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Learning

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

Burnison's twelfth absolute of leadership is learning and I agree that learning is indeed an important aspect of leadership. Part of leading is using what you know to do your job better and motivating those around you to achieve

the mission of your organization. Part of leading also is realizing what you do not know and taking the steps to learn those things. Good leaders are constant learners: if you look at some of the best leaders out there you will see they have voracious appetites to learn and apply new knowledge to their work. Good leaders "take time to sharpen their axe" – rather than keep trying to chop down a tree with a dull axe. Abraham Lincoln is often quoted as saying, "If I had six hours to cut down a tree I'd spend four hours sharpening my axe." How often do you "sharpen your axe" when approaching a new problem or challenge?

Another way we learn is by making mistakes. Failures, by definition, are things that did not work and frankly can be quite embarrassing. How many people want to admit to a mistake, or a failure, especially in this time of budget constraints and public scrutiny of everything they do as a leader? How many leaders see failing as part of their job? And yet learning from failure is one of the most important ways we learn and an important part of our experience as leaders. Give yourself permission to not know everything and try a few new things over the course of your day. Make a few mistakes and then take the opportunity to learn from them. Ask others on your team what they would have done differently, or engage in

group problem solving, and learn from each other. You will be amazed at how much you learn together!

In our busy, hectic and stressful lives we rarely take the time we need to learn. Instead, we keep trying to solve today's problems with yesterday's learning. As leaders, we often see our titles or promotions as confirmation that of course we know everything we need to know to do our jobs well – but do we? How much better could we be if we were actively learning (and a little more humble) and using new knowledge to do even bigger and better things for our organizations? And how often do we cut training and professional development programs from our budgets as "nice to have" items versus critical costs of doing business in today's information age? It is so short sighted to cut training and expect improved productivity and better results, and yet that is just what many resource strapped organizations have done in tough budget times.

As Burnison states, "what got you here won't get you there." One of the biggest insights I hear from new leaders is that they had no idea how much they didn't know and how much they needed to learn to be effective in their new roles. The best of those new leaders always sees themselves as "new" and develops a voracious appetite to learn throughout their careers. Much of this learning is often done on one's "personal time" – there is rarely time to participate in learning events at work given all the demands on us during our busy days. I use work-out time, plane trips, and my subway ride or drive to work to read or listen to leadership lessons on CD or "podcasts." Making time to learn is critical but tough. Maybe your New Year's resolution will be to learn more

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as a leader, even if it is short 20 minute bursts in the course of a day? Try it! It is only through learning and leading that we can move ourselves and our organizations forward.

[This is the eleventh installment in a continuing series on The Twelve Absolutes of Leadership by Gary Burnison. 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.]

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY CORNER



They're BAAAACK!

The election is over, the turkey is eaten and now Congress returns for what is shaping up to be an extremely busy lame duck session. As of Nov. 30, progress to address the fiscal cliff has reached a standstill. Despite this, AMCHP is hopeful that a framework will be released soon. We will be closely monitoring the overall level of funding that is available for discretionary spending, changes to the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid in any deal that is released. It is widely expected that this deal will receive an up or down vote and will not be subject to any amendments by members of Congress.

Additionally, rumors are circulating that members of Congress have begun to cobble together an omnibus appropriations bill providing funding for the federal government for the remainder of the fiscal year. As a reminder, the federal government is currently operating under a continuing resolution providing essentially level funding for programs through Mar. 27, 2013. This omnibus package would provide funding from Mar. 27, 2013 through Oct. 1, 2013. AMCHP sent a [letter](#) to members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees encouraging them to provide \$640 million for the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant.

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Maternal and Child Health Special Order Hour

On Nov. 28, as a result of the leadership of the Friends of Maternal and Child Health Coalition, congressional leaders spoke out yesterday about the negative effects sequestration will have on MCH programs. [Click here](#) to view the segment and fast forward to the time 1:32:50 to view Rep. Schakowsky and other member's statements. Title V is specifically mentioned! This is the culmination of months of work completed by AMCHP, American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), March of Dimes and the National WIC Association.

