



MANAGEMENT MINUTE

The Real Social Network

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Twitter and “tweets.” Facebook and “friend me.” Text it, post it to the blog, watch it on YouTube. There are lots of ways for us to connect in this technology dependent world.

And yet, with all the ways

we can connect from the comfort of our own desk chairs over 700 of you decided to pack a bag and get on a plane bound for Washington and attend AMCHP 2011. What does this say about you, and about AMCHP? Well, we know how to put on one heck of a party! But it also says that despite all of our interest and enthusiasm for social networking via the Internet, face to face networking will always play a role in our professional lives, and I find that very comforting.

Indeed, the ways we keep in touch have multiplied and the volume of our communication has increased – but the very basic human need to connect, to interact, and to network is still there. Social networking sites and technologies will never replace face to face meetings. Rather, online media serve as an adjunct to the times we meet and connect with one another in person. Did our use of technology and e-mail alerts help reduce the threatened cut to the Title V MCH Services Block Grant from \$210 million to \$50 million? I would like to think so – we were able to connect with you efficiently and effectively via online media, as an adjunct to the in person meetings and teleconferences that we had planned. That helped our message spread quickly and to more people than we could reach via traditional communication channels.

Our social media experiment at AMCHP 2011 was a success, thanks in large part to GoBeyond’s commitment to “talk it up!” and a steady stream of postings and tweets from many of you. Our postings and tweets added value to the conversations that we were having face to face, they did not replace them. In this sense there was a new

dimension to the conference that included dialogue going on during sessions about the sessions in real time. Social media added to the conversation and made it richer. And it was a lot of fun!

As we move forward at AMCHP we will continue to consider ways to change and improve our communications mechanisms. This spring we will be evaluating how we communicate with you and how you want to hear from us. Social networking will play a part in that evaluation – we want to know how you prefer to communicate and how you want to network with your peers. My guess is that you will want more ways to communicate, not fewer, and want multiple ways to connect to AMCHP and with one another, not less. That means we will brave the future and figure out how to post, tweet and blog. Not because it will replace our human need to shake a hand, or look someone in the eye, but rather supplement the times that we cannot do that and still experience being connected. So, stay tuned as we explore these technologies together – see you “online” soon!





FY 2011 Budget Update – Senate CR Debate Expected to Begin March 1

As of press time (Wednesday, February 24) details on next steps to finalize the FY 2011 appropriations are still fluid. As reported, on February 19 the U.S. House of Representatives passed HR 1 by a vote of 235-189. This revised continuing resolution (CR) would reduce federal funding for the remainder of the 2011 fiscal year and includes a proposed \$50 million cut to the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant, elimination of the MCHB Poison Control program, elimination of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention initiative, elimination of Title X Family Planning Grants, a \$1.3 billion reduction for community health centers and other deep cuts to critical maternal and child health and public health programs. The current continuing resolution expires on March 4.

The Senate is expected to begin debate on their version of a Continuing Resolution on March 1. Details on the level of cuts the Senate may consider have not yet been released. Because agreement between the House and Senate is unlikely by the end of the week, the two most plausible paths forward would be 1) passage of another short term CR that would allow more time for negotiations or 2) a possible government shutdown. It is difficult to predict which path will be followed at this time.

AMCHP is urging all members and friends to make sure their U.S. Senators are informed of the impact of a \$50 million reduction to the Title V MCH Block Grant. Please use our [previous alert](#) and talking points to shape your message, and be on alert for additional updates from AMCHP as additional details on Senate action emerge.

AMCHP Comments In Support of Reasonable Break Time for Nursing Mothers

On February 22 AMCHP, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses and five other organizations submitted joint comments to aid in the Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division's development of guidance for the "Break Time for Nursing Mothers" provision included as part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The Department will consider the comments received as they formulate further guidance for employers to comply with the new break time requirement. Click [here](#) to view the comments.

Health Reform: Court Ruling Update

On February 22, Judge Gladys Kessler of Federal District Court for the District of Columbia rejected a constitutional challenge to the Affordable Care Act. According to *The New York Times*, although the issue will almost certainly be determined by the Supreme Court, each lower court ruling contributes to the balance of legal opinion that the justices will consider. More than 20 challenges to some aspect of the Affordable Care Act have been filed around the country. Oral arguments in the first appellate reviews are scheduled for May and June. Many analysts expect this case will be on an expedited path to the Supreme Court with a potential ruling from the justices during the summer of 2012.

