

# Member Briefs



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THE ASSOCIATION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS



## MANAGEMENT MINUTE



### *My Crystal Ball*

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If a big blue genie came out of a lamp and told me I had one wish, I would wish for a crystal ball. Sure, knowing the future would take all the fun out of life but it would

definitely make planning AMCHP's next steps and supporting our members' work a heck of a lot easier! Can you imagine how powerful it could be to make uncertainty certain? There is so much uncertainty right now that the confidence of knowing the future would be a great comfort, regardless of what it actually meant. At least, it seems sort of attractive to me as we approach what will certainly be a very "interesting" fall.

But alas, I have yet to meet a genie and as such I won't get my crystal ball after all. What's a good leader to do instead? Predict it! Think of yourself as a maternal and child health (MCH) weatherman: can we create a set of potential futures that allow us to forecast and plan ahead despite uncertainty and a constant rate of change? Sure, we might be wrong about some things but my guess is that through the process of predicting the future we can better anticipate its outcomes – and "anticipate" is Burnison's eighth absolute of leadership. That's interesting to me: as leaders we have to be able to anticipate potential futures and how they will impact the work of our organizations. Vision setting and vision sharing is an important component of leadership. Anticipating the factors that will impact the vision is critical to our role as competent MCH leaders but far too often we react to the future rather than plan, or

### **Don't Forget! The Deadline for AMCHP Committee Volunteers, Award Nominations and Board Nominations Is Approaching!**

#### **Committee Volunteers – Let us know your interest by Sept. 14!**

If you currently serve on an AMCHP committee, your lead committee staff person will be contacting you directly about your interest in reappointment. If you are not currently serving on a committee OR you would like to change your current committee assignment, volunteering is simple! More information and the form can be found [here](#).

#### **AMCHP Awards – Nominations are open now through Sept. 14!**

AMCHP recognizes leadership in maternal and child health in several ways, including through our annual awards presented to MCH leaders honoring excellence in the field. These awards are presented at the AMCHP Annual Conference, an annual celebration of maternal and child health programs. For a listing of awards and to complete a nomination for you or another MCH leader, click [here](#).

#### **Call for Nominations – AMCHP Board of Directors**

The Governance Committee is seeking nominations for the 2013 Board of Directors election. As a director, you would help shape the policies and positions of AMCHP, represent your Title V peers from across the country, ensure the future viability and financial stability of the organization, work directly with federal partners, and gain leadership experience in a national association. To nominate yourself or another AMCHP member, click [here](#). If you have any questions about committee appointments, awards or board nominations, please contact us by e-mailing [info@amchp.org](mailto:info@amchp.org) or call us at (202) 775-0436. Thank you!

anticipate, it.

Forecasting the future of MCH sounds like an impossible task or at least a set up for failure and it is true no one can know the future. Or can they? Do we know enough about what has been to predict what might be? I think we can. In fact, I think MCH leaders are in an amazing place to get as close to the certainty of a crystal ball as anyone can. Why? We have data – lots of it – and have been using these data to plan for many, many years (just like the weathermen mentioned above). We have partnerships and those partnerships inform our work and link us to others that help us envision potential futures. We have history, we have been doing this work many, many years and that history influences our thinking about the future. And, we have deep roots in communities, working with families that give us a good sense of current issues and needs in the future. If we put these all together, along with a little intuition, my guess is that we can get pretty close to anticipating the future.

At the AMCHP Board meeting in June, we accomplished just such a “futuring” exercises, sans crystal ball. By developing three potential scenarios and some specific variations we were able to plan possible AMCHP responses to a number of different futures. The result? A robust set of activities and tactics that we will use in positioning AMCHP for the future given the uncertainty in our environment. Currently we are working with the ideas generated by the board to craft our updated Strategic Plan.

So, as a leader, think about how you can “anticipate” the future. What resources do you have to create potential scenarios? And then, what strategic goals and objectives can you develop to align yourselves with those various scenarios? While we cannot predict the future, we can anticipate it. And that is what good leadership is all about.

*[This is the eighth installment in a continuing series on The Twelve Absolutes of Leadership by Gary Burnison. If you would like to get your own copy of The Twelve Absolutes of Leadership and follow along over the next few months, you can order it online via the AMCHP link to [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). AMCHP receives a small royalty for all orders placed via this link. The opinions of the author, and of Mike, are their own and are not the official position of AMCHP.]*



### **Congress Returning from Recess**

Congress is still out on recess break, but will return this week for a quick session. When they return, it is expected that Congress will approve a continuing resolution funding the federal government at the current levels through March 2013. Congress will not address sequestration until after the November elections, but even then it is unclear when or if they will be able to develop a plan to avert the across the board cuts. AMCHP continues to meet with members of Congress to cultivate new champions for Title V and discuss the severe impact sequestration will have on maternal and child health programs and the populations they serve. We will be sure to keep you updated as this process unfolds.