The Friends of MCH are currently working to get Senators on the floor as well. We still do not know if the cliff or sequestration will be averted, but we continue to advocate for a balanced approach that does not further cut non defense discretionary programs.

PREEMIE Act (S.1440)

Before Thanksgiving break the Senate approved the PREEMIE Act (S. 1440) that authorizes funding to expand research, education and intervention activities related to preterm birth and infant mortality. Importantly this legislation also codifies the existing Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality. The legislation requires that within one year of enactment of the law the committee produce a plan that does the following:

- A. *Examine research and educational activities that receive federal funding in order to enable the plan to provide informed recommendations to reduce preterm birth and address racial and ethnic disparities in preterm birth rates*
- B. *Identify research gaps and opportunities to implement evidence-based strategies to reduce preterm birth rates among the programs and activities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) regarding preterm birth, including opportunities to minimize duplication*
- C. *Reflect input from a broad range of scientists, patients, and advocacy groups, as appropriate*

The March of Dimes is leading the advocacy effort on this legislation and AMCHP is on record in support of the bill. Before the legislation is signed into law the House of Representatives must approve the bill before the end of this session.

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Congressional Hearing on Autism

On Nov. 29, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee held a hearing entitled, “The Federal Response to the Rising Rates of Autism.” During this hearing congressional members pledged commitment to continue to provide oversight regarding the federal government role in combating autism. The hearing discussion focused on the extraordinary number of children and young adults living with autism and what is being done to offer supports and services to them and their families. In addition, the hearing focused on members of Congress purporting that there is a link between vaccines and the increasing rates in autism. In the future, the committee intends to conduct hearings examining drug interactions, including vaccines and its impact on development. One of the members of

Congress also suggested that Congress fund a study to determine the degree to which autism is connected to mercury releasing sources. AMCHP will continue to monitor these developments. [Click here](#) to view an archive of the hearing.

HHS Releases Three New Affordable Care Act Regulations

Timing of the release of highly anticipated rules related to the Affordable Care Act is anyone’s guess, but many are expected in the coming days, weeks and months. On Nov. 20, HHS issued three highly anticipated proposed rules on the Affordable Care Act. The rules cover aspects of the [health insurance market and rate review](#), [standards related to essential health benefits](#), and [wellness programs](#).

[Here](#) is a fact sheet for the essential health benefits proposed rule and the [fact sheet](#) on the proposed rule on market reforms.

The rules pertinent to the MCH populations are those regarding essential health benefits and the market reforms. Briefly, the essential health benefits proposed rule does not drift far from the guidance provided to states on the selection of a benchmark insurance plan, but provides further detail on the habilitation benefits. The proposed rule on market reforms provides guidance on “key provisions of the Affordable Care Act to prevent insurance companies from discriminating against people with pre-existing conditions and protect consumers from the worst insurance company abuses.” AMCHP is currently analyzing the rules and will provide more information in upcoming *Member Briefs*, webinars and publications.

CMS Outlines Essential Health Benefits in a Letter to Medicaid Directors

In addition to the essential health benefit proposed rule, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) officials sent a [guidance letter](#) to Medicaid directors. It offers details about what types of benefits should be provided for low-income adults if states choose to expand their programs. AMCHP also is analyzing the potential impact on MCH populations and will provide further analysis in future materials.



CMS Connect Kids to Coverage

On Nov. 15, CMS announced the kick off of the “[Connecting Kids to Coverage](#)” campaign. The goal of the campaign is to raise awareness among eligible families about children’s health coverage under Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), increase enrollment and retention, provide support to local and statewide outreach and education, reenergize and refresh a national campaign that supports and amplifies ongoing outreach efforts. The campaign will focus on the more than four million children who are eligible, but remain uninsured with specific attention on enrolling Native American and African American teenagers.

The campaign will include tailored activities to generate public awareness, campaign toolkits and training/webinars, which will, with organizational and corporate support, emphasizes the importance of partnership and reaching the families where they are. Peaks of campaign activities will focus on flu and cold season, allergy season and back to school time.