In other court related news, the Obama administration recently requested Judge Roger Vinson, of Federal District Court in Pensacola, FL to clarify the immediate impact of his January 31 ruling which stated that the provision included in the Affordable Care Act requiring most Americans to purchase health insurance was unconstitutional and that the entire law was therefore invalid. Vinson stopped short of issuing an injunction to keep the federal government from implementing the law; however, he wrote that the federal government should adhere to his judgment as the functional equivalent of an injunction. Predictably this led to various interpretations of his ruling and these differing interpretations have implications for the 26 states who filed the suit. If Vinson says he intended to halt implementation of the entire law immediately, the Obama administration said it would consider seeking a temporary stay or a halting of judicial proceedings at an appellate court.

AMCHP will continue to monitor and report on court rulings as they move through the judicial process.

Capitol Hill Visits

AMCHP would like to thank everyone who took the time to make a Hill visits during the AMCHP Annual Conference. Your help conveying the importance of the Title V MCH Block Grant is greatly appreciated and helps reinforce AMCHP's work throughout the year. If you have not done so already, please let AMCHP know how your visit went and if we can assist with any follow up. Please contact [Joshua Brown](#) or call (202) 266-3042 with feedback or suggestions on how we can help next year.

GET INVOLVED



Share the Learning – Selected Sessions Available Online After the Annual Conference

Selected skills-building sessions and workshops are being recorded and archived with the support of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. The conference webcasting, recording and internet development provided by the Center for the Advancement of Distance Education (CADE) of the University of Illinois School of Public Health. Archived sessions will be available within three weeks of the close of the conference at mchcom.com.

Call for Healthy Living Innovation Awards

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is accepting nominations for the 2011 Healthy Living Innovation Awards. These awards will identify and acknowledge innovative health promotion projects that have demonstrated a significant impact on the health status of a community. The nominations are due by March 1. To learn more, visit [here](#).

AAP Webinar on Health Insurance Exchanges

The AAP Division of State Government Affairs will host “Health Insurance Exchanges: Opportunities for AAP Chapter Advocacy” webinar on March 1 from Noon to 1 p.m. CST. While two states have exchanges up and running, and other states have enacted exchange authorization legislation, most states will use 2011 to lay the groundwork for exchange planning and implementation. To register, visit [here](#).

Call for Abstracts for the Western MCH EPI Conference

The 2011 Western Regional Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology (MCH EPI) Conference organizers invite local, state and federal public health professionals working to improve the health of women, children and families to submit abstracts for the June 19-20 Conference. The abstract submission deadline is March 31. To submit an abstract, visit [here](#).

Call for Nominations for the Martha May Eliot Award

The Martha May Eliot Award honors a professional worker from the field of maternal and child health. This award is to recognize someone who is active in their fields, and their achievements, indicated by high quality and originality of contributions rather than longevity. Nominees are persons who have made unusual contributions to education,

administration or research in the field of maternal and child health. The deadline for nomination materials is April 22. To learn more, visit [here](#).

ODPHP Call for Proposals

The Office on Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) has issued an RFP – targeted toward states, territories, and tribes - to integrate Healthy People 2020 into their health improvement planning activities with an emphasis on multi-sector collaboration. The proposals are due April 1. To learn more, visit [here](#).

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



General Maternal & Child Health

CDC Offers Online Violence Prevention Course

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is offering a free online course “Principles of Prevention” to help the nation prevent violence. The course—which offers continuing education credits—teaches key concepts of primary prevention, the public health approach and the social-ecological model. The course is designed for those working to stop violence from ever happening. It helps professionals move from the problem to the solution. To learn more, visit [here](#).

MCH Library Issues Updated Culturally Competent Services Brief

The brief, “Culturally Competent Services Resource Brief,” produced by the by the Maternal and Child Health Library (MCH Library) at Georgetown University, offers links to federal agency and other organizational websites, along with descriptions of selected resources. Also featured are selected resources developed by the MCH Library such as an annotated bibliography on culturally competent services, links to minority health organizations and non-English-language materials and resources, and a knowledge path on racial and ethnic disparities in health. To learn more, visit [here](#).

