



## MANAGEMENT MINUTE

### *Beneath the Surface*

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

I just got back from a week-long Spring Break part of which I spent snorkeling in the Caribbean (yes, I know, poor me...). It was amazing. I saw beautiful fish, incredible coral and yes even a few sharks,

stingrays and a barracuda. There was a whole world underneath the surface of the sea – a world that took a little effort and some equipment to view but it was well worth the work.

My snorkeling adventures got me thinking. When I look at the ocean now, I look at it a lot differently. I've seen the world underneath it and that changed how I think about it. I can't look at the ocean the way I used to. I considered what other "surfaces" I look at every day and what is beneath those. What am I missing? How much can I really see and how much more effort would it take to really get below the surface and see what lies beneath?

We take what we see for granted in most cases. But there are whole worlds below the surfaces we look at every day. If we apply this idea to our work, how much more is there that we could be doing with just a little effort and maybe some new equipment? The way we work, what we do, who we work with – these are all opportunities to get below the surface and see something new. We may experience new results, change how we do what we do, reconsider what we think we know, and yes, even change.

So, go ahead and try your own snorkeling adventure right from your desk! It might not be as beautiful as coral reefs in the Caribbean, but it could be just as enlightening and perspective changing. Let me know what you see and how you see it. We're pleased to be helping get below the surface on many issues here at AMCHP, and look forward to sharing those with you.



Are you curious about how states are addressing the needs of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs? Do you want to know more about programs that tackle preconception health or infant mortality? Then visit the [Innovation Station](#), AMCHP's new searchable database for finding emerging, promising and best practices across the United States. You'll also find useful links to other best practice databases and resources to help you evaluate your public health programs. Check out Innovation Station to learn more about what's being done to improve the health of women, children and families!

If you are interested in contributing to this growing database, please [submit](#) your work to AMCHP's best practices program. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. If you have questions about the process, contact [Kate Howe](#) at (202) 266-3056.





### **Current CR Funds Government until April 8**

On March 17, the U.S. Congress passed another (the sixth!) continuing resolution (CR). This CR funds federal programs for an additional three weeks until April 8. The measure makes \$6 billion in cuts by reducing or terminating programs, and eliminating all earmarks. The funding cuts were similar to the ones proposed in the President's FY 2012 budget released in February.

The earlier vote in the House was a bit more contentious, with 54 Republicans opposing the measure. There are signs of unhappiness from House Republican members over the fact that this was the sixth extension of funding for FY 2011. Leadership in the House has said publically that this will be the last CR and are expecting contentious negotiations moving ahead, although some potential progress in striking a compromise deal is being reported at press time. The parties want to complete work on funding for the remainder of the fiscal year but are far apart on proposed levels of cuts.

AMCHP continues to meet with members of both the House of Representatives and the Senate, to advocate on the importance of the Title V MCH Block Grant and to deliver the message that cuts to vital programs focused on women and children do more harm than good. With negotiations far from over, AMCHP continues to urge all members and friends to make sure their members of Congress are informed about the impact of any reductions to the Title V MCH Block Grant. Past *Legislative Alerts* may be found [here](#), and watch for continued alerts from AMCHP as additional details emerge. For more information, please contact [Joshua Brown](#) or call (202) 775-0436.

### **Affordable Care Act Anniversary**

March 23, 2011, marked the anniversary of President Obama signing the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Visit AMCHP's [National Center for Health Reform Implementation](#) to view resources and see how AMCHP continues to be a leading voice for maternal and child health as implementation moves forward.

### **Report on the National Strategy for Quality Improvement**

On March 21, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released the National Strategy for Quality Improvement in Health Care. This Strategy, required by the Affordable Care Act, creates national aims and priorities to guide local, state and national efforts to improve the quality of health care in the United States. The Strategy will incorporate the evidence-based results of the latest research and scientific advances in clinical medicine, public health and health care delivery.

The ACA required the Strategy to include HHS agency specific plans, goals, benchmarks and standardized quality metrics. By design, this first year Strategy does not include these elements, in order to allow them to be developed with additional collaboration and engagement of the participating agencies. It is important to note that one of the early goals of the Strategy is to support better health in communities by increasing the provision of clinical preventive services for children and adults. To read the full report, visit [here](#).