Materials are available nationally and are customizable, but the campaign will focus in five key states: California, Texas, Florida, Georgia, Ohio, New York and possibly more. Whether you are in one of the key markets or not, support, guidance and materials are available to anyone requesting it. Support for partners is provided regionally. While not specifically focusing on the opening of the health insurance exchanges in 2014, the campaign will share messages about what should be expected in 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact [Riley Greene](#) at 202-813-4974.

MIECHV Funding Announcement

Both Florida and Wyoming relinquished Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) funds and are not participating in the grant program, therefore these funds are open to nonprofit organizations proposing to provide services under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) MIECHV grant program in the states of Florida or Wyoming. For more information on the available funds, please click [here](#).

AMCHP 2013 Annual Conference Training Institute Sessions Announced



The AMCHP Annual Conference Training Institute offers a rich program of skills-building sessions starting on Saturday, Feb. 9. **Preregistration will be required for all Training Institute sessions to guarantee entry! You can preregister for Training Institute events when you register for the conference.** AMCHP strives to continue improving the weekend conference program so that you can take advantage of your time with us, making your time away from the home and office worthwhile. To learn more about the Training Institute sessions, [click here](#).

Register Today for AMCHP 2013!

The AMCHP 2013 Annual Conference will be held Feb. 9 -12, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. To register, visit regonline.com/amchp2013. Don’t miss our early-bird registration rates – register now!

AMCHP Technical Assistance Project: Request for Applications

AMCHP, with support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, is leading a project to increase the capacity of state MCH programs and other state stakeholders (e.g., Medicaid agencies, providers, local health departments, community health centers) to improve birth outcomes throughout the life course. This project has a specific focus to enhance the capacity of state MCH programs and their partners to maximize the current *environment of opportunity* by providing state teams with targeted technical assistance on developing a collective impact approach to coordinating the multiple, concurrent efforts and initiatives to improve birth outcomes through health reform. This project will focus on opportunities presented by the Affordable Care Act and other national initiatives to improve birth outcomes and maternal and infant health, with a particular focus on reducing health disparities and assuring racial equity. AMCHP is accepting applications through Dec. 9. For more information, [click here](#).

AAP Committee Webinar on Fetus and Newborns: Levels of Neonatal Care

In August 2012, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) released an updated policy statement that

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provides a review of data supporting evidence for a tiered provision of care and reaffirms the need for uniform, nationally applicable definitions and consistent standards of service for public health to improve neonatal outcomes. Jim Couto, MA, Director, Hospital & Surgical Services at the American Academy of Pediatrics, Lu-Ann Papile, MD, FAAP, Chairperson, Committee on Fetus and Newborns, American Academy of Pediatrics, and CAPT Wanda Barfield, MD, MPH, Director of the Division of Reproductive Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), will review the recommendations and discuss the implications for providers. The webinar will take place on Friday, Dec. 7 at 11:30 a.m. EST. To register, please click [here](#).

DEADLINE EXTENDED! AMCHP Best Practices Technical Assistance Project

As part of an overall strategic goal to improve maternal and child health outcomes by sharing effective and promising practices with state and territorial MCH programs, AMCHP is providing replication stipends to foster connections between states interested in replication or adaptation of a current emerging, promising or best practice in Innovation Station. Through this project, applicants can request technical assistance support (i.e., travel funds or other seed resources) to learn how to adapt a specific Innovation Station practice (or elements of a practice) to their state or community. Applicants will need to demonstrate readiness to adapt the practice in order to maximize technical assistance resources. The deadline for applications has been extended through Wednesday, Dec. 12. For more information, [click here](#).

New Funding Opportunity for Innovative WIC Nutrition Education Projects

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Center for Collaborative Research on WIC Nutrition Education Innovations at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine (CNRC WIC Center) announces the availability of funds for researcher-initiated projects to demonstrate creative approaches to nutrition education for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). The CNRC WIC Center is funded by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). University-based researchers, with state/local WIC collaborators,

are eligible to respond. The grants will be funded for up to two years and will require a partnership between a university-based researcher and a state or local WIC program. The CNRC WIC Center and the FNS anticipate that these small grants will leverage long-term research partnerships and additional funding, as well as establish a collaborative research network of investigators. A letter of intent is due by Mar. 22, 2013. Complete applications are due Apr. 26, 2013. The full RFA and directions will be available today at: <http://www.bcm.edu/cnrc/wiccenter/>.

