professional Award; The Effective Practice Award; The Outstanding Leadership/Advocacy Award; and The MCH Section Distinguished Service Award. Eligible candidates include MCH professionals in the private and public sectors at the local, state, tribal, national or global level. For more information, please contact [Debra Jackson](#).

How To Incorporate Best Practices in Family Centered Care in Your Practice Webinar

Join the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and its National Center for Medical Home Implementation (NCMHI) on May 29 from noon to 1 p.m. CT for a webinar on how to incorporate best practices in family centered care. This webinar will provide participants with a clear description of family-centered care and highlight case studies that showcase effective strategies in delivering that care through practice improvements, such as greater use of health information technology, enhanced access to medical professional staff outside regular office hours, feedback mechanisms capturing patient/family experience with care, and including families on advisory boards and as staff. A recently published monograph by the NCMHI will also be highlighted, which features case studies focusing on 17

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pediatric practices nominated by their peers or patients as exemplary patient- and family-centered medical homes. For more information, [click here](#).

2013 MCH Leadership Retreat Registration Now Open

Leadership, Legacy, & Community: A Retreat to Advance MCH Scholarship & Practice will be held Jul. 14-16 at the Hyatt Lodge in Oak Brook, IL. If you see yourself as an MCH change agent or wish to learn practical skills for how to be a positive force for MCH change, this program is designed just for you. Who should attend: intergenerational, interdisciplinary academic/practice professionals and students who are interested in the health and well-being of women, children, and families. For more information, [click here](#).

Autism Speaks Invites Letters of Intent for High-Risk/High-Impact Autism Research Projects

[Autism Speaks](#) is accepting Letters of Intent for "out of the box" autism research projects that open new avenues to understanding the causes, diagnosis, subtyping, prevention, treatment, and cure of autism spectrum disorders. Grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded to support small investigator-initiated high-risk/high-impact projects that are potentially transformative and/or aim to overcome significant roadblocks in autism research within a twelve-month period. In particular Autism Speaks is seeking projects that may be too risky for regular research mechanisms. For more information, [click here](#).

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



Child and Adolescent Health

ChildTrends Releases Brief Exploring Link Between Depression and Suicide and Teen Dating Violence

This brief presents an analysis of data collected from interviews of a nationally representative sample of 6,763

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individuals as they moved from adolescence into early adulthood. The brief, produced by Child Trends with support from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), draws from data collected by the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health). The purpose of the analysis was to determine whether symptoms of depression or suicide in adolescence predict unhealthy romantic relationship outcomes (relationship violence and sexual infidelity) in young adulthood. Contents include background, methods, sample characteristics, key findings and implications. For more information, [click here](#).

Women's & Infant Health

OWH Launches New Breastfeeding Campaign for African-American Mothers and Families

The HHS Office on Women's Health (OWH) recently announced the launch of a new breastfeeding campaign! *It's Only Natural* helps African American women and their families understand the health benefits of breastfeeding — not just for babies, but for moms too. For more information on the campaign and to find information on topics such as addressing breastfeeding myths, overcoming challenges, as well as video testimonials from breastfeeding moms, [click here](#).

ON YOUR BEHALF

AMCHP Working On Your Behalf

- On Apr. 18-19, AMCHP staff Lacy Fehrenbach represented AMCHP at the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) de Beaumont Foundation Public Health Workforce Development Strategy Meeting. The meeting included representatives from more than 30 stakeholder groups, representing various parts of the federal, state, and local public health workforce, to collectively create a robust workforce strategy to meet public health needs in the next five years. The group identified systems thinking, persuasive communication, and change management as the top three cross-cutting areas for knowledge and skills-

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building needs across the governmental public health workforce. Seven additional areas were considered and could be addressed in later phases of the project. The development of the strategy will continue virtually through this fall. AMCHP will link this work to that of our Workforce and Leadership Development Committee.