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USDA and DHHS issue New Dietary Guidelines

The guidelines, "Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2010," published jointly by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), provide authoritative advice for people ages 2 and older about how dietary habits can promote health and reduce risk for major chronic diseases. Recommendations in the 2010 (seventh) edition encompass two overarching concepts: (1) maintaining calorie balance over time to achieve and sustain a healthy weight and (2) consuming nutrient-dense foods and beverages. The appendices contain resources that can be used in developing policies, programs and educational materials such as guidance for specific population groups; key consumer behaviors and potential strategies for professionals to use in implementing the guidelines; food safety principles and guidance for consumers; and using the food label to track calories, nutrients, and ingredients. To download the guidelines, visit [here](#).

Adolescent Health

New Report on the Future Directions for the Office of Adolescent Health

In this report, clinical and policy experts offer their vision for the Office of Adolescent Health (OAH) in response to questions concerning potential new initiatives; interagency coordination of research, training, and programmatic activities; prevention of mental health disorders; promotion of improved models of care; and a national plan on adolescent health. The newly established office is charged with coordinating HHS activities and carrying out demonstration projects to improve the health of adolescents. How successful OAH ultimately will be in accomplishing this broad mission is unclear, but experts have high expectations for the office. Interviews with more than 30 leaders from key national organizations, academic institutions, and Congressional offices on future directions for OAH are summarized in this report. To download the report, visit [here](#).

Children's Health

Kaiser Family Foundation Releases New and Updated Resources on Medicaid and CHIP:

- [Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility](#): New data from the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured (KCMU) and the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families on CHIP program type and children's upper income eligibility limit for Medicaid/CHIP have been added as of January 2011.
- [Co-Payments and Premiums for Children in Medicaid/CHIP](#): Also new from KCMU and Georgetown University is information on premium and co-payment amounts and requirements as of January 2011.
- [Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act \(CHIPRA\)](#): New data on state adoption of coverage and enrollment options in CHIPRA have been added for all states and the nation as of January 2011 from KCMU and Georgetown University. Also new are data on CHIPRA performance bonus awards for FY 2009 and FY 2010 from www.InsureKidsNow.gov.

Women's Health

Kaiser Releases a Side-By-Side Look at Legislation on Federal Financing of Abortion and Reproductive Health Services

This side-by-side document summarizes the major pieces of legislation that have been introduced in the new Congress that address how federal funds can be used with regard to abortion coverage and family planning services. The document compares the major features of the new bills to current law and the provisions for 2014 in the new health reform law. The three bills are H.R. 3, sponsored by Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ); H.R. 217, sponsored by Rep. Mike Pence (R-Ind.); and H.R. 358, sponsored by Rep. Joe Pitts (R-Pa.). To download the document, visit [here](#).

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Kaiser Family Foundation Releases Issue Brief on Abortion Coverage and Health Reform

This brief summarizes the major insurance coverage provisions of the ACA that are relevant for women of reproductive age, reviews current federal and state policies on abortion coverage and how they may be modified under health reform, and discusses the potential impact of the federal legislation on women's access to abortion coverage. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

ON YOUR BEHALF

AMCHP's Life Course Town Hall

At the 2011 AMCHP Annual Conference, nearly 100 attendees participated in a Life Course Town Hall to dialogue about and provide recommendations regarding what is needed to advance the life course approach in maternal and child health programs. Specifically, participants discussed the three broad arenas for change (knowledge base, program and policy strategies and political will) outlined in the concept paper recently released by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, "[Rethinking MCH: The Life Course Model as an Organizing Framework](#)." The town hall was a partnership between AMCHP and CityMatCH and the recommendations will be compiled to share with the broader MCH community. Additionally, the town hall will lay the groundwork for future activities for AMCHP and CityMatCH.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

AMCHP Associate Director for Women's and Infant Health (Part-time)

This part-time position is accountable for the development, implementation and evaluation of program activities related to women's and infant health and maternal and child health data and assessment through cooperative agreements and other funding sources. The Associate Director leads the Women's and Infant Health Team and contributes to the advancement of MCH programs. This position leads the tracking, analysis, and reporting on federal and state programs impacting women's and perinatal health, leads work to strengthen the capacity of MCH

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epidemiology at the state and national levels, and plays a critical role in fund development for women's and infant programmatic efforts. The Associate Director develops and maintains partnerships with relevant federal agencies, funders, and other national organizations, coalitions and groups concerned with women's and infant health. The Associate Director leads technical assistance efforts for the organization related to women's and infant health. This position reports to the Director of Programs. For more information about this open position, visit AMCHP's Career Center.