### **Proposed Regulation on Waivers for State Innovation**

On March 14, HHS and the Department of the Treasury released a proposed rule and are soliciting comments on this rule setting forth a procedural framework for submission and review of initial applications for a waiver for state innovation under the Affordable Care Act. Under the law, State Innovation Waivers are available in 2017. President Obama supports bipartisan legislation that would make waivers available to states beginning in 2014. The proposed regulation announced on March 14 describes the content of the waiver application and how such proposals may be disclosed to the public, monitored and evaluated. Comments about the rule are due May 13. To view the regulation, visit [here](#).



### **Webcast of the 2011 AMCHP Annual Conference Now Available!**

If you missed out on a session at AMCHP's 2011 Annual Conference, don't worry! The Maternal and Child Health Bureau has posted an archive of AMCHP's annual meeting [here](#).

### **March is Brain Injury Awareness Month**

CDC estimates that 1.7 million Americans sustain a traumatic brain injury (TBI), including concussions, each year. Of those individuals, 52,000 die, 275,000 are hospitalized, and 1.4 million are treated and released from an emergency department. This March, in recognition of Brain Injury Awareness Month, CDC and partners are working together to spread the word and raise awareness about TBI prevention, recognition, and response to help address this important public health problem. CDC developed the "[Heads Up](#)" educational initiatives to offer information to health care professionals, school professionals, sports coaches, parents, athletes and others. Check out Brain Injury Awareness Month updates from CDC on [Facebook](#), and learn how you can get involved.

### **Evidence-Based Interventions for Children with Autism Conference**

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Section of Developmental-Behavioral and Rehabilitative Pediatrics along with Arkansas Children's Hospital, Partners for Inclusive Communities, Interdisciplinary Leadership Education Excellence in Caring for Children with Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) and the Arkansas Department of Human Services will jointly sponsor the "Team Up 2011: Evidence Based Interventions for Children with Autism Conference." The conference will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas on May 19–21, at the Holiday Inn Airport and the speakers include experts from across the country. To learn more and to register, visit [here](#).

### **CityMatCH Call for Abstracts**

CityMatCH is seeking data, program and policy abstracts for oral or poster presentation for its 2011 CityMatCH Urban MCH Leadership Conference to convene on September 17-20 in San Francisco, CA. The deadline is March 30. For instructions on how to submit an abstract, visit [here](#). If you have questions, please contact [Carol Gilbert](#) or call (402) 561-7500.

### **NASHP Webinar on Medicaid's Role(s) in the Health Benefit Exchange**

The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) will host a webinar, "Medicaid's Role(s) in the Health Benefits Exchange: A Roadmap for States," on March 31 from 3 to 4 p.m. EST. Deborah Bachrach, Special Counsel of Manatt Health Solutions will discuss findings from an upcoming Maximizing Enrollment paper looking at ways for states to support and expand Medicaid's current role in four areas: Eligibility and Enrollment; Health Plan Standards and Requirements; Benefit Design; and Infrastructure. State officials from California, Rhode Island and Virginia will also provide their insights. To register, visit [here](#).

### **EPA Call for Comments**

EPA is working on a new edition of "America's Children and the Environment." Drafts of the indicators planned for inclusion in the "Third Edition of America's Children and the Environment (ACE3)" are now available for public review and comment. The deadline for comments is April 6. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **New Resource for Substance Use During Pregnancy**

The Indiana Perinatal Network has launched a web-based provider training program entitled, "Integrating Screening and Treatment of Substance Use into Prenatal Care." The 54-minute program addresses tobacco, alcohol and other drug use during pregnancy and incorporates practical role-play scenarios with clinical and research-based materials and interventions. This unique, award-winning program features Dr. James Nocon, associate professor from the Indiana University School of Medicine and director of the Prenatal Recovery Clinic at Wishard Hospital in Indianapolis. It also includes helpful resources and detailed clinical presentations on substance use related topics. The program is approved for CME's, nursing contact hours and social work CEU's and was produced in cooperation with IN ACOG, IN AAP, the IU School of Medicine, March of Dimes, the Indiana State Department of Health and Indianapolis Healthy Start. To learn more, visit [here](#) or call the Indiana Perinatal Network at (866) 338-0825.