- On Apr. 23, staff Carolyn McCoy attended a briefing on Capitol Hill presented by The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) entitled *“Pregnancy as a Window for Future Health: Maximizing care for pregnant women.”* Dr. George Saade, Dr. Michael Lu and Dr. Kathryn Menard presented on how complications during pregnancy provide important indications for the future health of women. By

understanding this and then providing a continuum of quality care that is integrated with public health for woman before, during and after pregnancy could dramatically change the trajectory of woman’s health and possible onset of chronic conditions. Dr. Lu also provided insights on how the Affordable Care Act has some key policies to help implement the policy recommendations made by the presenters.

- On Apr. 24, AMCHP staff Caroline Stampfel represented AMCHP at the Injury and Violence Prevention Network Meeting in Washington, DC; the meeting featured updates from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Center for Injury and Violence Prevention and breakout discussions of violence prevention, unintentional injury prevention, and policy partnership. The Injury and Violence Prevention Network, convened and led by the Safe States Alliance, is a group of national organizations that support injury and violence prevention policies at the national level and advocates for federal funding for injury and violence prevention.



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, the AMCHP 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!

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Texas Department of State Health Services Seeks Nutrition Service Section Director

The Director works under the general direction of the Assistant Commissioner for Family and Community Health Services Division. The successful candidate will be expected to perform complex managerial work leading the day-to-day operations of the Nutritional Services Section, which includes the Special Supplemental Nutritional Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). The section is responsible for management and oversight of the Nutrition Education and Clinic Unit and the Food Issuance and Redemption Services Unit. Responsibilities include interpreting federal and state laws and regulations and department rules and policy as they apply to program strategic planning, rules and policy development; client service delivery; vendor operations; developing and implementing best practices; and establishing quality assurance and performance measurement tools. For more information and to apply, [click here](#).

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AMCHP Opening: Organizational Performance & Member Services Intern

As a member of the Organizational Performance and Member Services team, the intern supports our member services and communications activities. The intern will assume responsibility for a wide range of projects and functions, requiring professionalism and task orientation. Principle duties include: compiling information on events and new publications for the member newsletter; layout of electronic newsletters using Microsoft Publisher and Adobe InDesign; updating newsletter web content and other as needed; working with the member services manager on membership campaigns, including dues renewals and member retention programs; assisting in managing the AMCHP member database, including updating AMCHP member information; and supporting member services, track new and retiring members, and coordinate production of member welcome packets, including membership cards. For more information, [click here](#).

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Medela Breastfeeding Hall of Excellence Grant

Deadline: *Apr. 30*

Breastfeeding Hall of Excellence, a program that recognizes individuals whose work supports breastfeeding, increases the initiation and duration of breastfeeding, and improves the health of women and infants. Grants of \$5,000 will be awarded to selected lactation consultants and breastfeeding advocates to

AMCHP 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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fund research, sponsor continuing education, purchase equipment for use in practices (if applicable), or donate to the breastfeeding charity of their choice. Nominees may be eligible in one of three categories: community breastfeeding advocate, professional breastfeeding advocate, and lactation consultant. For more information, [click here](#).

Well Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation (WISEWOMAN) Grant

Deadline: *Apr. 30*

The purposes of the WISEWOMAN program are: 1) assuring that cardiovascular screening is provided to women ages 40-64 who are participants in the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP); 2) working with community-based organizations to provide evidence-based prevention services to those women in need of them (through agreements with organizations such as the YMCA, Weight Watchers, and those that provide Diabetes Primary Prevention Programs); 3) improving the management and control of hypertension by integrating innovative health system-based approaches and strengthening community-clinical linkages (such as team-based care and pharmacy medication management programs); and 4) gathering and reporting program related evaluation data, including impact measures. For more information, [click here](#).