The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation - Public Policy Fellowship Program 2011-2012

The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation is seeking exemplary professionals and/or family members of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities who are currently working or volunteering in the field of inclusive services and supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities for an intensive one-year Public Policy Fellowship in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the Fellowship is to prepare both early career and seasoned leaders to assume leadership in the public policy arena in their home state and/or nationally. During this one year Fellowship, the successful applicant will learn how federal legislation is initiated, developed, and passed by the Congress, as well as how programs are administered and regulations promulgated by federal agencies. To learn more, visit [here](#).

AMCHP's CAREER CENTER

The Career Center is the premiere online job board for individuals seeking employment in Maternal and Child Health programs. Whether you are looking for an entry-level position or are a more seasoned professional looking for new opportunities, AMCHP's Career Center has great openings for great people! Searching our database is free and open to all job-seekers. AMCHP members receive a discount on job-postings - so [sign up](#) today!



CDC Launches a Funding Assistance Data and Profiles Website

The site provides quick access to information on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funding provided to recipients in states and territories to address issues of public health importance. Recipients of these investments include state and local health departments, universities, and other public and private agencies for a variety of public health programs. The site includes links to data on 2009 grants, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding and projects, and a new interactive tool for providing FY 2010 grant and cooperative agreement funding data and profiles. To learn more, visit [here](#).

OWH Funding for Addressing Tobacco Use Among Young Women

Deadline: **March 1**

If you would like to submit an application for the Addressing Tobacco Use Among Young Women funding opportunity, please complete the [Request for Application \(RFA\)](#) forms and e-mail to John Snow, Inc. (JSI). Please note, applications will not be accepted by the Office on Women's Health (OWH). For help with this RFA, please e-mail: owhapplication@jsi.com or call toll-free: (866) 224-3815.

CDC Funding for National Programs to Improve the Health and Educational Outcomes of Young People

Deadline: **March 4**

Approximately \$6,000,000 will be available to fiscal year 2011 to fund 25 awards. The purpose of this program, National Programs to Improve the Health and Educational Outcomes of Young People, is to improve child and adolescent health by helping schools and communities create an environment that fosters a culture of wellness and makes healthy choices the easy choice. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for Part D: Coordinated HIV Services and Access to Research for Women, Infant, Children and Youth

Deadline: **March 11**

The purpose of the Part D funding is to provide family centered care involving outpatient or ambulatory care (directly, through contracts or MOUs) for women, infants, children and youth with HIV/AIDS. This means all Part D grantees are expected to directly provide or coordinate for the provision of primary medical care to the clients they

serve. The projects are expected to conduct case finding in order to bring infected people into care. Once in care, specific efforts must be made to retain individuals in care. Grantees are expected to provide care, treatment, and support services or create a network of medical and social service providers, who collaborate to supply services. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for Affordable Care Act - Health Center Planning Grants

Deadline: **March 18**

The purpose of planning grants is to demonstrate the need for health services in the community from public or nonprofit organizations seeking a grant to plan for the development of a comprehensive primary care health center under the Health Center Program authorized under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act. The purpose of the Health Center Program is to extend comprehensive primary and preventive health services (including mental health, substance abuse and oral health services) and supplemental services to populations currently without access to such services, and to improve their health status. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for Comprehensive STD Prevention Systems-Infertility Prevention Project

Deadline: **March 21**

The goal of this supplement is to provide additional support to project area STD prevention programs for the expansion of Chlamydia and gonorrhea (CT/GC) screening and treatment services. Plans for targeted CT/GC screening and treatment activities should reflect program decisions based on local epidemiology and disease prevalence estimates. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for the National Healthy Tomorrows Technical Assistance Resource Center

