

# Member Briefs



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THE ASSOCIATION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS



## LEGISLATIVE & POLICY CORNER

### **AMCHP Invited to White House to Discuss Sequestration**

On Feb. 19, Carolyn Mullen and Brent Ewig were honored to represent AMCHP at a White House event where the president once again spoke out against the looming sequester. Carolyn also represented AMCHP at a follow-up meeting with senior White House advisors organized by the Coalition for Health Funding on Feb. 20. We continue to make sure that AMCHP is at the table and providing a leading voice about why sequestration or any further cuts are bad for moms, kids and families.

As it stands there is little progress on avoiding the across the board sequester cuts scheduled for Mar. 1, 2013. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) now calculates that sequestration will require an annual reduction of roughly 5 percent for nondefense programs and roughly 8 percent for defense programs. However, given that cuts must be achieved over only seven months instead of 12, the effective percentage reductions will be approximately 9 percent for nondefense programs and 13 percent for defense programs. Congress is on recess for the week and it is unclear at this juncture if Congress will punt, replace or let sequestration move forward.

Some of the conventional wisdom is shifting to predict that the sequester will be allowed to happen on March 1 but then perhaps addressed by a deal to replace the current continuing resolution, which expires Mar. 27. Our goal is to continue to keep the membership informed of where things stand and what we are doing on your behalf. One contingency we are beginning to plan for is a rapid assessment and documentation of how cuts are undermining MCH efforts if the sequestration goes into effect.

In the meantime, AMCHP continues to advocate for a balanced approach, engage with partners and closely monitor developments during the crucial upcoming weeks. Please contact [Carolyn Mullen](#) or [Brent Ewig](#) if you have any questions.



### **Health Reform Implementation**

#### **HHS Announces 27 Strong Start for Mothers and Newborns Awards**

On Feb. 15, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [announced the funding](#) for the Strong Start for Mothers and Newborns. HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced 27 recipients of new Strong Start for Mothers and Newborns awards, made possible by the Affordable Care Act. Up to \$41.4 million can be used by states, caregivers and others to find new ways to prevent significant, long-term health problems for high-risk pregnant women and newborns enrolled in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). For more information on the program and awardees, [click here](#).

#### **Deadline Passes for States to Decide on Partnership for Health Insurance Marketplaces**

Feb. 15 was the deadline for states to declare their intention to partner with the federal government in the implementation of the health insurance marketplace. Late in 2012, states had to indicate if they were going to establish their own marketplace, but had until Feb. 15 to indicate if they were going partner with the federal government or allow the federal government to establish the marketplace in the state. To view the map which shows how states' marketplaces will be established, [click here](#).



### **AHRQ and CMS Unveil New Children's Electronic Health Record Format**

The benefits of electronic health records (EHRs) may become more widely available to children through a model EHR format for children's health care, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced on Feb. 6. While the growing use of EHRs is shown to improve the quality and safety of health care, many existing systems are not tailored to capture or process information about children. The new format includes recommendations for child-specific data elements, such as vaccines, and functionality that will enable EHR developers to broaden their products. The children's EHR format was authorized by the 2009 *Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act* (CHIPRA) and developed by AHRQ and CMS. The format is designed for EHR developers and providers who wish to augment existing systems or to build new systems that include children's services. For more information, [click here](#).

### **DataSpeak Web Conference: From Theory to Data to Practice – Practical Applications of the Life Course Approach**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) is pleased to announce an upcoming DataSpeak Web conference on the life course approach to maternal and child (MCH) health on Feb. 26. The [life course approach](#) "looks at health as an integrated continuum and suggests that a complex interplay of biological, behavioral, psychological, social and environmental factors contribute to health outcomes across the course of a person's life." Over the past several years, the idea of the life course approach has made inroads in the maternal and child health community. Researchers are now taking the theory to practice and exploring practical applications of this approach. This DataSpeak will feature three ways in which researchers and practitioners are using data and the life course approach. AMCHP staff Caroline Stampfel will be a featured presenter and will speak on the progress of the currently underway AMCHP Life Course Metrics Project. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

### **Call for Abstracts: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Advancing Quality Improvement Science for Children's Health Care Research Conference**

The Academic Pediatric Association (APA) is soliciting posters for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Advancing Quality Improvement (QI) Science for Children's Health Care Research Conference. This conference will focus on methodological and technical issues of major importance in the field of pediatric health care QI research. Speakers and participants will focus on barriers and facilitators to the development, extension, and use of state-of-the-art methodologies and research methods for health care QI research. The submission deadline is Feb. 28 at 5 p.m. EST. For more information, [click here](#).