HRSA State Systems Development Initiative Grant Program Grant

Deadline: *May 6*

The purpose of this grant is to assist state MCH and CSHCN programs in the building of state and community infrastructure that results in comprehensive, community-based systems of care for all children and their families. This funding opportunity announcement publicizes the availability of one-time supplemental funding for SSDI to support more timely provision of data from vital statistics and other data systems in order to facilitate state participation in a Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (CoIIN) to Reduce Infant Mortality. This funding will be used by participating states to develop, enhance, and/or support a data system that assures access to real-time data that will allow each State to measure its progress relative to the priority areas

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being addressed by each of the CoIIN strategy teams. The real-time data collected will be consistent with the metrics established by each strategy team for measuring progress towards achieving the aim of the strategy team. For more information, [click here](#).

CDC HIV Evidence-Based Strategy Funding

Deadline: *May 10*

The purpose of this grant is to identify, translate and pilot -test evidence-informed strategies and community best practices to improve linkage, retention and re-engagement of HIV positive persons in HIV care. This program proposes to identify “model programs” with evidence-informed or community-based strategies for improving linkage and retention in care, translate the “model programs” into Web- and other-technology-based tools and resources for implementation by other agencies, pilot test the tools with agencies experiencing challenges in linkage and retention of clients, and refinement of tools for potential dissemination by CDC to clinical and community-based providers. For more information, [click here](#).

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health Integrating Routine HIV Testing and Linkage to HIV Care and Treatment in Family Planning Services Grants

Deadline: *May 10*

This notice announces the anticipated availability of funds from the Secretary’s for Health Minority AIDS Initiative Fund (SMAIF) and Title X appropriations to support grants to provide high impact HIV prevention integrated with Title X family planning services. The goals of the OPA supported HIV prevention projects are to: 1) provide high impact HIV prevention services, which include opt-out HIV testing, linkage of HIV positive clients to care and treatment, and for at-risk clients, behavioral interventions through counseling sessions, condom distribution, and STI screening and treatment; 2) increase effective linkage partnerships between Title X family planning sites and other community-based organizations that provide care and treatment services and; 3) provide training focused on the provision of high impact HIV prevention services in order to build staff capacity. For more information, [click here](#).

State Offices of Rural Health Grant Program (SORH)

Deadline: *May 13*

The purpose of the SORH grant program is to assist states in strengthening rural health care delivery systems by maintaining a focal point for rural health within each state. The program provides funding for an institutional framework that links small rural communities with state and federal resources to help develop long-term solutions to rural health problems. This competing continuation guidance provides instruction for applying for a new three-year project period. Authorizing legislation provides that each SORH conduct the following activities: (1) Establish and maintain within the state a clearinghouse for collecting and disseminating information on rural health care issues, research findings relating to rural health care, and innovative approaches to the delivery of health care in rural areas; (2) Coordinate the activities carried out in the state that relate to rural health care, including providing coordination for the purpose of avoiding duplication in such activities; and (3) Identify federal, state, and nongovernmental programs regarding rural health, and provide technical assistance to public and nonprofit private entities regarding participation in such programs. For more information, [click here](#).

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Johnson & Johnson Community Health Care Program Invites Applications From Evidence-Based Childhood Obesity Programs

Deadline: *May 15*

The Johnson & Johnson Community Health Care Program, in partnership with the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, is accepting applications from nonprofit community healthcare organizations for programs that promote wellness and healthy lifestyle choices to prevent and reduce the impact of obesity in children between the ages of eight and 12. The program is designed to improve the in-house capacity of organizations to use cutting-edge prevention science, implement innovative, evidence-based interventions, and design and implement monitoring and evaluation procedures in order to contribute to the evidence base and the long-term sustainability of the project. For more information, [click here](#).