Deadline: **March 25**

The purpose of this program is to support activities of the Healthy Tomorrows Partnerships for Children Program (HTPC) which strives to improve access and delivery of maternal and child health services through governmental and professional partnerships. Specifically, this cooperative agreement is designed to promote problem-solving approaches which enhance community and provider participation. This provider partnership will encourage

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private sector and other support for improved coordination of and access to health resources at the community-level for pregnant women, infants, and children. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for Autism Intervention Research Network on Behavioral Health

Deadline: **March 28**

The purpose of the Autism Intervention Research Network on Behavioral Health (AIR-B Network) is to establish and maintain a network infrastructure from which to conduct research on evidence-based interventions to improve the behavioral, mental, social, and/or cognitive health and well-being of children and adolescents with ASD and other developmental disabilities. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC funding for Evaluation of the Impact of Work or School Exclusion Criteria on the Spread of Influenza and Influenza-like-Illness

Deadline: **March 29**

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to facilitate research to determine the effectiveness of different exclusion criteria in preventing influenza-like-illness (ILI) and laboratory-confirmed influenza in either health care or non-health care work settings or school settings. The objectives of the studies are to assess the effectiveness of illness exclusion criteria to prevent illnesses in work and/or school settings. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for Autism Intervention Research Network on Physical Health

Deadline: **March 29**

The purpose of the Autism Intervention Research Network on Physical Health (AIR-P Network) is to establish and maintain a network infrastructure from which to conduct research on evidence-based practices for interventions to improve the physical health and well-being of individuals with ASD and other developmental disabilities. Physical health may include but is not limited to medical, dental, visual, nutrition and speech/hearing components. To learn more, visit [here](#).

ANA Funding for Environmental Regulatory Enhancement

Deadline: **April 1**

The Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans (ANA) announces the availability of Fiscal Year 2011 funds for community-based

projects for the Environmental Regulatory Enhancement program. The Environmental program provides funding for projects that support the development, enforcement and monitoring of tribal environmental quality and regulatory programs. To learn more, visit [here](#).

ANA Funding for Social and Economic Development Strategies Tribal Governance-SEDS TG

Deadline: **April 5**

The Administration for Native Americans (ANA), within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), announces the availability of Fiscal Year FY 2011 funds for new community-based projects under the ANA Social and Economic Development Strategies Tribal Governance (SEDS-TG) program. ANA's FY 2011 SEDS TG will fund tribal governance projects formerly funded under SEDS and will expand the governance priority to emphasize projects that strengthen the internal capacity and infrastructure of tribal governments to increase services provided to children and families. The FOA will also emphasize increasing the tribal government's ability to exercise local control and decision making over their resources. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for Affordable Care Act (ACA): Childhood Obesity Research Demonstration

Deadline: **April 8**

The objective of the demonstrations is to determine whether an integrated model of primary care and public health approaches in the community can improve underserved children's risk factors for obesity. These approaches may include policy, systems, and environmental supports that encourage nutrition and physical activity for underserved children and their families. Grantees will develop, implement, and evaluate multi-sectoral (i.e., childcare, school, community, health care), multi-level (i.e. child, family, organization, community, policy) intervention demonstration projects for underserved children ages 2-12 years and their families utilizing the Obesity Chronic Care Model and other similar models. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention

Deadline: **April 14**

The purpose of these grants is to assure all infants born in the U.S. have their hearing screened at birth and receive

timely and appropriate follow up care in the context of a medical home with links to family to family support for families in which an infant is found to have a hearing loss. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for the National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Disease and Tuberculosis Prevention, Public Health Conference Support

Deadline: **April 15**

The purpose of conference support funding is to provide partial support for specific non-Federal conferences in the areas of health promotion and disease prevention and education programs. Conferences supported under this program announcement must be specific to one of the following focus areas; HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Outreach and Enrollment Grants - Cycle II