### **Affordable Insurance Exchange Implementation Grants**

On Aug. 23, 2012, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the award of grants to California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Iowa, Maryland, Nevada, New York and Vermont to help with the implementation of affordable insurance exchanges. California, Hawaii, Iowa and New York have been awarded Level One Exchange Establishment grants, which provide one year of funding to states that have begun the process of building their exchange. Connecticut, Maryland, Nevada and Vermont were awarded Level Two Establishment grants, which are provided to states that are further along in building their exchange and offers funding over multiple years. For a detailed breakdown of each grant award and what each state plans to do with its exchange funding, click [here](#).

### **HHS Announces Rule on Electronic Health Record Implementation**

On Aug. 24, 2012, HHS announced a final rule that establishes a unique health plan identifier (HPID). “The rule is one of a series of changes required by the Affordable Care Act to cut red tape in the health care system and will save up to \$6 billion over ten years.” To access the press release on the rule, click [here](#) and for a fact sheet, click [here](#).



## GET INVOLVED



### Registration for the AMCHP 2013 Annual Conference Is Now Open!

The AMCHP 2013 Annual Conference will be held Feb. 9-12, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. To register, visit [regonline.com/amchp2013](http://regonline.com/amchp2013). Don't miss our early-bird registration rates – register now! Full conference registration includes all conference events, including the AMCHP Annual Conference Training Institute – Saturday, Feb. 9 and Sunday, Feb. 10 (until noon) – a rich schedule of skills-building sessions and other training opportunities. Visit [amchp.org/conference](http://amchp.org/conference) for further information, and watch for updates as the program develops.

### LGBT Youth & Suicide: Understanding & Reducing Risk Webinar

Gay and lesbian adolescents are three to five times more likely to attempt suicide than other teenagers. But, the latest findings show that certain protective factors can lower the risk. Brian Mustanski, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor of Medical Social Sciences and Psychology at Northwestern University and Director of the University's [IMPACT LGBT Health and Development Program](#). He has conducted some of the only longitudinal cohort studies of suicidality among LGBT youth. Join him Sept. 12 at 1 p.m. EDT for a timely webinar describing research on the prevalence of suicidality, risk and protective factors, and creating awareness of how to reduce suicide risk in this vulnerable population. To register, [click here](#).

### Don't Miss the AMCHP Webinar on Father Involvement

AMCHP and the CDC will host a national webinar, "Strategies for Increasing Father Involvement" on Sept. 17 from 2-3 p.m. EDT. The emergence of father involvement as an issue of concern for maternal and child health stakeholders presents potential multiagency collaborative opportunities. This webinar includes an example analyzing the costs of father absence to make the case for fatherhood programming and highlights the statewide efforts of Connecticut to promote fatherhood. This webinar includes a presentation from Brian Gullins of the Richmond (VA) Health District and Diana Mason from the Connecticut Department of Social Services. In addition, this webinar will be accompanied by the release of an updated AMCHP Issue Brief on father involvement. To register for this webinar, [click here](#).

### 2013 NOHC Abstracts Dues Sept. 17

The 2013 National Oral Health Conference (NOHC) is currently accepting proposals addressing science, policy and practice related to dental public health. They are looking particularly for submissions on the following topics: health care reform, fluoridation, partnerships, workforce expansion and access to care, social media and marketing to further education, and advocacy efforts and technology. Session proposals must be submitted electronically on the Invited Session Planning Form. Be sure to complete all sections of the form, incomplete forms will not be accepted. For more information, [click here](#).

### Two Remaining MIECHV TACC Webinars

The Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Technical Assistance Coordinating Center (TACC) has two remaining 2012 technical assistance webinars designed to provide information and support to MIECHV Lead Agencies and their collaborative partners. The webinars will be held on Sept. 25 – Workforce Development – and Oct. 23 – Impacting Infant Mortality through Home Visiting. The purpose of these webinars is to support your MIECHV Program implementation efforts. More detailed information about the registration, agenda and speakers for each webinar will be provided at least two weeks prior to the event. All webinars will be recorded and posted shortly after the event. To learn more, visit the [MIECHV TACC website](#).

