

Member Briefs



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CEO TRANSITION UPDATE

As previously shared, AMCHP CEO Dr. Michael Fraser will be leaving AMCHP on Jul. 26, to take a new role as Executive Vice President & Chief Executive Officer of the Pennsylvania Medical Society. AMCHP will be working with a search firm to conduct a national search for Dr. Fraser's replacement. As soon as the firm is selected and the search process finalized we will share that information with you and ask all members to share the position announcement and profile widely with colleagues and peers. In addition, AMCHP will be led by an interim CEO who will start work in early August and act as the AMCHP chief executive during the time between Dr. Fraser's departure and the selection of a new CEO. For more information or to share ideas, please contact AMCHP President, [Millie Jones](#).

AMCHP Board Meeting Report Out

The AMCHP Board of Directors met for its summer retreat Jun. 19-22 in Milwaukee, WI, and was graciously hosted by Dean Magda Peck at the new Zilber School of

Public Health. A major agenda item was to develop guidance for the organization around a potential future for Title V in the era of health reform. The AMCHP board discussed the 'Future of Title V,' building on work and discussions about the program that have been occurring for over two years. While this topic has been a point of longstanding discussion within AMCHP and among our many partners, the passage of the Affordable Care Act has brought new questions about the role of the Title V program in an era of health reform. Board members and invited guests, including several AMCHP past presidents, discussed their thoughts on a vision for Title V and a guiding framework that could serve the program for the next five to 10 years. The results of these discussions are forming the basis of recommendations that are being drafted with board member guidance – and eventual member input – on the future of Title V. These recommendations will ultimately be provided to the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB). We urge all members to stay tuned to *Member Briefs* for future updates and requests for input.



In addition to the Future of Title V discussion, the Board also discussed AMCHP progress on meeting its strategic goals and staff presented a summary of key activities and milestone for AMCHP program and policy work. A special send off for Dr. Fraser was part of the business portion of the meeting at which a "regional mega-basket" of items representing Board member states was shared. During the Board's Executive Session members discussed transition planning for AMCHP CEO.



Health Reform Implementation

On Jul. 2, President Obama announced a delay in what is commonly known as the employer mandate. This provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires employers with more than 50 employees to either pay for health insurance for full time employees or face a penalty. This announcement means that they will not be required to pay a penalty for not providing health insurance to their employees until 2015. The administration explains that it is “transition relief” for those implementing the complex systems to verify the status of insurance coverage for employees. White House officials say of the change that “nothing in the new guidance regarding employer reporting and responsibility will limit individuals’ eligibility for premium tax credits to buy insurance through the marketplaces that open on Oct. 1.”

Ahhhh Recess

Congress was out on recess or what is now known as “district work weeks,” last week so all was quiet on Capitol Hill. Never fear, members of Congress will return on Jul. 8 and the Senate will begin considering the fiscal year 2014 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations bill. We anticipate an extremely busy week with regard to the federal budget. As soon as the proposed Senate funding level for the Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant is made public, AMCHP will share that information with you.

Cautionary Tales

Two leading Washington, DC news sources, the *Washington Post* and *Politico*, published articles last week regarding sequestration’s long and slow burn. Both articles are real eye openers about the monumental hurdles ahead as it relates to sequestration and budget cuts. In essence, the general consensus on Capitol Hill is that sequestration is “in the rear view mirror,” and the “bottom of the list of things” members of Congress are worried about. Moreover, it alludes to a potential nine years worth of continuing resolutions. These articles are a must read! A synopsis will not do them justice.

Politico: [The Sequester’s Long Slow Burn](#)

The Washington Post: [They Said Sequester Would Be Scary Mostly They Were Wrong](#)

AMCHP will be participating in a national lobby day on **Sept. 11** with other public health organizations to urge Congress to replace sequestration through a balanced approach to deficit reduction. Please share your story about the impact the sequester is having on Title V programs by filling out our [survey](#).

National Call: Federal Policy Update, Member Only Call

AMCHP is hosting a MEMBER ONLY call on **Jul. 15 at 3 p.m. EST**. During this call, we will provide you with an update on the federal budget for fiscal year 2014, sequestration, Affordable Care Act implementation and our advocacy strategies moving forward.

