



## MANAGEMENT MINUTE

### *No Ways Tired*

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

If you listen to gospel music you might recognize the name Fontella Bass. She has a deep, rousing voice that sings out as soulfully as she does joyfully. One of my favorite songs is her rendition of the song “No Ways

Tired.” Here are the words:

*“I don’t feel no ways tired,  
I come too far from where I started from,  
Nobody told me that the road would be easy,  
I don’t believe He brought me this far to leave me...”*

I listened to this song last week because, boy, I was tired (and I am sure you all were too)! After six days of meetings – the AMCHP Executive Committee meeting on Sunday, Executive Committee with MCHB Senior Staff and Mary Wakefield on Monday, AMCHP’s Board Meeting on Tuesday, the 75th Anniversary Commemoration on Wednesday, the Health Reform Summit on Thursday, and MCHB’s Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Strategic Planning meeting on Friday – I needed a little energy boost! So, as is the case in my faith tradition, I used a little old time gospel music to help recharge my depleted batteries and it certainly helped. Thanks Fontella!

And what a week it was: it was great to see so many of you here and join together to celebrate all that Title V has accomplished in 75 years. I hope you were able to truly celebrate all that you have done, and all you will continue to do, to move our shared MCH goals forward during our celebration of Title V. If you were not able to be here in Washington be sure to watch the [MCHCOM.COM](http://MCHCOM.COM) broadcast of the event – it was an outstanding (and jam-packed) program that will definitely inspire you. If we collectively added up the years of MCH expertise and experience in the Washington Hilton Ballroom on

Wednesday, I am sure we’d break 10,000 years! If we added up the brain-hours spent thinking about health reform in the Omni Shoreham Hotel on Thursday (8 hours x 500 people) we spent a total of 4,000 hours – that’s 100 weeks of full-time work thinking through MCH and health reform implementation all accomplished in one day. Imagine having that resource at our disposal every day of the week and no wonder I think pretty much everyone was exhausted by Friday afternoon! As part of my preparation for the Wednesday commemoration event I came across a quotation by Grace Abbott, the first director of the Children’s Bureau in the 1920s. She delivered the commencement address at the New Jersey College of Women at which she stated:

*“Without apology, then, I ask you to use courageously your intelligence, your strength, and your good will toward the removal of economic barriers which have retarded the full development of children in the past. The important thing is that we should be ‘on our way’ toward adequately meeting their needs. Perhaps you may ask, ‘Does the road lead uphill all the way?’ and I must answer, ‘Yes, to the very end.’ But if I offer you a long hard struggle, I can also promise you great rewards. Justice for all children is the high ideal in a democracy.... We have hardly, as yet, made more than a beginning in the realization of that great objective.”*

Reading this quotation and then thinking about the lyrics from “No Ways Tired” made me pause. “Uphill all the way – to the very end?” (Grace) “Nobody told me that the road would be easy...” (Fontella)? This MCH work is hard stuff! But after a week like we had in Washington I truly am no ways tired – I am refreshed and energized, and confident knowing that we are all on the right road, going the right way, and bringing the right tools, resources and enthusiasm to truly make a difference in the lives of women, children and families.



### **AMCHP Releases Three ACA Fact Sheets**

AMCHP is pleased to release three new publications designed to assist state MCH programs in understanding and implementing key Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) provisions related to promoting medical homes, adolescent health and children and youth with special health care needs. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **AMCHP's National Center for Health Reform Implementation**

This [center](#) provides state maternal and child health leaders and their partners with the information, tools and resources to optimize the opportunities presented by the ACA for improving services, systems and health outcomes for MCH populations. To provide feedback on these resources, suggest future topics or seek additional assistance, please contact [Brent Ewig](#), AMCHP Director of Policy at (202) 266-3041.

### **New State Resources from Healthcare.gov**

Healthcare.gov now lists all grants made to each state under the Affordable Care Act. It includes total new funding and a breakdown of grant awards for each state since the enactment of the ACA, available [here](#).

### **Allocations From 2010 Prevention Fund**

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) has created a detailed summary of allocations made from the FY 2010 Prevention and Public Health Fund created by the Affordable Care Act, available [here](#).