Deadline: **April 18**

On February 4, 2009, the president signed into law the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA). CHIPRA reauthorizes and fully funds the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) through Federal fiscal year 2013. The Affordable Care Act further extended the CHIP program through 2019 and authorized funding through 2015. CHIPRA provided a total of \$100 million devoted to outreach and enrollment activities, with \$80 million to be provided in grant funds to states, local governments, community-based and nonprofit organizations, and others, and \$10 million in grant funds exclusively for Indian health providers, and Tribal entities. The remaining \$10 million is devoted to a national enrollment campaign. In September 2009, CMS awarded \$40 million in grant funds to 68 grantees across 42 states, and in April 2010, CMS awarded nearly \$10 million to 41 tribal health provider grantees in 19 states. Cycle II will again offer \$40 million in grant funds to be made available for a two year period. Cycle II is designed to be more targeted than Cycle I, encouraging prospective grantees to design their proposals based on a menu of focus areas. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for Community Approaches to Reducing Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Deadline: **April 20**

The purpose of the program is to announce the availability of fiscal year 2011 funds for project grant applications to support the planning, implementation, and evaluation of innovative, interdisciplinary projects to reduce STD disparities, promote sexual health, and advance community wellness using community engagement methods (e.g., community-based participatory research) and multi-sector partnerships to build local capacity to impact STD disparities in communities with disparately high STD burden. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CMS Funding for Medicaid Incentives for Prevention of Chronic Diseases

Deadline: **May 2**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced a new program that will test and evaluate the effectiveness of a program to provide financial and non-financial incentives to Medicaid beneficiaries of all ages who participate in prevention programs and demonstrate changes in health risk and outcomes, including the adoption of healthy behaviors. A grant solicitation directs that applicants must demonstrate they are addressing at least one of the following prevention goals: tobacco cessation, controlling or reducing weight, lowering cholesterol, lowering blood pressure, and avoiding the onset of diabetes or improving the management of the condition. The Office of the Governor or the state Medicaid agency may apply for funding under this grant opportunity. AMCHP encourages state MCH leaders to consider exploring collaborations to pursue this opportunity with your state chronic disease and Medicaid colleagues. State notices of intent are due to CMS by April 4. Complete grant applications are due to CMS by May 2. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Funding for Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships

Deadline: **May 5**

The purpose of the program, Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships, is to build local public health capacity to establish a comprehensive community-wide Teen Dating Violence Prevention Initiative that focuses on 11 to 14-year-olds to promote respectful, nonviolent dating relationships among youth in high-risk

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urban communities. Demonstration sites will build capacity to implement two models of TDV prevention (standard and comprehensive) to see how effective, feasible, and sustainable these approaches will be in high-risk urban communities. To learn more, visit [here](#).

NIH Funding for Combined Multipurpose Strategies for Sexual and Reproductive Health (R21/33)

Deadline: **May 18**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health (NIH), invites research applications for projects focused on development of combined multipurpose prevention strategies for sexual and reproductive health. To learn more, visit [here](#).

RWJF Grant for Childhood Obesity Prevention

Deadline: **July 1**

The purpose of this funding opportunity, provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), is to support research to analyze and improve policy and environmental strategies to increase physical activity among children and adolescents. Proposals will support opportunistic, time-sensitive studies on emerging or anticipated changes in physical activity-related policies or environments. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis until the deadline. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CALENDAR



MCH Events

[The National Healthy Start Association's \(NHSA\) 12th Annual Spring Conference](#)

March 6-9
Washington, DC

[HealthConnect One's Birth, Breastfeeding and Beyond 2011 Conference](#)

March 21-23
Washington, DC

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[2011 National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners \(NAPNAP\) Conference](#)

March 23-26
Baltimore, MD

[NFPRHA 2011 National Conference](#)

March 27-30
Washington, DC

[4th Annual Conference on New Media, Youth, & Sexual Health](#)

April 1-2
San Francisco, CA

[National Oral Health Conference](#)

April 11-13
Pittsburgh, PA

[Hospitals and Communities Moving Forward with Patient- and Family-Centered Care: An Intensive Training Seminar—Partnerships for Quality and Safety](#)

May 2-5
St. Louis, MO

[3rd National Summit on Preconception Health & Healthcare](#)

June 12-14
Tampa/St. Petersburg, FL

[2011 Regional Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology \(MCH EPI\) Conference](#)

June 19-20
San Francisco, CA

[2011 National School-Based Health Care Convention](#)

June 26-29
Chicago, IL

[25th Anniversary Postpartum Support International Conference](#)

September 14-17
Seattle, WA