### **Training Course In Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology**

MCHB and CDC are offering a Training Course in MCH Epidemiology as part of their ongoing effort to enhance the analytic capacity of state and local health agencies. The course is scheduled to take place May 28-Jun. 1 in Nashville, TN. Lodging, breakfast and lunch expenses will be covered. This national program is aimed primarily at professionals in state and local health agencies who have significant responsibility for collecting, processing, analyzing, and reporting maternal and child health data. Faculty working with state or local MCH departments also are eligible for the course. The course is geared to individuals with basic to intermediate skills in using statistical and epidemiologic methods, preferably in MCH or a related field. A limited number of scholarships for airfare are available. Completed applications must be submitted online by 5 p.m. EST on Mar. 1. For more information, [click here](#).

### **NIH Conference on Diagnosing Gestational Diabetes**

Gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) is a condition in which women without previously diagnosed diabetes exhibit high blood glucose levels during pregnancy (especially during the third trimester of pregnancy). GDM is estimated to occur in 1 to 14 percent of U.S. pregnancies, affecting more than 200,000 women annually. It is one of the most common disorders in pregnancy and is associated with an increased risk of complications for the mother and child. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is hosting a Consensus

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Development Conference, Diagnosing Gestational Diabetes Mellitus, on Mar. 4-6 on the NIH campus in Bethesda, MD. The conference is free and open to the public and continuing education credits are available. To register and for more information, [click here](#).

### **ARHP 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Reproductive Health Meeting: Call for Exhibitors**

The Association of Reproductive Health Professionals (ARHP) 50th anniversary celebration of the *Reproductive Health* meeting will be taking place Sept. 19-21 in Denver, CO. This is a premier meeting in reproductive and sexual health and delivers the latest in research science, interactive, hands-on training, and take home points for immediate practice improvement. Exhibit space is now limited, but it is not too late. There is still time to take full advantage of early bird registration discount for the best possible rates and select booth placement in the exhibit hall. Those who make a reservation by Mar. 29, will receive a 10 percent discount off exhibitor package rates. For more information, [click here](#).

### **Petition to Maintain and Extend the SACHDNC**

The Save Babies Through Screening Foundation has set up a petition asking HRSA Administrator Dr. Mary Wakefield to convene the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children (SACHDNC) before Apr. 24 and extend its term. The SACHDNC is the only national venue where parents can contribute their experiences and perspectives to the public deliberations on newborn screening. In addition, the committee needs to complete its deliberations on Pompe Disease so that babies lives will be saved. It is vitally important that the committee term be extended until congressional reauthorization occurs. To learn more and sign the petition, [click here](#).

### **Call for Papers: Leadership Development for MCH Workforce**

The *Maternal and Child Health Journal* is soliciting manuscript submissions to be considered for an upcoming themed issue on the life cycle of leadership development in MCH practice, policy and research across the workforce from per-professional through and after professional training. The Journal is particularly interested in submissions that further understanding of implementing the MCH Leadership Competencies. The

deadline for submissions is Jun. 30. All papers should be submitted with a cover letter indicating that it is to be considered for the themed issue on MCH leadership. For more information about the *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, [click here](#).

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### **Women's and Infant Health**

#### **Webinar Resources Available: Harnessing National Efforts to Improve Birth Outcomes and Reduce Infant Mortality**

On Jan. 18, Grantmakers in Health, in collaboration with AMCHP, hosted a webinar on *Harnessing National Efforts to Improve Birth Outcomes and Reduce Infant Mortality*. This webinar featured Dr. Michael Lu, Associate Administrator of MCHB, and Gary Nelson, president of the Healthcare Georgia Foundation, discussing national initiatives working to improve birth outcomes and how foundations might engage in these efforts as well as support complementary programs in their regions, states, and communities. AMCHP CEO Michael Fraser served as moderator. To access the webinar recording and view additional resources, [click here](#).