### **IOM Convening Panel to Recommend Guidelines for Preventive Services for Women**

HHS has contracted with the Institute of Medicine (IOM) in response to a provision in the Affordable Care Act that will require new plans to cover recommended preventive services with no cost sharing. Subsequently, the IOM will convene the expert committee on November 16 to begin reviewing what preventive services are necessary for women's health and well-being and should be considered in the development of comprehensive guidelines for preventive services for women. AMCHP staff plans to participate.

The committee will also provide guidance on a process for regularly updating the preventive screenings and services to be considered. In conducting its work, the committee will: conduct a series of meetings to examine existing

prevention guidelines, obtain input from stakeholders, identify gaps that may exist in recommended preventive services for U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) Grade A and B preventive services guidelines for women and in Bright Futures and USPSTF Grade A and B guidelines for adolescents, and highlight specific services and screenings that could supplement currently recommended preventive services for women.

### **New Federal Support to Upgrade Medicaid IT and State Exchange Enrollment Systems**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today announced [two steps](#) to help states assure a simple and seamless enrollment experience for consumers who qualify for Medicaid or who are shopping for health insurance in the exchanges under the Affordable Care Act. First, HHS proposed new federal funding that will be available to all states to streamline and upgrade their Medicaid eligibility systems in preparation for the changes resulting from the Affordable Care Act in 2014. Second, HHS announced guidance to help states design and implement the information technology (IT) needed to establish exchanges. These systems will help enroll people who qualify for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), tax credits or cost-sharing reductions available through the Affordable Care Act.

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### **Online Registration for the 2011 AMCHP & Family Voices National Conferences is Now Open!**

Register today [online](#) to attend AMCHP and Family Voices National Conferences to convene on February 12-15, 2011, in Washington, DC. If you have any questions, please contact the Registration Department at (703) 964-1240, ext. 18 or e-mail [amchpreg@conferencemanagers.com](mailto:amchpreg@conferencemanagers.com).

### **AHRQ EHC Webcast on Women's Health**

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Effective Health Care Program (EHC) will host an "Applying Existing Evidence to Obstetric Care" webcast on November 10, from Noon to 1 p.m. EST. Dr. Wanda Nicholson, MD, MPH, MBA, associate professor

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of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of North Carolina, will highlight AHRQ's existing patient-centered outcomes research and ways that it can be used by clinicians for day-to-day decision-making in their practices. To register, visit [here](#).

### **Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Webinar**

The webinar, "Prepare for National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month with That's Not Cool," will be held on November 16 from Noon to 1 p.m. EST. Presented by the Office on Violence Against Women at the United States Department of Justice and the Family Violence Prevention Fund, the webinar will discuss ways to bring the That's Not Cool initiative to your community for National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in February 2011. Developed by the Family Violence Prevention Fund, in partnership with the Office on Violence Against Women and the Advertising Council, That's Not Cool focuses on preventing controlling or abusive behavior occurring within the digital universe - online, via cell phone, etc. - and encourages teens to draw their own lines about what is, or is not, acceptable relationship behavior. To register, visit [here](#).

### **HMHB to Host a Text4baby Partner Program Update Webinar**

The National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition (HMHB) will host a "Text4baby Partner Program Update" webinar on November 18 at 2 p.m. EST. This webinar will feature updates from the national staff on the program covering promotional efforts and successes, enrollment information, content, and evaluation. They will also share findings from health literacy research conducted this summer by Emory University and detail changes in the message content that resulted from this work. To register for the webinar, visit [here](#).

### **RWJF Health Policy Fellows Program Call for Applications**

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows program provides the nation's most comprehensive fellowship experience at the nexus of health science, policy and politics in Washington, DC. It is an outstanding opportunity for exceptional midcareer health professionals and behavioral and social scientists with an interest in health and health care policy. The application deadline is November 11. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **CDC Call for Nominations**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC), National Center for Injury Prevention and Control is accepting nominations for its Injury Prevention and Control Health Impact Awards. The deadline is November 15. Nomination should be e-mailed to [NCIPCHIA@cdc.gov](mailto:NCIPCHIA@cdc.gov).