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### **CDC HERG Lecture on Bending the Cost Curve: Economic Research in Public Health**

This one-day Health Economics Research Group (HERG) event will focus on the role of health economics research in identifying opportunities to change the growth rate of health spending through public interventions. This lecture, held on Oct. 19 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. EDT at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Global Communications Center in Atlanta, GA, will be given by Stephen M. Shortell, PhD, MPH, MBA, Dean and Professor at the School of Public Health University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Shortell is a leading health care scholar who has done extensive research identifying the organizational and managerial correlates of quality of care and of high performing health care organizations. For event registration for non-CDC participants, please R.S.V.P to [pef@cdc.gov](mailto:pef@cdc.gov).

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Food Day Celebrates Healthy, Affordable and Sustainably Produced Food**

Food Day brings together organizations and individuals working on food issues as varied as hunger, nutrition, agriculture policy, animal welfare and farm-worker justice. This year, Food Day will take place on Oct. 24, just 12 days before the 2012 elections, providing an excellent opportunity for citizens to make their voices heard and for candidates to discuss important food policy issues. To help make Food Day a great success and get involved, go to [FoodDay.org](http://FoodDay.org). Center for Science in the Public Interest also has developed several resources for schools, including a Food Day guide for [School Organizers](#), [Food Day curriculum](#) written by Columbia Teachers College and a one-pager, [Food Day in schools](#).

### **Free CME Opportunity: Raising Awareness: Late Preterm Birth and Non-Medically Indicated Inductions Prior to 39 Weeks**

Help avoid elective early induction. On average, more than 900 late preterm babies are born every day in the United States, or a total of one-third of 1 million infants (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2009). To alert health care providers to the impact and effects of late preterm birth and of non-medically indicated inductions prior to 39 weeks in the womb, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Child and Maternal Health Education program developed a continuing medical education (CME) program in partnership with Medscape. This CME is

intended for obstetricians, neonatologists, pediatricians, nurses, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, midwives, and any other providers who care for pregnant women. To learn more, [click here](#).

## PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



### **General Maternal and Child Health**

#### **New Brief on Maternal and Child Oral Health Policy**

The National Maternal and Child Oral Health Policy Center, in collaboration with AMCHP, the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD), March of Dimes and Washington Dental Service Foundation, released a new issue brief, *Improving the Oral Health of Pregnant Women and Young Children: Opportunities for Policymakers*. This new brief provides state policymakers a brief review of the research and evidence on dental care during the perinatal period, identifies current state guidelines that have been developed, reviews liability issues for dentists and medical providers, and outlines current state policy options to support the oral health of pregnant women and young children. To view the brief, [click here](#).

#### **Family Voices Release of the Second Edition of the Bright Futures Family Pocket Guide**

This small, fun, easy-to-use book is designed to help families support health and wellness for their children at every age. The 2nd Edition is reorganized for greater ease of use, and has many updates and a great deal of new information. Developed for families by families, the Pocket Guide provides families with: information and encouragement for the roles families play every day in the health and well-being of their children; information about the importance of well child visits for all children, including children and youth with special health care needs; encouragement to speak up to take active roles in their children's care; encouragement to form partnerships

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with other families and with professionals to improve policies, care, services, and support for all children and families; an overall framework for children's good health and insight into all those who contribute to it; current, comprehensive, succinct information about child development; and links to resources and further sources of information for children's good health. For more information, [click here](#).

### **Children's Health**

#### **AAP Releases New Report on Essential Health Benefits for Children**

On Aug. 28, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) released a new report on essential health benefits (EHBs) for children. The Affordable Care Act requires health insurance plans in the private market and health insurance exchanges to offer 10 EHB categories of services beginning in 2014. The report compares coverage and costs for each of the 10 EHB categories currently offered by the three largest federal employee health plans, one of the largest state employee plans and one of the largest small group plans in five states. For these states – Alabama, Colorado, Maryland, Texas and Washington – the report also compares coverage under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and Medicaid. To view the full report, [click here](#).

#### **New CDC Web page on Newborn Screening**

In honor of Newborn Screening Awareness Month in September, CDC has posted a Web feature on newborn screening last week. CDC offered tips on newborn screening for expectant and new parents, including: ask for your baby's newborn screening results and, if your baby does not pass the screening tests, get additional tests or necessary treatments right away – don't wait. To view the new page, [click here](#). For more information on newborn screening, [click here](#).