Deadline Extended! ASTHO Environmental Public Health Tracking Peer-to-Peer



Do you have a successful program that has addressed infant mortality in areas such as preconception health, prematurity awareness, infant mortality task forces, SIDS/SUIDS, and more?

Consider sharing your program in [Innovation Station](#), the AMCHP searchable database of emerging, promising and best practices in maternal and child health. You'll have a chance to:

- Share successes with your peers
- Enhance the MCH field
- Contribute to program replication
- Get expert feedback from the Review Panel
- Receive national recognition

The online submission process is simple and applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For more information, contact [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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Fellowship Opportunity

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), with support from the CDC National Center for Environmental Health, has teamed up with Esri to provide fellowships and data visualization training as part of the Environmental Public Health Tracking Peer-to-Peer Fellowship Program. Designed to enhance capacity of states and territories not currently funded as part of the CDC National Tracking Network, the newly upgraded fellowship program now prepares non-funded health agencies with GIS technology to support current initiatives in environmental public health tracking. Fellowship recipients also will visit current CDC grantee sites to learn about the program, attend a National Tracking Workshop, and develop a pilot project that would help advance efforts to relate health outcomes with environmental hazards of concern. For more information on how to apply, please click [here](#). Applications are being accepted through 5 p.m. EST on Dec. 10.

MCH Epi Group - Networking Opportunity at the MCH EPI Conference

Are you attending the MCH EPI Conference in San Antonio Dec 12-14? If you are, join the MCH Epi Group (a collaboration between the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, AMCHP and CityMatCH) for a Sunrise Speed Networking Session on Thursday, Dec. 13 from 7-8 a.m. in Conference Room 11. Bring your breakfast and be prepared to talk during this network opportunity with your peers.

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!

CJ Foundation for SIDS Accepting Applications for Program Services Mini-Grants

The purpose of the Program Services Mini Grant is to support the mission of the CJ Foundation for SIDS through activities that promote safe sleep for infants, educate about Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) risk reduction and safe sleep for infants and provide grief support for parents and others who have experienced the sudden, unexpected death of an infant. The applicant must demonstrate that services relating to SIDS, Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID), and/or Infant Safe Sleep are an established part of the organization's services. Eligible applicants may receive up to \$5,000 in funding. The deadline for consideration is Friday, Dec. 14. For more information, contact Wendy Jacobs at wendy@cjsids.org.

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



General Maternal and Child Health

Free CDC Education Materials for Folic Acid Awareness Week

As January quickly approaches, the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) would like to help you prepare for Birth Defects Prevention Month and Folic Acid Awareness Week (taking place Jan. 6-12, 2013). They have a number of free educational materials available for order, including many posters in Spanish, and encourage your organizations to stock up in advance of these health observances. Please feel free to contact NCBDDD at flo@cdc.gov with any questions. [Click here](#) to view the available materials.

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- Carolyn Mullen was elected to the Friends of the NCBDDD executive committee as a member at large. In this role she will be responsible for promoting the work of the center, including identifying unmet needs and future opportunities; facilitating new external collaborations to help implement the mission of NCBDDD; hosting informational briefings for news media or health care professionals regarding the mission and activities of NCBDDD; and developing and disseminating educational materials to health care professionals, agencies, and the public.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Tennessee Department of Health Seeks Epidemiologist for Division of Family Health and Wellness, Home Visiting Program

The successful candidates will oversee program evaluation, preparation of required benchmark reporting and quality improvement-related data reporting for the MIECHV Grant, as well as the Department's other home visiting programs (HUGS, Healthy Start and CHAD). Additionally, they will construct and perform complex statistical analyses, needs assessment analyses, define measures and benchmarks, and provide technical and statistical assistance to Tennessee Department of Health Staff as well as collaborate with other epidemiology staff to prepare data for the Title V MCH Services Block Grant and other ad-hoc data needs related to Maternal and Child Health programs. Experience with data manipulation, statistical analysis, and record linkage using Statistical Analysis Software (SAS) is required. The position reports directly to the Division Director (Assistant Commissioner). For more information, [click here](#).