### **AJOG Call for Papers**

The American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology (AJOG) is inviting authors to submit manuscripts reporting original, unpublished research and recent developments/theoretical considerations related to seasonal or pandemic influenza and pregnancy. Topics can include, but are not limited to: influenza immunization of pregnant women; antiviral treatment of pregnant women with influenza; infection control; and communication issues. The deadline to submit articles is November 15. For more information, contact [Tracie Wright](#) or call (770) 488-6336. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **Women's Health 2011: Call for Abstracts**

Researchers are invited to submit abstracts for the Women's Health & Sex Differences Research Scientific Poster Session on current and emerging issues in women's health; including basic science, clinical, translational, behavioral, epidemiologic, disparities, and health services, for the Women's Health 2011: 19th Annual Congress to be held on April 1-3, 2011, in Washington, DC. The deadline for abstract submissions is December 1. You will be notified about the outcome of your submission no later than January 10, 2011. For complete information about submitting your abstract and for the electronic submission tool, visit [here](#). If you have questions about the abstract submission process, please contact the [Abstract Review Committee](#).

### **RWJF Call for Applications**

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research program supports highly qualified individuals who propose to undertake broad studies of America's most challenging policy issues in health and health care. Grants of up to \$335,000 each are awarded to educational and other nonprofit institutions to support investigators from a variety of disciplines for innovative research projects that have national policy relevance. The deadline for applications is January 19, 2011. To learn more, visit [here](#).



## General Maternal & Child Health

### AMCHP Releases New Issue Brief on State Profiles in Comprehensive Family Participation

The brief explores family participation within state Title V MCH and CYSHCN programs, focusing on differing methods employed by six states: Colorado, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Oregon and Washington. The insights, successes and challenges provided by these states are meant to serve as examples for involving families in state Title V MCH and CYSHCN programs. The following issues are addressed:

- Barriers to family participation
- Current pressures on Title V MCH programs
- Data and measurement: the CYSHCN performance measure
- Family participation in MCH
- Future plans
- History of family participation
- Lessons learned
- Partnerships
- Strategies to involve families
- Training and technical assistance

To download the brief, visit [here](#).

### MCHB Releases Two New Annual Reports

The Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) has released two reports on the health status and service needs of infants, children, adolescents, children with special health care needs and women in the United States. Each report reflects an increasingly diverse population, highlights emerging issues and trends, profiles health from a variety of sources, and serves as a reference for policymakers and program managers.

- [Child Health USA 2010](#): Provides both graphical and textual summaries of secondary data on over 50 health-related indicators. Topics include population characteristics; health status of infants, children, and adolescents; health services financing and use; and state and city data.
- [Women's Health USA 2010](#): Presents a collection

of current and historical data on the health challenges facing women, their families, and their communities. Topics include population characteristics, health behaviors, health indicators, maternal health, women and aging, and health service use.

### MCH Library Unveils a New Edition of its Infant Mortality and Pregnancy Loss Knowledge Path

The Maternal and Child Health Library at Georgetown University released a new edition of the knowledge path, "Infant Mortality and Pregnancy Loss," which directs readers to resources that analyze data, report on research aimed at identifying causes and promising intervention strategies, and describes risk-reduction efforts as well as bereavement-support programs. Separate sections present resources about factors that contribute to infant mortality and pregnancy loss: birth defects, injuries, low birthweight and prematurity, preconception and pregnancy, and safe sleep environments. To learn more, visit [here](#). A [resource brief for families](#) accompanies the knowledge path.

## Adolescent Health

### CDC Report on Binge Drinking Among High School Students

The report, "Vital Signs: Binge Drinking Among High School Students and Adults — United States, 2009," published in the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report on October 5, analyzes data from the 2009 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System on the prevalence of binge drinking among U.S. adults aged 18 years or above and from the 2009 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey on the prevalence of current alcohol use and binge drinking among U.S. high school students. To view the report, visit [here](#).

## Children's Health

### HHS Releases New Report on the Mental and Emotional Well-Being of Children

The report, "Mental and Emotional Well-Being of Children: A Portrait of States and the Nation 2007," published by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health

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Resources and Services Administration, presents a range of indicators on the health and well-being of children who have been diagnosed with emotional, behavioral or developmental conditions. To download the report, visit [here](#).

### **New Report on Investing in Young Children**

The report, “Investing in Young Children: New Directions in Federal Preschool and Early Childhood Policy,” published by the Center on Children and Families at the Brookings Institution and the National Institute for Early Education Research, explores the nation’s early childhood programs and proposes reforms to improve them. Topics include government spending on early childhood programs, the number of children enrolled in each type of program, program coordination, and recommended policies that would increase the returns produced by early childhood programs. To download the report, visit [here](#).