CDC Private Wells/Other Small Drinking-Water Systems Study Funding

Deadline: *May 15*

This announcement seeks applications from state and local health departments, and U.S. territories and Native American tribal public health agencies. Funding these initiatives will improve the recipients' ability to address critical gaps in understanding the possible exposures, hazards, and health outcomes in communities and

populations using private wells (PW) or small drinking-water systems. Approximately 13 percent of U.S. households, or about 43 million people, use these types of water systems. CDC will fund as many as 15 awards to locate and use data to identify new, or clarify known or suspected, issues related to private wells or small drinking-water systems that may affect public health. For more information, [click here](#).

CDC Patient-Centered HIV Care Funding

Deadline: *May 15*

CDC has entered into a public-private partnership with Walgreen Company to develop and implement a model of HIV care that integrates community pharmacists with primary medical providers for patient-centered HIV care. The expected outcomes of the model program are increased retention in HIV care, adherence to HIV medication therapy and viral load suppression. Walgreens has agreed to provide expanded medication therapy management services to 1000 HIV-infected clients, currently or newly initiated on ART, at 10 project sites (~100 persons per site) throughout the country and to work with medical clinic providers to implement the service model. Grantees will work to complete the following activities: 1) develop a patient-centered HIV care model that incorporates Walgreens pharmacists with primary medical providers 2) implement the patient-centered HIV care model and 3) and monitor the performance of the patient-centered HIV care model and adjust the model as needed. For more information, [click here](#).

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SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success (SPF-PFS) Grant

Deadline: *May 17*

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), is accepting applications for FY 2013 Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success cooperative agreements (SPF-PFS). The SPF-PFS is designed to address two of the nation's top substance abuse prevention priorities: 1) underage drinking among persons aged 12 to 20; and 2) prescription drug misuse and abuse among persons aged 12 to 25. For more information, [click here](#).

FY13 Announcement of Anticipated Availability of Funds for the Adoption and Implementation of Health Information Technology in Family Planning Services Grants Region 10

Deadline: *May 17*

The Office of Population Affairs recognizes the critical need to assist Title X family planning services sites in making the necessary changes to ensure continued delivery of primary, preventive reproductive health services during and after implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). This announcement seeks applications from Title X family planning service grantees to support the adoption and implementation of health information technology (HIT) systems that enable providers to meet meaningful requirements and access incentive payments under the Medicaid and Medicare EHR incentive program. For more information, [click here](#).

SAMHSA Cooperative Agreements for State Adolescent Treatment Enhancement and Dissemination Grant

Deadline: *May 22*

The SAMHSA Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is accepting applications for FY 2013 for Cooperative Agreements for State Adolescent and Transitional Aged Youth Treatment Enhancement and Dissemination. The purpose of this program is to provide funding to states/territories/tribes to improve treatment for adolescents and transitional aged youth through the development of a learning laboratory with collaborating local community-based treatment provider sites. For more information, [click here](#).

2013 RWJF Roadmaps to Health

Deadline: *May 23*

Six recognized communities, with the goal of raising awareness and inspiring locally driven change across the country, will receive a \$25,000 cash prize and have their success stories shared broadly. Communities will be judged on their accomplishments as well as their capacity for and dedication to creating lasting change by harnessing the collective power of leaders, partners, and community members and for implementing a strategic approach that focuses on the factors that influence

health, including health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and the physical environment. Priority will be given to communities that are addressing all four factors. For more information, [click here](#).

CDC Program to Support New Implementation of State or Territorial Public Health Laboratory Capacity for Newborn Bloodspot Screening of SCID Grant

Deadline: *May 28*

Newborn screening programs test infants for diseases that require immediate medical treatment but are not apparent at birth. More than 4 million newborns are tested annually in the United States, and thousands of infants and children are saved from disability and death through early detection and treatment. Newborn screening practices, including the types of disorders for which newborns are screened, vary from state to state. The purpose of this funding announcement is to increase the number of states and territories with active screening of severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID) newborn screening programs, and thereby strengthen identification and referral mechanisms to treat a greater number of affected newborns. For more information, [click here](#).