To join the call, dial: 800-269-3762. (No pass code is needed) Please do not share this phone number widely.

[Click here](#) to RSVP.

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AMCHP Annual Conference Call for Proposals Now Open!

AMCHP invites you to submit a session proposal for the 2014 AMCHP Annual Conference (Jan. 25-28). The theme is *The Road Ahead: Challenges, Changes and Opportunities for Maternal and Child Health*. The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. [Click here](#) for complete information about submitting your session proposal and for the online submission system. **The deadline for submissions is Friday, Aug. 16 at 5 p.m. EST.** You will be notified about the outcome of your submission by Monday, Sept. 30, 2013. If you have questions about the session proposal submission process, please contact [Colleen Campbell](#) at (703) 964-1240, ext. 16. For more information about the 2014 AMCHP Annual Conference, visit amchp.org/AMCHP14.

AMCHP Convenes National Work Group on CYSHCN System Standards

On Jun. 13, AMCHP convened a national work group as part of the *National Consensus Framework for Improving Quality Systems of Care for Children and Youth with*

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Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) project funded by the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health. The national work group provided guidance and input to a draft set of standards (structure and process) for systems of care serving CYSHCN. In welcoming the group, AMCHP CEO Michael Fraser noted the importance of this work in light of the ACA and as state Title V CYSHCN programs reexamine their role in a new health reform landscape.

Creating a comprehensive, quality system of care for CYSHCN has been one of the most challenging and pressing priorities for state and local health leaders and other stakeholders. The ACA has further heightened this need as states extend coverage to millions of uninsured adults and children, design essential health benefits, and implement new quality provisions, among other areas. Numerous national reports, initiatives, and research from over three decades have described frameworks, standards and quality measures, and are an important foundation for such a system. Health reform presents a new and critical opportunity to further advance this work and the systems that serve CYSHCN through a set of nationally endorsed standards that could help guide and undergird system practices and policies.

AMCHP will continue to work with the national work group over the summer and fall to achieve national consensus on a set of system standards that state Title V MCH programs, health plans, Medicaid and CHIP agencies, families, provider groups and others could use to inform and guide their work. A final national consensus document is planned for release in December 2013. For more information about this project, contact [Karen VanLandeghem](#).

Voids in Knowledge: Life Course Research and Chronic Kidney Disease Webinar

Fifth in the Life Course Research Network (LCRN) series on *The State of Life Course Health Development Research: Past, Present and Future*, this webinar will feature **Dr. Patrick Brophy**, MD, MHCD and Vice Chair for Clinical Innovation and Associate Professor of Pediatrics in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. The webinar will take place **Jul. 9, 12-1 p.m. EST**. For more information and to register for the webinar, [click here](#).

Family Scholars Program-Now Accepting Applications

AMCHP, with support of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) MCHB and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, is awarding scholarships to family leaders (six scholars and three mentors) to participate in the AMCHP Family Scholars Program. The Family Scholars Program (FSP) is a 10-month program for family leaders that have experience engaging in Title V programs or Title V funded programs at the local or state level. The program is intended for family leaders that want to continue developing their skills as leaders in maternal and child health. Scholars in the program will increase their knowledge and skills associated with key maternal and child health leadership competencies through distance-based learning opportunities (e.g. topic specific conference calls, webinars, Individual Development Plan, mentoring, readings) and by attending two in-person meetings, a kick-off meeting in October and the AMCHP Annual Conference in January. Family Scholars also will be matched with seasoned family leaders, Family Mentors, who assist family scholars in their leadership journey. **We are now accepting applications for both Family Scholars and Family Mentors.**

Interested family leaders must submit completed application materials and be nominated by their state or territory Title V program. Title V includes MCH programs



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and/or programs serving CYSHCN. **Applications are due by 5 p.m. EST on Jul. 17.**

There will be an informational call on Thursday, Jul. 11, from 1-2 p.m. EST. To participate, call: [1-800-689-9374](tel:1-800-689-9374) and use pass **code: 645016.**

For more information, please visit the AMCHP website at www.amchp.org/FSP. E-mail materials or questions to familyscholars@amchp.org.