## **Women’s Health**

### **HRSA Issues Emotional Wellness Tools in Spanish**

HRSA Office of Women’s Health has released the new Bright Futures for Women’s Health and Wellness, Emotional Wellness tools in Spanish for [young](#) and [adult](#) women. These tools, which focus on finding balance and purpose, and building connections and resilience, are the result of several focus group tests with Spanish speaking women to ensure cultural acceptance.

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### **AMCHP Participates in White House Briefing on Domestic Violence**

On Wednesday, October 28, AMCHP was invited to participate in a White House Briefing with President Obama and Vice President Biden marking Domestic Violence Awareness Month and highlighting the administration’s coordination and cooperation across the entire government to protect victims of domestic and sexual violence and enable survivors to break the cycle of abuse. The Department of Justice, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Treasury, Labor and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation announced new initiatives to protect victims of abuse and provide resources

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for families and communities to prevent abuse. AMCHP Director of Programs Lauren Raskin Ramos represented AMCHP at the event. To view the briefing or to learn more, visit [here](#).



### **AMCHP Participates in the From Neurons to Neighborhoods: Anniversary Workshop**

On Thursday, October 28, AMCHP was invited to participate in the Board on Children, Youth, and Families celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Institute of Medicine-National Research Council publication, “From Neurons to Neighborhoods.” This important publication has spurred advances in the science of early childhood development (ECD). The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary workshop featured presentations from Alan Guttmacher, National Institute of Child Health & Human Development (NICHD), Jack Shonkoff, Harvard University, Deborah Phillips, Georgetown University, Bruce McEwen, Rockefeller University, Deborah Stipek, Stanford University and other researchers, government officials and leaders in the field of ECD. The presenters focused on the progress made in ECD research, neuroscience, and molecular genetics, and how to move forward in shaping public policy and promoting innovation in the coming decade.

- To view the meeting webcast and speaker presentations, click [here](#).
- For more information about NICHD’s scientific vision in the next decade, click [here](#).
- Click [here](#) to watch a 13-minute PBS video on Epigenetics.

# CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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## **AMCHP Program Manager of Child Health**

This position contributes to the development, implementation and evaluation of program activities related to child health and early childhood development, and supports AMCHP's Best Practices Innovation Station Initiative. The Program Manager will assist in the tracking, analysis and reporting on national and state programs impacting child health and will partner with relevant federal agencies such as the Maternal and Child Health Bureau and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other national organizations and groups concerned with child health. This position reports to the Director of Programs. To learn more, visit [here](#).

## **AMCHP Program Associate, Women's and Infant Health**

This position supports AMCHP's efforts to build capacity and provide resources for state Maternal and Child Health (MCH) programs related to women's and infant health and data and assessment. This position supports and assists Program staff in the development, implementation and evaluation of program activities related to women's and infant health and data and assessment, and contributes to the collection of state best practices, newsletter development, and implementation of communication strategies. Reports to the Senior Program Manager, Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology. To learn more, visit [here](#).

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

The Associate Director for Women's and Infant Health and Senior Epidemiologist 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 and Senior Epidemiologist leads the Women's and Infant Health Team and contributes to the advancement of maternal and child health (MCH) programs, in particular to strengthening the capacity of MCH epidemiology at the state and national levels. This position leads the tracking, analysis, and reporting on federal and state programs impacting women's and perinatal health and plays a critical role in fund development for women's and infant programmatic efforts. The Associate Director and Senior Epidemiologist develops and maintains partnerships with relevant federal agencies, funders, and other national organizations,

coalitions and groups concerned with women's and infant health and MCH epidemiology. The Associate Director and Senior Epidemiologist leads capacity building and technical assistance efforts for the organization related to women's and infant health. For more information about this open position, visit AMCHP's [Career Center](#).

## **AMCHP Associate Director for the National Center on Health Reform Implementation**

This position is accountable for the development, implementation and evaluation of program activities related to support for AMCHP's National Center for Health Reform Implementation through cooperative agreements and other funding sources. The position reports to the Director of Public Policy & Government Affairs. The Associate Director will be responsible for tracking, analyzing, and reporting on federal and state legislation and programs impacting state maternal and child health programs. This person will play a critical role in fund development for programmatic efforts related to implementation of health reform for Title V/MCH Programs. The Associate Director will partner with relevant policymakers and agencies in addition to other national organizations, coalitions and groups concerned with women's and infant health. To learn more about this open position, visit AMCHP's [Career Center](#).