State Oral Disease Prevention Program Grant

Deadline: *May 29*

The overall purpose of the State Oral Health Program is to assist state health departments to build and/or maintain effective public health capacity for implementation, evaluation, and dissemination of best practices in oral disease prevention and advancement of oral health objectives. Grants of up to \$250,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

CDC Promoting, Strengthening and Enhancing Disease Prevention by Collaboration with Targeted Stakeholders Grant

Deadline: *Jun. 5*

The purpose of this grant is to increase accurate information on social media and educate WIC staff about vaccine recommendation and best practices by working with targeted stakeholders, including WIC staff, coalitions, stakeholders and parents. These activities will

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in the long term reduce barriers and lead to the reduction of morbidity and mortality from vaccine preventable diseases. For more information, [click here](#).

National Information & Referral Support Center Grant

Deadline: *Jun. 5*

Administration for Community Living (ACL)/ Administration on Aging (AoA) has supported the National Aging Information & Referral Support Center (the Support Center). The Support Center was established to assist the aging network of State Agencies on Aging, Area Agencies on Aging, Tribal organizations, and local aging information and referral (I&R) providers enhance the quality and professionalism of their information and assistance systems. Since 2003, the Support Center has provided technical assistance and training to Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs). The Support Center provides comprehensive information and technical assistance on a variety of issues relating to information and assistance on aging and more recently programs for people with disabilities. Aging and disability I&R programs and ADRCs continue to evolve and expand their ability to provide person-centered access to information and assistance. I&Rs and ADRCs are working to improve collaboration and coordination to better serve aging and disability populations, families, and caregivers. To assist the aging and disability networks, including ADRCs, to respond to these and other emerging issues ACL will fund a new Cooperative Agreement to provide technical assistance and training. For more information, [click here](#).

Diligent Recruitment of Families for Children in the Foster Care System

Deadline: *Jun. 10*

This Funding Opportunity Announcement solicits applications to fund cooperative agreements, for the purpose of developing programs to recruit resource families for children in foster care. Applications submitted in response to this announcement should propose projects that will: 1) Implement comprehensive, multi-faceted diligent recruitment programs for resource families, including kinship, foster, concurrent, and adoptive families for children and youth served by public child welfare agencies; effectively identify, engage and support resource families as a means of improving

permanency outcomes and building lasting connections for children in foster care. 2) Integrate the diligent recruitment programs into the Child and Family Service Plan and with other agency programs, including foster care case planning and permanency planning processes, to facilitate active concurrent planning activities; 3) Demonstrate the capacity to use this project as a transformative platform for improved system response to permanency and building connections, incorporating changes at the policy and practice level and embracing the philosophy of permanency beginning at entry into the child welfare system; 4) Evaluate the implementation of the comprehensive diligent recruitment programs to document processes and potential linkages between diligent recruitment strategies and improved outcomes; and; 5) Develop identifiable sites that other states/locales seeking to implement improved diligent recruitment methods can look at for guidance, insight and possible replication. For more information, [click here](#).

Projects to Establish Individual Development Account (IDA) Programs for Refugees Grant

Deadline: *Jun. 17*

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) invites eligible entities to submit competitive grant applications for projects to establish and manage Individual



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Development Accounts (IDAs) for low-income refugee participants. Eligible refugee participants who enroll in these projects will open and contribute systematically to IDAs for specified Savings Goals, including home ownership, business capitalization, vehicles for educational or work purposes, professional certification, and education (limited to postsecondary education, college entrance exam fees, Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and GED preparation and test fees). Successful grantees will be expected to coordinate their policies and procedures for developing and administering refugee IDA projects with ORR and with the existing refugee IDA network. For more information, [click here](#).