#### **CDC Presents Birth Defects Communications Toolkit**

CDC has developed a new Birth Defects Toolkit, which includes a variety of communication pieces including key messages and talking points, a fact sheet, a matte article, and some sample social media posts. An example of how the matte article is used is presented as a feature, [Birth Defects and the Environment](#), available on [CDC.gov](#). Visit the [Facebook page](#) or [Twitter](#) to view the social media pieces in action. To view the full toolkit, [click here](#).

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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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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### **CMS Connecting Kids to Coverage Outreach and Enrollment Grant**

Deadline: *Feb. 21*

Connecting Kids to Coverage Outreach and Enrollment (Cycle III) grants will support outreach strategies similar to those conducted in previous grant cycles. These grants, funded under the Affordable Care Act, will continue efforts to find and enroll eligible children in Medicaid and CHIP by making a total of \$32 million available for states, local governments, community-

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based and non-profit organizations. Indian health care providers and tribal entities also are eligible to apply. Successful applicants will receive grants ranging from \$250,000 to \$1 million for a two-year period, beginning Jun. 1, 2013 and ending May 31, 2015 to execute outreach activities to find and enroll eligible children in Medicaid and CHIP. For more information, [click here](#).

### **CDC Building Capacity Around HPV Vaccine Communication Grant**

Deadline: *Feb. 25*

This funding opportunity announcement seeks to build on prior research concerning communication around vaccines recommended for adolescents in general, and HPV vaccine in particular, in order to identify and test interventions that demonstrate effectiveness in improving provider-level communication and recommendation of these vaccines. Two grants of \$300,000 each will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

### **RWJF Clinical Scholars**

Deadline: *Feb. 28 at 5 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 RWJF 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](#).

### **SAMHSA 2013 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Crisis Center Cooperative Agreements**

Deadline: *Mar. 1*

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2013 Cooperative Agreements for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Crisis Center Follow Up. The purpose of this program is to promote

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systematic follow up of suicidal persons who call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, suicidal persons discharged from emergency departments, and those who are being followed by the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Crisis Centers. This initiative also supports the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention (NSSP). This grant program supports SAMHSA's Prevention of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness Strategic Initiative through its focus on the prevention and reduction of mental illness and substance abuse across the lifespan. Eligible applicants are members of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Crisis Center Network who provide 24-hour coverage and meet the additional eligibility requirements described in Section III-3.2. Eligibility to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Crisis Center Network is limited to crisis centers participating in the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline because they are the only crisis centers that are able to obtain the required consents from Lifeline callers for follow up activities. For more information, [click here](#).



### **Do you have a successful program that is related to data and assessment?**

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

- Share successes with your peers
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- Contribute to program replication
- Get expert feedback from the Review Panel
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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](http://amchp.org/bestpractices).

You can also [click here](#) to refer an innovative MCH program that we should know about!

### **SAMHSA Planning Grants for Expansion of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families**

Deadline: *Mar. 1*

The SAMHSA Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for fiscal year 2013 for Planning Grants for Expansion of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and their Families (System of Care Expansion Planning Grants). The purpose of these grants is to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for improving and expanding services provided by systems of care for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families. For more information, [click here](#).

### **University of Arizona Graduate Certificate Program in MCH Epidemiology Scholarship**

Deadline: *Mar. 1*

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 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](#).

### **CDC Medicaid Expansion and Reproductive Health Care for Women Grant**

Deadline: *Application due Mar. 4, Letter of Intent due Feb. 4*

The intent of this funding opportunity announcement is to study the use of medical services and health outcomes among low-income women of reproductive age (15-44 years), before and after expansion of Medicaid eligibility. This research will require linkage of state Medicaid data with other key maternal and child health datasets including, but not limited to, birth certificates, death certificates, and hospital discharge data. One grant of approximately \$250,000 will be awarded, including both direct and indirect costs, in fiscal year 2013 to fund one applicant for the first 12-month budget period. For more information, [click here](#).