### **Call for Nomination for the 2011 MCH Section Awards**

Each year the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Section recognizes leaders in the maternal and child health field

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at the Martha May Eliot Luncheon at the APHA Annual Meeting. At the luncheon, APHA also presents the prestigious Association-wide Martha May Eliot Award that honors an individual with exceptional achievement in the field of maternal and Child Health. This year, the MCH section is seeking nominations for the following awards:

- The Young Professional Award
- The Effective Practice Award
- The Outstanding Leadership/Advocacy Award
- The MCH Section Distinguished Service Award

The deadline to complete the nomination forms is April 30. To learn more, 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

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### General Maternal & Child Health

#### IOM Releases New Health Indicators Report

The report, “Leading Health Indicators for Healthy People 2020: Letter Report,” produced by the Institute of Medicine (IOM), recommends 12 indicators and 24 objectives for

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guiding the national health agenda. Contents include a brief discussion of Healthy People 2020 and the IOM committee’s recommendations concerning topics, indicators and objectives. Additional topics include the committee process, the framework and the process used to select objectives, and a discussion of the selection of topics and indicators. A detailed discussion of each of the selected objectives is then presented, along with suggestions for measures that could be used in three Healthy People topic areas for which no objectives exist: social determinants of health; health-related quality of life and well-being; and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender health. To download the report, visit [here](#). (Please note: You will need to register to access and download the full report).

### CityMatCH Announces New Life Course Game Tool

CityMatCH and Contra Costa Health Services created the “Life Course Game,” an interactive tool for demonstrating how social and biological factors impact health and development throughout life. The game can increase awareness and facilitate discussion about the root causes that affect maternal, child, adolescent and family health. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### NASHP Releases Report on Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities

The report, “State Documentation of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities to Inform Strategic Action,” prepared by the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), summarizes how leading states analyze state and federal race/ethnicity data in strategic plans and reports aimed at reducing racial and ethnic disparities in health status and health care. It features Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, New Mexico, Rhode Island and Utah. Their lessons can provide guidance for state efforts to launch or enhance health equity, consumer engagement, quality improvement, or cost containment initiatives. To download the report, visit [here](#).

### CDC Unveils New Tool to Measure Bullying Experiences

The tool, “Measuring Bullying Victimization, Perpetration, and Bystander Experiences: A Compendium of Assessment Tools,” produced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Injury Center, provides researchers,

prevention specialists, and health educators with tools to measure a range of bullying experiences: bully perpetration, bully victimization, bully-victim experiences, and bystander experiences. This compendium represents a starting point from which researchers can consider a set of psychometrically sound measures for assessing self-reported incidence and prevalence of a variety of bullying experiences. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **Children's Health**

#### **AHRQ Updates its Policy Brief on Child Health Research**

The brief, "Child Health Research: Identifying Quality Problems and Improving Care," published by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), summarizes recent findings (2006 through 2010) from selected AHRQ-supported projects focused on improving health care for children and adolescents. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

#### **NGA Releases New Brief on Early Childhood Home Visiting Programs**

The brief, "Maximizing the Impact of State Early Childhood Home Visitation Programs," published by the National Governors Association (NGA), identifies opportunities for states to integrate home visiting programs into an effective and comprehensive early childhood system. The brief also addresses strategies for ensuring more consistent high-quality programs for families. These efforts include promoting coordinated planning and shared accountability across agencies that fund home visiting and other early childhood programs, developing research-based quality standards and supporting ongoing program improvement, and improving data linkages to track outcomes and better target services. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

#### **CDC Offers Resources for Children with Developmental Disabilities**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) "Learn the Signs, Act Early" program, which supports the early identification of children with autism and other developmental disabilities, has two resources available for download, including [Milestone Moments](#) and [Track Your Child's Developmental Milestones](#).

#### **AMCHP Staff Participates in MCHB Meeting on Perinatal Health**

On Thursday, March 17, AMCHP participated in the MCHB Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Systems' Stakeholders Meeting on Perinatal Health along with other key national organizations working to promote perinatal health. The meeting goal was to identify priority perinatal health issues and create ideas for strategic interventions that MCHB can consider in strategic planning and future funding initiatives. AMCHP staff, Lauren Raskin Ramos, participated in the meeting and shared AMCHP's priorities around perinatal health.