AMCHP Women's Health Information Webinar Series: A Home Birth Primer for MCH Programs

In light of the recent attention on safe birthing practices and the newly released American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) policy statement on Planned Home Births, AMCHP will host the national webinar, *A Home Birth Primer for MCH Programs*, on **Jul. 11, 2-3:30 p.m. EST.** Attendees will increase their knowledge of birth rates and trends of home births, increase their knowledge of the effects of maternal and infant care services in this type of birth setting, receive a summary of the 2011 American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and 2013 AAP statements on planned home birth, and describe the practical implications of the statements for MCH programs. To register for this webinar, [click here](#).

Evaluation 101 for Chronic Disease Epidemiologists: What New Evaluators Need to Know Webinar

The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) will host a webinar **Jul. 18, 3-4:30 p.m. EST.** The webinar will be presented by two epidemiologist/evaluators from the Utah Department of Health. The presenters will provide an overview of the CDC 6-Step Evaluation Framework and describe its practical application in state health departments. To register for the webinar, click [here](#).

Life Course Metrics Project – Request for Public Comment on Final Indicator Set

In early 2012, AMCHP launched the Life Course Metrics Project, a collaborative effort to identify and promote a standardized set of indicators that can be used to measure progress using the life course approach to improve maternal and child health. The project is funded

with the support of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. AMCHP is pleased to announce we are now requesting public comments on the final set of life course indicators.

The final set of indicators represents a culminating product of a yearlong effort by seven state-based teams, informed by the input of a National Expert Panel of thought leaders on the life course theory and linking theory to practice. Over the past several months, these state teams distilled 413 proposed life course indicators down to a final set of 59 indicators, categorized into 13 thematic topic areas.

AMCHP hopes to gather feedback from MCH stakeholders and partners on the utility and application of the final set of indicators. The final indicator set and instructions for submitting public comments are available on the AMCHP [website](#). The public comment period closes on Jul. 31. For questions about the public comment process on the final set of life course indicators, please contact [Andria Cornell](#).

Infant Safe Sleep: Moving Data to Action Webinar

AMCHP is partnering with the Association of SIDS and Infant Mortality Programs and Project IMPACT to offer this webinar featuring an update on the Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) Case Registry, a public health surveillance system that collects comprehensive information about SUID cases, and highlighting best practices on efforts to promote safe sleep, presented by Dr. Stephanie Regenold from the B'More for Healthy Babies Safe Sleep campaign. The webinar will be held **Jul. 31, 3 – 4:30 p.m. EST.** For more information and to register, [click here](#)

Rally4Babies: Learning Happens Right from the Start

Zero to Three will be hosting a virtual rally to promote early learning policies that focus specifically on babies and toddlers. Presented by award winning journalist and CEO of Starfish Media Group, **Soledad O'Brien**, the event will be streamed live on YouTube **Jul. 8, 2-2:30 p.m. EST.** Participate from wherever you are to hear prominent guest speakers discuss why we need our early learning policies to begin at birth. For more information and updates on the event, [click here](#). You can also sign

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the Rally4Babies [petition](#) to urge the administration and Congress to increase investments in early learning for babies and toddlers!

AMCHP Leadership Institute for State CYSHCN Directors

AMCHP, with a grant from the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health, is implementing the *Leadership Institute for State CYSHCN Directors*. The overall purpose of the project is to improve the effectiveness of state CYSHCN directors to lead and transform their programs in a time of change and health reform. The ultimate goal of the project is to strengthen state systems of care for CYSHCN. The institute will provide state Title V CYSHCN directors with targeted, intensive, and ongoing training to provide them with a comprehensive picture of the CYSHCN populations in the context of the life course approach, health equity/health disparities, and transitions to adult care. Program components of the *Leadership Institute for State CYSHCN Directors* include two face-to-face CYSHCN directors meetings at the AMCHP annual conferences; an invitation-only listserv exclusively for CYSHCN directors; and the creation of a targeted, comprehensive new CYSHCN director curriculum. AMCHP also plans to strengthen the CYSHCN e-Portal on the AMCHP website, conduct a series of bi-monthly webinars targeted for CYSHCN state directors, and develop a sustainability plan to ensure ongoing program components align with the AMCHP Strategic Plan.