Tennessee Department of Health Seeks Epidemiologist for Injury Prevention and Detection Programs

This position will oversee preparation of required statistical reports including the annual Child Fatality Report and reports required for the CDC Core Violence and Injury Prevention Grant, the Rape and Violence Prevention Grant, the MIECHV Grant and the Title V

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MCH Services Block Grant. Construct and perform complex statistical analyses, needs assessment analyses, define measures and benchmarks, and provide technical and statistical assistance to Tennessee Department of Health Staff. Supervise and manage research staff to meet expected goals of program evaluations. Experience with data manipulation and statistical analysis using Statistical Analysis Software (SAS) is required. The position reports directly to the Division Director (Assistant Commissioner). For more information, [click here](#).

Wisconsin Department of Health Services Seeks Family Health Epidemiologist and Health Evaluator

This position provides expert support for existing and under-development family health data and surveillance systems, including the Child Death Review (CDR) data system, the Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) data system, the Maternal Mortality Review (MMR) data system, the Secure Public Health Electronic Record Environment (SPHERE), and the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS). The candidate will provide analytic, research, and evaluation support involving the planning, gathering, analysis, and reporting of primary and secondary data for assessment of the health status of Wisconsin families. The incumbent will provide leadership and expertise for surveillance methodologies, design and evaluation of collection protocols, statistical analysis, and interpretation of results and presentation of findings for family health issues, including pregnancy, birth outcomes, infant and child health, injury, and women's health. For more information, [click here](#).

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AMCHP Opening: Program Manager, Women's and Infant Health

The Program Manager for Women's and Infant Health (WIH) is a member of the Program Team and contributes to the advancement of maternal and child health outcomes by performing a variety of planning and program implementation, research and evaluation projects related to women's and infant health and maternal and child health/data and assessment. General responsibilities include contributing to the development, implementation and evaluation of program activities related to women's and infant health, collaboration with advisory committee members, AMCHP members and staff; serving as a liaison to federal project officers; and project promotion. This position reports to the Associate Director, Women's and Infant Health. For more information, [click here](#).

AMCHP Opening: Program Associate, Women's and Infant Health

The Program Associate, WIH is a member of the Program Team and contributes to the advancement of MCH programs by performing a variety of planning and program implementation, research and evaluation projects. This position supports and assists the Women's and Infant Health Team in the development, implementation and evaluation of program activities related to MCH, women's and infant health/data and assessment. This position also contributes to the collection of state best practices (Innovation Station), newsletter development, and implementation of communication strategies (MS SharePoint, listserv, social media). This position reports to the Associate Director, Women's and Infant Health. For more information, [click here](#).

AMCHP Opening: Program Manager for Workforce & Leadership Development

The Program Manager for Workforce & Leadership Development is a member of the Programs Team and contributes to the advancement of maternal and child health programs by performing a variety of planning and program implementation, research, and evaluation projects related to workforce and leadership development. General responsibilities include project planning, coordination and evaluation; collaboration with advisory committee members, AMCHP members and staff on project activities; serving as liaison to federal

project officers; and project promotion. This position contributes to major issues surrounding workforce and leadership development. The work involves partnership with fellow staff, participation in associated professional organizations and groups, and collaboration with member programs and funding agencies. This position reports to the Associate Director, MCH Leadership Development and Capacity Building. For more information, [click here](#).

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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NACCHO Community Guide Implementation Capacity Building Mini Grants

Deadline: *Dec. 31*

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) invites local health departments (LHDs) to apply for the Community Guide Implementation Capacity Building program. This initiative is funded by CDC under the capacity building assistance to improve adoption and use of evidence-based preventive services program. Four grantees will be selected and funded to participate in the NACCHO Community Guide technical assistance program and build upon existing community health assessment data to

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identify opportunities and build skills and competencies for the integration of recommendations. Grantees will also be required to complete a case study describing their successes and challenges in planning and adapting the evidence-based recommendations indicated in their action plan. The maximum grant funding available is \$20,000. To view the application, please [click here](#).