Advancing aSBI and CHOICES in American Indian and Alaska Native Populations through Training and Technical Assistance Grant

Deadline: *Jun. 23*

The purpose of this FOA is conducting training on Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention (aSBI) and CHOICES and provide technical assistance on implementing the interventions into clinic settings have been identified as barriers for promoting successful adoption and integration into primary care clinics as a standard of care. This program announcement addresses these barriers by focusing on building capacity with the awardee organization(s) to provide training and technical assistance to clinics serving AI/AN populations. Increasing the capacity of organizations to provide a comprehensive approach is anticipated not only to reduce risks for an alcohol-exposed pregnancy in women, but also reduce risky drinking and its associated harms in all men and women, as well as support alcohol screening and brief intervention as a standard of care. For more information, [click here](#).

RWJF Applying Behavioral Economics Principles to Healthcare Problems Grant

Deadline: *Jul. 17, Proposal Brief due Apr. 17*

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is accepting proposals that apply the principles and frameworks of behavioral economics to persistent and perplexing health and healthcare problems. Proposals are encouraged from a range of disciplines, including but not limited to behavioral economics, decision theory, economics, public health, sociology, psychology, marketing, nursing and medicine. Through its *Pioneer Portfolio* program, RWJF expects to make approximately

five awards of up to \$200,000 each for two-year projects that test innovative solutions to the challenge of reducing the use of low-value services in health care. For more information, [click here](#).

RWJF Executive Nurses Fellows

Deadline: *Jan. 15, 2014 at 3 p.m. EST*

The RWJF Executive Nurse Fellows program is a three-year advanced leadership program for nurses who aspire to lead and shape health care locally and nationally. Fellows strengthen and improve their leadership abilities related to improving health and health care. Awards are open to registered nurses who hold senior leadership positions in health services, scientific and academic organizations, public health and community-based organizations or systems, or national professional, governmental and policy organizations. For more information, [click here](#).

CMS Cooperative Agreement to Support Establishment of Health Insurance Exchanges

Deadline: *Oct. 15, 2014*

Through this cooperative agreement, CMS will provide states, the District of Columbia, and consortia of states, with financial assistance for the establishment of exchanges. These awards will provide funds for the state to complete activities for achieving approval in accordance with Section 1321 of the Affordable Care Act and the requirements as established through the rulemaking process. For more information, [click here](#).

NIH Initiative to Maximize Research Education in Genomics Diversity Action Plan

Deadline: *Sept. 6, 2016*

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) present this funding opportunity to facilitate the training of individuals at all careers levels (the undergraduate, graduate, post baccalaureate, postdoctoral and faculty levels) from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in scientific disciplines relevant to genomics to enable them to pursue genomics research that spans all areas of interest to National Human Genome Research Institute later in their careers. For more information, [click here](#).

CALENDAR



MCH Events

[3rd Annual APA Conference on Advancing Quality Improvement Science for Children's Health Care Research](#)

May 3
Washington, DC

[National Premature Infant Health Coalition Summit](#)

May 4-11
Washington, DC (*virtual and in-person*)

[Third Annual Teen Pregnancy Prevention Grantee Conference](#)

May 20-22
National Harbor, MD

[Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists Annual Conference](#)

Jun. 9-13
Pasadena, CA

[Third National Cribs for Kids Conference](#)

Jun. 25-28
Pittsburgh, PA

[NACCHO Annual 2013](#)

Jul. 10-12
Dallas, TX

[Leadership, Legacy, & Community: A Retreat to Advance MCH Scholarship & Practice](#)

Jul. 15-16
Oak Brook, IL

[ARHP 50th Annual Reproductive Health Meeting](#)

Sept. 19-21
Denver, CO

[87th Annual American School Health Association Conference](#)

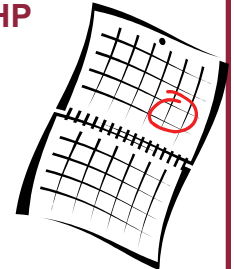
Oct. 9 - 12
Myrtle Beach, SC

[2013 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting](#)

Nov. 2-6
Boston, MA

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