By providing adequate support, training, and peer-to-peer networking opportunities, the *Leadership Institute for State CYSHCN Directors* will help promote comprehensive, quality systems of care serving CYSHCN and their families. AMCHP will reach out to all state CYSHCN directors shortly to share more detailed information. For more information on this project, please contact [Treeby Brown](#), associate director for child and adolescent health.

The True Meaning of Succession Planning Webinar

Succession planning is not just about identifying and grooming the next generation of leaders. It is an on-going part of workforce development efforts designed to sustain organization or agency capacity. It is supported by activities such as recruiting and retaining a competent

workforce by developing skills, knowledge, and building leadership capacity. Particularly in this time of great change in state Title V programs, succession planning is of critical importance to ensure that states have the qualified workforce with the needed expertise for ensuring the continuity and prosperity of maternal and child health programs. On Jul. 24 at 1 p.m. EST, AMCHP will host a webinar, *The True Meaning of Succession Planning*, to share successful succession planning strategies. During the webinar, Michael Warren, MD, MPH, FAAP, Director of Maternal and Child Health for the Tennessee Department of Health, will provide an overview of the concept of succession planning and share his efforts related to workforce development in his state. Dr. Warren will be joined by a Linda McElwain, RN, Section Chief of MCH for the Wyoming Department of Health, and Patricia Tilley, MS, MA, Acting Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Population Health and Community Services and Title V Director of the New Hampshire MCH Program will share their success stories and resources related to building a competent workforce. After this webinar, participants will be able to: define succession planning, understand the importance of succession planning, and understand how succession planning "fits" in with larger workforce development efforts. To register, [click here](#).

DMCHWD: Performance Measurement TA Webinar Series

Save the Dates! The Division of MCH Workforce Development (DMCHWD) is launching a technical assistance webinar series for MCH training program directors and data coordinators. Part one will be held on Jul. 16, 2-3:30 p.m. EST with a follow-up breakout session on Jul. 24, 2-3:30 p.m. EST. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Maternal Health Town Hall Listening Session

The Town Hall Listening Session will serve as a platform to share and discuss proposed strategies and to solicit ideas in support of the National Maternal Health Initiative. It also is an opportunity to engage and obtain feedback from the public on HRSA strategic thinking around a national strategy to reduce maternal morbidity and mortality, and improve the quality and safety of maternity care in the United States. The meeting is open to the public and will be hosted virtually through webinar and by

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phone. Participants will have an opportunity to interact with presenters via the chat function in the public comment section of the webinar system. In addition, there will be up to 100 phone lines available to individuals who choose to participate by phone. The phone lines will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis. Time will be provided for public comments, each limited to five minutes. The meeting will be held **Aug. 27, 2-3:30 p.m. EST**. Registration and written public comments are due **Aug. 19, 5 p.m. EST**. Call information for this meeting will be provided upon registration. To register for this meeting, [click here](#). For questions and to submit your public comment, contact [Keisher Highsmith, DrPH](#).

AMCHP-CDC Skills-Building Suite: Evidence-Based Practice: Moving Along the Continuum from Selection to Sustainability

Recent years have brought an increased focus on the value and necessity of investing in programs that demonstrate evidence of producing desired outcomes. The ACA, for example, authorized funds that enabled many Title V programs to implement evidence-based programs related to key MCH issues such as home visiting and teen pregnancy. Yet, translating research to action, “taking what works and using it,” remains a common challenge for MCH programs. To provide ongoing support for “taking what works and applying it,” MCHP, in partnership with Community Guide staff at CDC, is thrilled to announce the *AMCHP-CDC Skills-Building Suite: Evidence-Based Programs: Moving Along the Continuum from Selection to Sustainability*. This three-part virtual workshop is designed to increase state MCH program capacity to better understand evidence-based programs, dialogue about opportunities and challenges in implementing evidence-based programs, understand complexity in fidelity and adaptation, and consider evaluation and sustainability of evidence-based programs. By the end of your participation in the Skills-Building Suite you will be able to: compare evidence-based strategies and interventions to program needs; identify extent of adaptation needed for selected intervention; and suggest evaluation methods or sustainability criteria for the intervention. The Skills-Building Suite will be presented via 90-minute virtual sessions over three days, Sept. 5, 10 and 13. [Reserve your seat in the Skills-building Suite today!](#) For more information, contact [Sharron Corle](#).