HUD Strong Cities, Strong Communities National Resource Network Grant

Deadline: *Jan. 28*

This Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will fund the development of the SC2 National Resource Network, which will align federal resources and coordinate distinct and wide-ranging technical assistance programs to help communities make more effective local investments. For more information, [click here](#).

Medical Home Implementation for Children with Special Health Care Needs Grant

Deadline: *Jan. 28*

This announcement solicits applications for a National Center for Medical Home Implementation. The purpose of this activity is to: 1) support a national resource and technical assistance effort to implement and spread the medical home model to all children and youth, particularly children with special health care needs (CSHCN), children who are vulnerable and/or medically underserved, and pediatric populations served by state public health programs, MCHB and HRSA; and 2) support activities of the Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program (HTPCP) grantees to improve children's health through innovative community-based efforts, and community and statewide partnerships among professionals in health, education, social services, government, and business. For more information, [click here](#).

Lucille Packard Foundation for Children's Health CSHCN Learning Collaborative Grant

Deadline: *Feb. 8*

The Lucille Packard Foundation for Children's Health seeks proposals from community-based, multi-agency coalitions in California with an interest in improving local systems of care coordination for children with special health care needs (CSHCN). Grants of up to \$40,000 will be awarded, and grantees will be required to participate in a multi-site learning collaborative with other community

coalitions. Proposals must address care coordination needs of CSHCN and their families in a geographically defined community, county, or region within California. At a minimum, coalitions should include the following key stakeholders as active participants: families of CSHCN, primary care professional association representative (e.g., American Academy of Pediatrics), California Children's Services, Regional Centers, and family resource and support providers. An informational webinar for applicants will be held on Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. PST. For more information, [click here](#).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholars

Deadline: *Feb. 12, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. EST*

The goal of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholars (NFS) program is to develop the next generation of national leaders in academic nursing through career development awards for outstanding junior nursing faculty. The program aims to strengthen the academic productivity and overall excellence of nursing schools by providing mentorship, leadership training, and salary and research support to young faculty. Up to 12 awards of up to \$350,000 each over three years will be available in this round of funding. For more information, [click here](#).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars

Deadline: *Feb. 28 at 5:00 p.m. EST*

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) are collaborating to foster the development of physicians who will lead the transformation of Americans' health and health care through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars program. These future leaders will conduct innovative research and work with communities, organizations, practitioners and policymakers to address issues essential to the health and well-being of all Americans. Up to 20 eligible physicians will be selected in 2013 for appointments beginning Jul. 1, 2014. First year scholar stipend is \$67,000 with an increase the second year. In some cases, VA stipends may be higher. Additional financial support is provided for research projects and professional travel. For more information and to apply, [click here](#).

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University of Arizona Graduate Certificate Program in MCH Epidemiology Scholarship

Deadline: *Mar. 1, 2013*

The Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health is offering 10-15 scholarships to MCH professionals working with American Indian and underserved communities nationally. These scholarships valued at \$11,685 each, will be awarded for the year 2013/14. The University of Arizona's Graduate Certificate in Maternal & Child Health (MCH) Epidemiology is offered entirely online with no requirements for travel. The deadline to apply for applications to the program is Mar. 1, 2013. For more information and to apply, [click here](#).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurses Fellows

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

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 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](#).

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AMCHP Events

[AMCHP 2013 Annual Conference](#)

Feb. 9-12

Washington, DC

MCH Events

[18th Annual MCH EPI Conference Co-hosted with the 2012 CityMatCH Urban MCH Leadership Conference](#)

Dec. 12-14

San Antonio, TX

[SAHM Annual Meeting: Achieving Healthy Equity for Adolescents & Young Adults](#)

Mar. 13-16, 2013

Atlanta, GA

[National Conference on Bullying](#)

Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2013

Orlando, FL

[2013 Public Health Preparedness Summit](#)

Mar. 12-15, 2013

Atlanta, GA

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

May 20-22, 2013

National Harbor, MD

[NACCHO Annual 2013](#)

Jul. 10-12, 2013

Dallas, TX

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