#### **AMCHP Staff Facilitates Strategic Planning Meeting for NASHIA**

On March 17 and 18, AMCHP Associate Director for Adolescent Health, Sharron Corle, and Associate Director for Workforce & Leadership Development, Librada Estrada, facilitated a strategic planning meeting for the board of the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA). NASHIA assists state governments in promoting partnerships and building systems to meet the needs of individuals with brain injury and their families. AMCHP member Carolyn Cass (PA) is President-elect of the organization.

#### **AMCHP Conducts Several Meetings with Congressional Offices**

AMCHP has conducted eight meetings with Congressional offices over the last two weeks in support of the Title V MCH Block Grant. The visits were with Senate members who continue to work on FY 2011 and with new members of the House of Representatives who may not be as familiar with the Title V MCH Block Grant. As work on the budget continues, AMCHP continues to educate Congressional members and their staff about the importance of the Title V MCH Block Grant; how funds are used in their state; the populations being served; and what the impact of cuts will mean to vital programs.

#### **Healthy Beginnings Briefing – What You Should Know about Birth Defects**

On Thursday, March 3, several AMCHP Staff attended the Healthy Beginnings briefing to kick off the 10 Years of Service celebration of the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD). Hosted by the March of Dimes, Spina Bifida Association, Congresswoman

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Lucille Roybal-Allard and Congressman Mike Simpson, the briefing focused on cutting-edge initiatives to reduce birth defects that impact infants, children and families in every state and district, as well as recent successes, challenges and next steps. The briefing was moderated by Dr. Jennifer Howse, President, March of Dimes Foundation, with remarks from Congresswoman Roybal-Allard, Dr. Coleen Boyle, NCBDDD Acting Director, and Judy Woodruff, Senior Correspondent and Co-Anchor of the PBS NewsHour and mother of a child with spina bifida, who provided a parent's perspective.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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### **AMCHP Associate Director for Women's and Infant Health**

This full-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 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](#).

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### **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](#).

### **University of South FL Chair of the Department of Community and Family Health and the Director of the Lawton and Rhea Chiles Center for Healthy Mothers and Babies**

The University of South Florida, College of Public Health is searching for a dynamic leader to serve in the joint role as its Chair of the Department of Community and Family Health and the Director of the Lawton and Rhea Chiles Center for Healthy Mothers and Babies. The Chair/Director will be an integral member of the College's leadership team reporting to the Dean of the College and will assume responsibility for leading the department and the Chiles Center to a position of academic and professional eminence. Specifically, the Chair/Director will be responsible for managing department and Chiles Center fiscal and human resources; fostering excellence in education, research and public health practice; recruiting, mentoring, and retaining a diverse and talented faculty and staff; recruiting and nurturing excellent students; actively participating in local, national and international service efforts; and contributing to the reputation and overall expression and development of the College and University. The deadline to complete the application is May 1. For more information about the position, please contact [Sandy Wirth](#) or call (813) 974-6494. To see the full job description, visit AMCHP's [Career Center](#).



### **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

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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](#).

### **USDA Food and Nutrition Service Funding for Team Nutrition Training Grants**

Deadline: **April 25**

The purpose of this grant is for state agencies to expand and enhance their training programs that incorporate and implement the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and USDA Foods in meals served under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). States must apply Team Nutrition's three behavior-focused strategies in their proposals. 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 urban communities. Demonstration sites will build capacity to implement two models of TDV prevention (standard



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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](#).

### **HRSA Funding for Public Health Training Center**

Deadline: **May 23**

The purpose of the Public Health Training Centers Program is to improve the Nation's public health system by strengthening the technical, scientific, managerial, and leadership competence of the current and future public health workforce. A public health training center plans, develops, operates, and evaluates projects that are in furtherance of the goals established by the Secretary in the areas of preventive medicine, health promotion and disease prevention, or improving access to and quality of health services in medically underserved communities. 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

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### **MCH Events**

#### [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

#### [Team Up 2011: Evidence Based Interventions for Children with Autism Conference](#)

May 19-21  
Little Rock, AR

#### [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

#### [NASHP 24th Annual State Health Policy Conference](#)

October 3-5  
Kansas City, MO

#### [2011 AUCD Conference](#)

November 6-9  
Crystal City, VA