Webinar Series: *Leading in Changing Times*

In working to improve the lives of women, children and families, leadership is an essential role in MCH programs. It is leaders who have a vision, take initiative, influence people, solve problems, take responsibility – who make things happen. And, whether or not they have a formal title, everyone is engaged in the process of leadership. Likewise, everyone can develop their leadership effectiveness.



Do you have a successful practice that incorporates the life course theory? Let us know about it! AMCHP is collecting emerging, promising and best practices in maternal and child health and would like to include effective life course interventions and programs including those using life course as a theoretical foundation to improve health outcomes.

Please consider sharing your program through [Innovation Station](#), AMCHP's searchable database of emerging, promising and best practices in maternal and child health. Through this opportunity, you can:

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

The online submission process is simple and applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For more information, contact [Kate Howe](#) at (202) 266-3056 or visit amchp.org/bestpractices.

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

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AMCHP efforts to strengthen the capacity of the MCH community to engage in the leadership process recognize that leadership development is a process, not an event. The *Leading in Changing Times Series* is an initiative launched by AMCHP as part of our larger efforts to support a diverse, effective and competent workforce in state and territorial MCH programs. The webinar series is a year-long, three-part project, blending principles of key leadership theory with real-world stories from senior-level MCH leaders. These 45-minute leadership “conversations” are designed to share leadership ideas and inspiration.

In a rapidly changing environment, full of shifting workforce demographics (diverse workforce, multi-generation workforce, retirements), budget cuts, hiring freezes, MCH programs need to spread leadership broad and deep. The target audience for this series is both aspiring MCH leaders and those who currently hold leadership positions in MCH programs.

Part 1 of this series, *Great Leaders are Great Decision Makers: The Importance of Decisiveness*, is scheduled for **Sept. 18 at 3:15 p.m. EST**. Karen Trierweiler, director, programs and services, Prevention Services for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will provide an overview of the key concept, leadership and decision-making, followed by her personal experience in establishing priorities to commit to a course of action in her state.

After this event, participants will:

- Explore the elements of decision making in public health leadership theory
- Understand the benefits of having a defined approach to prioritizing among many concerns and issues

- Learn concrete strategies and examples that they can use to prioritize maternal and child health efforts in their state

For more information and to register for this webinar, [click here](#).

Text4baby Kicks off 2013 State Enrollment Contest!

AMCHP is formally supporting the 2013 Text4baby State Enrollment Contest which launched on May 14. [Text4baby](#) is a free comprehensive personalized maternal child health education and support program. It provides critical, evidence-based health and safety information through text messaging. The objective of the contest will see which state can enroll the most text4baby users between **May 12 and Oct. 21**. Winners will be announced in early November during the American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting in Boston, MA. AMCHP is pleased to be a partner in the text4baby initiative and is encouraging our membership to promote the service to the families they serve. For more information about the contest, [click here](#).

Transforming Care Through Disruptive Design

The Centering® Healthcare Institute will host its 4th National Conference: Transforming Care through Disruptive Design from Oct. 26-29 in Washington, DC. The conference offers a great learning opportunity to hear visionary keynotes, action-provoking panel discussions and a wide variety of breakout sessions which will offer interactive exploration of ideas. Join clinicians, researchers, policy makers, administrators and students who come together to discuss ideas for transforming healthcare delivery. For more information, [click here](#) or go to the [Centering® Healthcare Institute](#) to learn more about this healthcare model.

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PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



General Maternal & Child Health

Toolkit on Social Media and MCH

A new toolkit offers information about the growing importance of online information, including social media, for obtaining information about health and medical issues. *Social Media in the States: Providing Instant Access to Emerging Issues* was developed by the Maternal and Child Health Library (MCH Library) at Georgetown University in collaboration with AMCHP, and with support from the HRSA MCHB. It discusses how emerging issues can be tracked through social media in the states and provides links to resources, including a live feed of Twitter accounts, a list of state health department Facebook and Twitter accounts, and other resources to help states use social media. To access the toolkit, [click here](#).