## **AMCHP Program Manager of Family Involvement**

This 50 percent part-time position supports and assists the Associate Director for Workforce and Leadership Development, Family Involvement in the development, implementation and evaluation of program activities related to family involvement and leadership development. The Program Manager will also assist in implementing project activities related to children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN), birth defects and disabilities and early childhood. To learn more about this open position, visit AMCHP's [Career Center](#).

## **Director of the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD)**

This senior executive position has broad operating authority and is responsible for overall planning, direction, and management of the NCBDDD. This position is accountable for executing program goals that are results-oriented; and ultimately is the responsible official

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charged with ensuring the scientific rigor of the National Center's activities. NCBDDD is part of the Office of Noncommunicable Diseases, Injury and Environmental Health (ONDIEH) and is home to three divisions, the Division of Births Defects and Developmental Disabilities, the Division of Human Development and Disability, and the Division of Blood Disorders. The deadline to apply is November 24. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **March of Dimes Senior Vice President Public Policy and Government Affairs**

The March of Dimes Foundation has initiated a search to identify candidates for the position of Senior Vice President Public Policy and Government Affairs. Reporting directly to the President, the individual occupying this position will be a critical member of the Foundation's senior leadership team and will play a major role in leading the Foundation's advocacy efforts. The individual will also lead the development of public policies related to or impacting the Foundation's mission and operations, recommend the Foundation's stance on public policy and public health matters in consultation with internal stakeholders and the President's office, and ensure that external advocacy efforts are congruent with internal policies and programs. For more information on the responsibilities and qualifications for this position or to recommend a qualified candidate, please contact [executivesearch@marchofdimes.com](mailto:executivesearch@marchofdimes.com).

### **The Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy**

This unique fellowship is designed to prepare physicians for leadership roles in formulating and promoting health policies and practices that improve the access to high-quality care at the national, state, and /or local levels for minority, disadvantaged and most vulnerable populations. Up to five one-year, degree-granting fellowships will be awarded per year. Fellows will: 1) complete academic work leading to a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree at the Harvard School of Public Health; and 2) be provided with core fellowship components such as seminars on leadership and health policy, practicum, forums, conferences, site visits, mentoring, journal club, and shadowing. CFHUF also offers a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree at the Harvard Kennedy School to physicians already possessing an MPH. It is expected that CFHUF will support the development of a cadre of leaders in health policy and practice, well-trained

academically and professionally in public health, health policy, health management, and clinical medicine, as well as actively committed to careers in public service. The application deadline is January 3, 2011. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **Fellowships for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect**

The Doris Duke Fellowships for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect aim to identify and nurture promising leaders in child abuse prevention in doctoral and dissertation students. Each fellow will receive an annual stipend of \$25,000. The deadline to apply is December 15. 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!

## FUNDING

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### **HRSA Funding for Health Center New Access Points Funded Under the Affordable Care Act of 2010**

Deadline: **November 17**

The purpose of the New Access Points opportunity is to establish health service delivery sites to improve the health of the nation's underserved communities and vulnerable populations by assuring access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **OWH Funding to Support Projects that Build Systems of Prevention through Health Promotion for Women and Girls**

Deadline: **November 22**

This funding opportunity, offered by the Office on Women's Health (OWH), will empower women across the country to get healthy by taking action to improve their health and the health of women and girls in their community. Funding through this request is available for three separate focus areas. Your application should address only one of these focus areas: National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NWXHAAD); National Women's Health Week (NWXHW); or Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG). To download the application, visit [here](#).

### **HRSA Funding for Affordable Care Act (ACA) Grants for School-Based Health Centers Capital (SBHCC) Program**

Deadline: **December 1**

It is expected that the proposed projects will support the SBHC in providing more effective, efficient, and quality health care. Applicants must also demonstrate how their proposal will lead to improvements in access to health services for children at a SBHC. A funding preference will be used for this announcement. In order to be eligible for the funding preference, applicants must certify that the SBHC site(s) serves a large population of children eligible for medical assistance under the State Medicaid plan under title XIX of the Social Security Act (the Act) or under a waiver of such plan or children eligible for child health assistance under the State child health plan under title XXI of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.). An eligible applicant may submit one application proposing a maximum of 10 projects including any combination of site-specific, stand-alone facility projects and one project to purchase moveable equipment and supplies for multiple SBHC sites. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **HUD Funding for Family Unification Program (FUP)**