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### **CDC Cost-Benefit of Incentive-Based Smoking Cessation for Pregnant Women Grant**

Deadline: *Application due Mar. 4, Letter of Intent due Feb. 4*

The intent of this grant is for a study to assess the cost-benefit of a smoking cessation intervention that targets pregnant smokers. The intent is to evaluate a high intensity and low intensity contingency management (CM) intervention on prenatal smoking cessation. The suggested approach is a three-arm randomized controlled trial to assess smoking abstinence at end of pregnancy and cost-benefit of different intensity levels of CM on prenatal smoking cessation. The 3 arms would include: 1) a high intensity CM intervention for smoking cessation during pregnancy; 2) a low intensity CM intervention for smoking cessation during pregnancy, and 3) standard of care. One grant of \$560,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

### **ACL University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Grant**

Deadline: *Mar. 6*

Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families are the primary decision makers regarding the services and support such individuals and their families receive, and play decision making roles in policies and programs that affect the lives of such individuals and their families. Toward these ends, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) seeks to support and

accomplish the following: Support the increasing ability of individuals with developmental disabilities to exercise greater choice and self-determination and to engage in leadership activities in their communities; Enhance the capabilities of families in assisting individuals with developmental disabilities to achieve their maximum potential; Promote systemic change activities that ensure the active and meaningful engagement and participation of individuals with developmental disabilities in community-based programs and services; Promote the active involvement of individuals with developmental disabilities and families in all aspects of grantee programs, activities and services; and Ensure the protection of the legal and human rights of individuals with developmental disabilities. Seventeen expected grants of \$554,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

### **HHS, CDC Quantifying Social Contact Rates and Mixing Patterns in the U.S. Population Grant**

Deadline: *Mar. 7*

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to facilitate research to describe social contact and mixing patterns in the U.S. population. Results from this research will improve contact rate estimation and parameterization for infectious disease transmission models that can be used to evaluate infectious disease prevention and control strategies. Estimated total funding available including direct and indirect costs for first year (12 month budget period) is \$1,000,000. For more information, [click here](#).

### **CDC Monitoring Cause-Specific School Absenteeism Linked to Influenza Transmission Grant**

Deadline: *Mar. 7*

Influenza transmission among school-aged children and young adults is frequently predictive of subsequent community transmission. Early recognition of school-based transmission of influenza, therefore, could contribute to the timely implementation of mitigation efforts to reduce morbidity and mortality in the wider community. Due to variability, more studies are needed to assess the utility of cause-specific school absentee data during future pandemics as well as during outbreaks of severe seasonal influenza. This funding opportunity is aimed at facilitating research to develop a school-based absentee monitoring system that could serve as means

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to rapidly detect influenza circulation in the wider community spread. Estimated total funding available including direct and indirect costs for first year is \$500,000. Estimated total funding available including direct and indirect costs for entire project period (3 year project period) is \$1,500,000. For more information, [click here](#).

### **SAMHSA Statewide Family Network Program**

Deadline: *Mar. 7*

The purpose of this program is to enhance state capacity and infrastructure to be more oriented to the needs of children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances and their families. These grants will provide information, referrals, and support to families who have a child with a serious emotional disturbance and create a mechanism for families to participate in state and local mental health services planning and policy development. The Statewide Family Network Program builds on the work of the SAMHSA Center for Mental Health Services, which helped to establish a child and family focus in programs serving children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances around the country. Thirty awards of \$60,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

### **Nursing Workforce Diversity Program Grant**

Deadline: *Mar. 8*

Nursing Workforce Diversity (NWD) grants are awarded to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals who are from disadvantaged backgrounds (including racial and ethnic minorities under-represented among registered nurses) by providing the following: (1) student scholarships or stipends for diploma or associate degree nurses to enter a bridge or degree completion program; and (2) student scholarships or stipends for accelerated nursing degree programs, pre-entry preparation, advanced education preparation, and retention activities. These goals are consistent with the

statutory authority provided in Title VIII to support projects that assist underrepresented students throughout the educational pipeline to become registered nurses, facilitate diploma or associate degree registered nurses becoming baccalaureate-prepared registered nurses, and prepare practicing registered nurses for advanced nursing education. Sixteen expected awards of \$350,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

### **MCHB Life Course Research Network Grant**

Deadline: *Mar. 11*

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau will award a cooperative agreement to support a Life Course Research Network (LCRN) focused on improving the understanding of the socio-environmental determinants of health experienced at different life course stages for the MCH population through engagement of researchers, practitioners, policymakers and consumers in a collaborative, innovative, and multidisciplinary research project. The LCRN is designed to accelerate the translation of the life course theory to MCH practice and policy and foster its rapid adoption into clinical and public health practice through systems integration and collaboration with entities that have a common goal of improving MCH outcomes (e.g., Title V programs, state and local health departments, community safety net programs and other public health programs serving underserved communities). One grant of \$150,000 will be awarded to support this initiative. For more information, [click here](#).