AHRQ Evidence Inconclusive on Effectiveness of Oral Contraceptive Use for Prevention of Ovarian Cancer

According to findings in a recent review from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and CDC, insufficient evidence exists to recommend for or against the use of oral contraceptives solely for the prevention of ovarian cancer. While oral contraceptives may increase life expectancy by one month when other medical benefits are included, the harm/benefit ratio of oral contraceptives for ovarian cancer prevention alone is uncertain when factored in with the increased risk of breast cancer, cervical cancer, and cardiovascular events associated with their use. To access the full review, [click here](#).

Child & Adolescent Health

AHRQ Report: School, Community-Based Intervention Programs Can Prevent Childhood Obesity

According to data from the 2007-2008 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, approximately 17 percent of U.S. children and adolescents are obese, while approximately 30 percent are either overweight or obese. In a recent review by the AHRQ Effective Health Care Program, *Childhood Obesity Prevention Programs: A Comparative Effectiveness Review and Meta-Analysis*,

combining diet and physical activity interventions showed benefit in reducing the prevalence of overweight and obesity in children when used in a combination of home, school, and community settings. To access the full report, [click here](#).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Oregon Health Authority Accepting Applications for Public Health Director

The Oregon Health Authority is seeking applicants to be considered for the position of Public Health Director. The Public Health Director is responsible for leadership, oversight, and guidance of executive staff and provides ongoing leadership and consultation for all public health programs and activities. Job responsibilities also include promoting public health issues, policies and priorities to the general public, and to public and private organizations at the state, regional and national levels. For more information about the Oregon Health Authority, position qualifications and to apply, [click here](#).

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AMCHP Working On Your Behalf

- On Jun. 24-25, AMCHP staff Tegan Callahan, Andria Cornell, Megan Phillippi and Caroline Stampfel hosted a collaborative meeting of the Life Course Metrics Project State Teams and National Expert Panel in Washington, DC. During this meeting – facilitated by AMCHP consultant Dr. William Sappenfield – state teams debated and subsequently

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voted on the final set of indicators for use by states to measure progress using a life course approach to improve maternal and child health. Attendees also participated in break-out discussions and group brainstorming on the application of the final indicator set in different program and policy contexts.

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DentaQuest Foundation Grants for Optimal Oral Health Campaigns

Deadline: *Rolling*

Through its Innovation Fund for Oral Health, DentaQuest will award up to \$4.45 million in grants this year in support of projects that identify and work to overcome barriers to optimal oral health. For more information, [click here](#).

Tribal Public Health Capacity Building and Quality Improvement Grant

Deadline: *Jul. 15*

The purpose of this grant is to strengthen and improve the infrastructure and performance of tribal public health agencies and tribal health systems through capacity building and quality improvement. For more information, [click here](#).

Consortium for Tobacco Use Cessation Technical Assistance Grant

Deadline: *Jul. 15*

This grant provides ongoing guidance, TA, training, and support in the areas of evidence-based and practice-based cessation approaches, community mobilization and partnership development, program strategies and sustainability, developing and revising strategic plans, and project monitoring and evaluation. For more information, [click here](#).

AIDS Drug Assistance Program Emergency Relief Awards Grant

Deadline: *Jul. 19*

The purpose of this grant is to prevent, reduce and/ or eliminate waiting lists reported to HRSA for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). For more information, [click here](#).

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NIH Care Management Research and Educational Foundation

Deadline: *Jul. 19*

Up to \$150,000 will be awarded to support investigator-initiated research showing significant potential to inform improvements in the U.S. healthcare system by reducing health spending growth, enhancing quality and expanding access to health insurance and health care services. For more information, [click here](#).

ACYF/FYSB Basic Center Program Grant

Deadline: *Jul. 25*

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) will award funding for the Basic Center Program (BCP). The purpose of the BCP is to provide an alternative for runaway and homeless youth who might otherwise end up with law enforcement or in the child welfare, mental health, or juvenile justice systems. The BCP works to establish or strengthen community-based programs that meet the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families. For more information, [click here](#).