Deadline: **December 1**

FUP is a program under which vouchers are provided to families for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in the imminent placement of the family's child, or children, in out-of-home care; or the delay in the discharge of the child, or children, to the family from out-of-home care. Youths at least 18 years old and not more

than 21 years old (have not reached their 22nd birthday) who left foster care at age 16 or older and who do not have adequate housing are also eligible to receive housing assistance under the FUP. As required by statute, a FUP voucher issued to such a youth may only be used to provide housing assistance for the youth for a maximum of 18 months. There is no statutory limitation on the time a family may receive housing assistance under the program. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **CDC Funding for Cooperative Agreement Program for the National Academic Centers of Excellence in Youth Violence Prevention**

Deadline: **December 6**

The goal of this program is to establish National Academic Centers of Excellence in Youth Violence Prevention. The specific objective of this program is to support Academic Centers of Excellence to reduce youth violence in one defined high-risk community by implementing and evaluating a multifaceted, evidence-based approach to prevent the perpetration of youth violence. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **CDC Funding for National Spina Bifida Patient Registry - Clinic Demonstration Project**

Deadline: **December 7**

The purpose of this program is to solicit applications in the form of cooperative agreements to: 1) establish the National Spina Bifida Patient Registry (NSBPR) as an approach to improving quality of care; 2) expand the use of the standardized spina bifida registry tool; 3) advance the understanding of patient characteristics for persons seen in spina bifida clinics; and 4) utilize registry data to determine outcomes of specific clinical interventions. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **HRSA Funding for Affordable Care Act Family Professional Partnership/Family-to-Family Health Information and Education Centers**

Deadline: **December 15**

This funding announcement is designed to address the president's Health Care Reform efforts to enhance community-based care for Americans with disabilities. Grants will fund state-wide, family-run centers providing information, education, technical assistance and peer support to families of CYSHCN. They will be responsible for developing partnerships with those organizations serving these children and their families and monitor the



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progress of programs with responsibility for payment and direct services of this population through a statewide data collection system. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **Cooperative Agreements to Support Innovative Exchange Information Technology Systems**

Deadline: **December 22**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement will provide competitive incentives for states to design and implement the Information Technology (IT) infrastructure needed to operate Health Insurance Exchanges new competitive insurance market places that will help Americans and small businesses purchase affordable private health insurance starting in 2014. This competitive Early Innovators' grant announcement will reward states that demonstrate leadership in developing cutting-edge and cost-effective consumer-based technologies and models for insurance eligibility and enrollment for Exchanges. These Early Innovator states will develop Exchange IT models, building universally essential components that can be adopted and tailored by other states. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **RWJF Grant for Childhood Obesity Prevention**

Deadline: **July 1, 2011**

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](#).

### **NIH Funding for Epidemiology and Prevention in Alcohol Research (R01)**

Deadline: **January 7, 2014**

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), National Institutes of Health (NIH), encourages the submission of investigator-initiated research grant applications to support research investigating the epidemiology of alcohol use, alcohol-related harms, and alcohol use disorders and the prevention of underage drinking, alcohol-related harms, and alcohol use disorders. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **NIH Funding for Alcohol Marketing and Youth Drinking**

Deadline: **May 7, 2014**

This funding opportunity announcement issued by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), National Institutes of Health (NIH), encourages grant applications from institutions and organizations that propose to investigate the factors that mediate and moderate the impact of alcohol advertising and other alcohol promotions on youth drinking. To learn more, visit [here](#).



## CALENDAR

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### **MCH Events**

#### [WIC Food Package Evaluation Symposium](#)

November 30  
Washington, DC

#### [Fourth National Conference on Genomics and Public Health](#)

December 8-10  
Bethesda, MD

#### [25th Zero to Three National Training Institute](#)

December 9-11  
Phoenix, AZ

#### [16th Annual MCH EPI Pre-Conference Data Skill Trainings](#)

December 13-14  
San Antonio, TX

#### [16th Annual CDC MCH EPI Conference](#)

December 15-17  
San Antonio, TX

#### [Working Together to Improve Maternal and Child Health: The 2011 AMCHP and Family Voices National Conferences](#)

February 12-15, 2011  
Washington, DC

#### [National Summit on Quality in Home Visiting Programs: Connecting Research to Policy and Practice](#)

February 16-17  
Washington, DC