### **CMS Indoor Environment of Low-Income Renovated Multifamily Housing in the Western Region of the United States Grant**

Deadline: *Mar. 13*

The purpose of the program is to evaluate housing factors that are energy efficient and have the potential to mitigate the negative health outcomes of low income children with asthma. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2020" focus areas of homes and communities and respiratory diseases. The award for the first year of funding will not exceed \$200,000. The second year of funding will not exceed \$300,000. For more information, [click here](#).

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### **SAMHSA FY 2013 Targeted Capacity Expansion-Peer-to-Peer Grant**

Deadline: *Mar. 15*

SAMHSA Center for Substance Abuse Treatment is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2013 Targeted Capacity Expansion Peer-to-Peer (TCE-PTP) grants. The purpose of this program is to expand and enhance service capacity through the provision of addiction peer recovery support services for those individuals with substance use disorders. A primary program objective is to help achieve and maintain recovery and to improve the overall quality of life for those being served. Twenty grants of \$250,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

### **HRSA Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program**

Deadline: *Mar. 18*

The purpose of the Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program (Delta) is to fund organizations located in the eight Delta States to address unmet local health care needs and prevalent health disparities in rural Delta communities. In practice, the Delta Program provides resources to help rural communities develop partnerships to jointly address health problems that could not be solved by single entities working alone. A priority of the Office of Rural Health Policy is to fund evidence-based programs which demonstrate improved health outcomes. Evidence-based practices are those that are developed from scientific evidence and/or have been found to be effective based on the results of rigorous evaluations. Applicants are required to propose multi-county/multi-parish projects that address delivery of preventive or clinical health services for individuals with, or at risk of developing chronic health diseases which disproportionately affect rural Delta communities. Due to the high disparities in the region, applicants are required to propose a program based focus areas of diabetes, cardiovascular disease or obesity. Chronic disease initiatives can be in programs focused on prevention, self-management, care coordination, or clinical care, but must be outcomes oriented. Twelve grants up to \$25,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

### **HRSA Culturally Appropriate Interventions of Outreach, Access and Retention among Latino/a Populations – Demonstration Sites Grant**

Deadline: *Mar. 18*

The purpose of this grant is to support organizations that will design, implement and evaluate culturally appropriate service delivery models focused on improving health outcomes among Latinos/as living with HIV disease. The initiative will focus on Latinos/as who are who are at high risk of HIV infection or are infected with HIV but are unaware of their HIV status; are aware of their HIV infection but have never been engaged in care; are aware but have refused referral to care; or have dropped out of care. Applicants must propose innovative interventions that identify Latinos/as at high risk or living with HIV, and improve their access, timely entry and retention in quality HIV primary care. Applicants must have the clinical capacity to implement and sustain their interventions, and propose evaluation plans for these interventions that will enhance knowledge of the disparities in health outcomes affecting Latino populations living in the United States. This initiative will take a transnational approach, and applicants must propose innovative interventions targeting HIV-affected Latino/a subpopulations living in the United States but specific to their country of origin. Eight grants of \$300,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

#### **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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### **HRSA Culturally Appropriate Interventions of Outreach, Access and Retention among Latino/a Populations - Evaluation and Technical Assistance Center Grant**

Deadline: *Mar. 18*

The purpose of this announcement is to evaluate and provide technical assistance for up to eight demonstration projects funded under a separate FOA, *Culturally Appropriate Interventions of Outreach, Access and Retention among Latino(a) Populations – Demonstration Sites* (HRSA-13-154). Organizations that apply under this FOA are not eligible to also apply under the Demonstration Sites FOA. The Demonstration Sites focus primarily on Latinos at high risk for HIV or those living with HIV. Organizations that apply under this FOA are not eligible to also apply under the Demonstration Sites FOA. The demonstration site projects will design, implement and evaluate culturally appropriate service delivery models focused on improving health outcomes among Latinos/as living with HIV disease. This initiative will take a transnational approach, with demonstration project applicants proposing innovative interventions targeting HIV-affected Latino/a subpopulations living in the U.S. but specific to their country of origin. For more information, [click here](#).