Administration for Community Living Regional Self-Advocacy TA Grant

Deadline: *Jul. 29*

This grant provides regional support to self-advocacy organizations that focus on individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For more information, [click here](#).

Building RWHAP Enrollment Capacity in ACA Health Coverage Programs Grant

Deadline: *Jul. 29*

As the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) funds will continue to be strictly used as payer of last resort, the purpose of this grant is to help RWHAP grantees ensure that clients are provided information and resources to promote enrollment in health insurance programs. For more information, [click here](#).

CDC Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) Program Grant

Deadline: *Jul. 29*

The purpose of this grant is to prevent sexual violence by implementing primary prevention strategies. This funding

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opportunity will advance this goal by increasing the proportion of RPE funded organizations that are implementing sexual violence prevention strategies according to general principles of effective prevention strategies. For more information, [click here](#).

Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight Grants

Deadline: *Aug. 1*

The purpose of this grant is to expand and improve health insurance rate review and increase transparency in health care pricing by engaging consumers and small businesses in the process. For more information, [click here](#).

Responsible Fatherhood Research Network Grant

Deadline: *Aug. 2*

This grant will oversee a multiyear plan that aims to disseminate information about good fatherhood parenting practices by building research and practice knowledge and capacity; leading and supporting further development and evaluation of evidence- or theory-based interventions to increase positive father involvement in the lives of their children; and increasing collaboration, knowledge sharing and capacity building among investigators and practitioners. The network will be expected to have a primary focus on economically disadvantaged fathers and families and other under studied population groups. For more information, [click here](#).

State Support for Demonstration Ombudsman Programs Grant

Deadline: *Aug. 5, 3 p.m. EST*

This funding opportunity will provide financial assistance over a three-year period to states to plan, develop and provide Demonstration Ombudsman Program services to individuals who participate in the Financial Alignment model. Grantee states will ensure that individual beneficiaries have access to person-centered assistance in resolving problems related to the demonstration. For more information, [click here](#).

Health Care Innovation Awards Round Two Grant

Deadline: *Aug. 15*

This grant funds applicants who propose new payment

and service delivery models that will provide better health, better health care, and lower costs through improved quality for Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP enrollees. For more information, please visit the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [announcement](#). For more information and to register, click [here](#). Also, find a [frequently asked questions](#) page.

Regional Nutrition and Physical Activity Programs Grant

Deadline: *Sept. 15*

Grants of up to \$40,000 will be awarded by the Aetna Foundation for programs that target communities where healthy food can be difficult to buy, and where social and environmental factors may limit people's ability to be physically active. Grants will support school-based and afterschool nutrition and fitness programs that help children learn healthy habits at an early age, community-based nutrition education programs for children and families, efforts to increase the availability or affordability of fresh fruits and vegetables in communities, and community gardening and urban farming activities for children and families. For more information, [click here](#).

Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation Seeks Applications for Mental Health Research

Deadline: *Nov. 1*

Grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to support research of interventions designed to prevent or improve major social, psychological, behavioral, or public health problems affecting children, adults, couples, families or communities. For more information, [click here](#).

RWJF Executive Nurses Fellows

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

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (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](#).

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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 career levels (the undergraduate, graduate, post baccalaureate, postdoctoral and faculty levels) from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in scientific disciplines relevant to genomics to enable them to pursue genomics research that spans all areas of interest to National Human Genome Research Institute later in their careers. For more information, [click here](#).

CALENDAR



MCH Events

[NACCHO Annual 2013](#)

Jul. 10-12
Dallas, TX

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

Jul. 15-16
Oak Brook, IL

Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
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[4th Brain Development & Learning: Making sense of the Science Conference](#)

Jul. 24-25
Vancouver, BC

[2013 University of Minnesota Summer Course in Adolescent Health](#)

Jul. 29-30 and Aug. 1
St. Paul, MN

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

Sept. 19-21
Denver, CO

[2013 Annual Urban Maternal and Child Health Leadership Conference](#)

Sept. 23-25
Savannah, GA

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

Oct. 9 - 12
Myrtle Beach, SC

[APHA Scientific Writing for Peer Reviewed Publications for Public Health Professionals Course](#)

Nov. 2
Boston, MA

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

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Boston, MA

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