### **ORR Ethnic Community Self Help Program Grant**

Deadline: *Mar. 22*

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) invites refugee ethnic-community based organizations as well as refugee ethnic organizations that are faith-based to submit competitive grant applications for funding of the Ethnic Community Self-Help Program to provide services to newly arrived refugees. The objective of this program is to strengthen organized ethnic communities comprised and representative of refugee populations to ensure ongoing support and services to refugees within five years after initial resettlement. The populations targeted for services and benefits in the application must represent refugee communities which have arrived in the U.S. within the last five years (no earlier than 2008). Eligible applicants may be awarded up to \$250,000. For more information, [click here](#).

### **HRSA AETC Education for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants**

Deadline: *Mar. 22*

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) solicits applications for the AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) Education for Nurse Practitioners (NP) and Physician Assistants (PA) program. The intention of this funding opportunity is to establish education programs designed to train nurse practitioners and physician assistants in HIV/AIDS care and treatment. Five grants of \$350,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

### **SAMHSA Drug-free Communities Support Program Grant**

Deadline: *Mar. 22*

The Drug-free Communities (DFC) Program is a collaborative effort directed by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) in collaboration with SAMHSA, and the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP). The DFC Program has two goals: 1) Establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, public and private non-profit agencies, and federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth aged 18 and younger; and 2) Reduce substance use among youth and, over time, reduce substance abuse among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse. Grants up to \$125,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

### **NCIPC Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury Research Grants**

Deadline: *Mar. 26, Letter of Intent Due. Feb. 26*

The purposes of the CDC National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) extramural violence prevention research program are to: 1) Build the scientific base for the prevention of violence by helping to expand and advance our understanding of the primary prevention of interpersonal and self-directed violence; 2) Encourage professionals from a wide spectrum of disciplines of epidemiology, behavioral and social sciences, medicine, biostatistics, public health, health economics, law, and criminal justice to perform research in order to prevent violence more effectively; and 3) Encourage investigators to propose research that involves the development and

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testing of primary prevention strategies as well as research on methods to enhance the adoption and maintenance of effective strategies among individuals, organizations, or communities. Three grants of \$350,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

### **HRSA Oral Health Workforce Grant**

Deadline: *Apr. 3*

This announcement solicits applications for the *Grants to States to Support Oral Health Workforce Activities Program*. The purpose of this program is to help states develop and implement innovative programs to address the dental workforce needs of designated dental health professional shortage areas in a manner that is appropriate to the states' individual needs. Applications for this program should describe innovative approaches to addressing and measuring oral health workforce needs at the state level. For more information, [click here](#).

### **Emergency Medical Services for Children Targeted Issues Demonstration Projects**

Deadline: *Apr. 9*

The funding opportunity announcement for the Targeted Issues grants is intended to invite applications that will improve the care provided by Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers for critically ill and injured children. Applicants should address specific needs in the field of pre-hospital pediatric emergency care that transcend State boundaries. There will be two categories of grants (see details below). Category I projects will demonstrate the establishment of an infrastructure for pediatric Prehospital research. Category II projects will improve pediatric pre-hospital research. Objectives must meet a demonstrable need in the prehospital care of children, and methodologies and strategies for achieving the objectives must be realistic, appropriate and scientifically sound. One award of \$300,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

### **RWJF Executive Nurses Fellows**

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

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 NHGRI later in their careers. For more information, [click here](#).

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Feb. 27-Mar. 1  
Orlando, FL

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

Mar. 13-16  
Atlanta, GA

### [14<sup>th</sup> Annual National Healthy Start Association Spring Conference](#)

Apr. 6-9  
Washington, DC

### [National Council for Behavioral Health Conference](#)

Apr. 8-10  
Las Vegas, NV

### [SOPHE 64th Annual Meeting](#)

Apr. 17-19  
Orlando, FL

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

May 20-22  
National Harbor, MD

### [Third National Cribs for Kids Conference](#)

June 25-28  
Pittsburgh, PA

### [NACCHO Annual 2013](#)

Jul. 10-12  
Dallas, TX

### [ARHP 50<sup>th</sup> 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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