#### **New Multi-Use Toolkit to Help Make School Lunch Healthier**

The School Day Just Got Healthier Toolkit is a collection of resources including brochures, fact sheets, FAQs, fliers, school lessons, templates and much more, to help prepare everyone for the changes to school meals this school year. This toolkit is separated by audience to help

direct you to the most relevant and valuable tools and resources created just for you. This toolkit provides parents with brochures, information and resources needed to help children eat healthy and learn healthy habits that last forever. This toolkit provides materials and resources to help students make the right choice, the healthy choice, when it comes to choosing what to eat. This toolkit will assist school administrators and foodservice workers in providing wellness, preventing and reducing childhood obesity, and improving your school meals throughout your school and school district. This [toolkit](#) provides resources, tools and information to help communities make the school meal changes a positive and successful change for everyone!

#### **ASTDD Releases New First Dental Visit by Age 1 Policy Statement**

ASTDD recommends that every child have a first dental visit within six months of the eruption of the first primary tooth and no later than twelve months of age. Training dental and medical professionals in perinatal and infant oral care significantly contributes to early caries recognition and prevention through oral disease risk assessments and dental referrals in a timely manner. ASTDD strongly encourages early childhood programs to integrate oral health in interdisciplinary ways to facilitate the first dental visit by age one. This would include arranging for a caries risk assessment, providing anticipatory guidance and making timely referrals for the establishment of a dental home. To view the full statement, [click here](#).



## ON YOUR BEHALF

### AMCHP Working On Your Behalf

- On Aug. 24-25, AMCHP staff, Piia Hanson, attended the National Consumer Workgroup meeting on the National Preconception Health Social Marketing Campaign hosted in Atlanta, GA. The goal of the social marketing campaign is to increase the proportion of women who plan in advance when to become pregnant and who engage in preconception health behaviors prior to becoming pregnant by increasing awareness, knowledge and favorable attitudes toward preconception health. The ultimate goal of the campaign is to improve women's health and decrease birth defects. This meeting was designed to bring workgroup members and national partners together to discuss the social marketing campaign that will increase awareness about the importance of preconception health.
- On Aug. 28, staff members Carolyn Mullen and Carolyn McCoy visited the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Family Health and Nutrition. They met with Ron Benham, Director, Division for Early Childhood and Special Health Needs and his team. The meeting covered several key areas and activities in the bureau, such as the budgeting process, prevention of preterm births, safe sleep, home visiting and other major efforts. It was wonderful for AMCHP staff to have the opportunity to connect with the department on "their home turf" and we thank the bureau for the effort that was put into organizing the visit.

### AMCHP CAREER CENTER

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

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

### Part time Program Manager, American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC)

AAPCC seeks a 50 percent full-time equivalent program manager to support a new federal demo grant to build out food safety line contact protocol. MPH, background in public health program management and federal grant reporting is essential. Please send inquiries, resumes and salary history to [tufts@aapcc.org](mailto:tufts@aapcc.org).



Do you have a successful program that has addressed infant mortality in areas such as preconception health, prematurity awareness, infant mortality task forces, SIDS/SUIDS, and more?

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

- 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](http://amchp.org/bestpractices).

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



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### **HRSA Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program**

Deadline: *Sept. 21*

This announcement solicits applications for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 for the Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program (HTPCP) program. The purpose of HTPC is to increase the number of innovative community initiated programs that promote access to health care for children, youth and their families nationwide, and employ preventive health strategies. This program most closely supports HRSA's goals to improve access to quality health care and services, to build healthy communities, and to improve health equity. HTPC funding supports direct service projects, not research projects. For more information, [click here](#).

### **CMS State Innovation Models: Model Design/Testing Assistance Funding**

Deadline: *Sep. 24*

The purpose of the State Innovation Models (SIM) initiative is to test whether new payment and service delivery models will produce superior results when implemented in the context of a state-sponsored State Health Care Innovation Plan. These plans must improve health, improve health care, and lower costs for a state's citizens through a sustainable model of multi-payer payment and delivery reform, and must be dedicated to delivering the right care at the right time in the right setting. For more information, [click here](#).

### **AHRQ Grants for Management of Healthcare -Associated Infections**

Deadline: *Sept. 25*

The Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ) is soliciting grant applications for funding to conduct Health Services Research Demonstration and Dissemination Projects (R18) that propose to address strategies and approaches for prevention, reduction, and effective management of health care-associated infections (HAIs). For more information, [click here](#).

### **HRSA EMSC State Partnership Grant Program**

Deadline: *Sept. 26*

The overall mission of the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program is to reduce the prevalence of pediatric morbidity and mortality that may occur as a

result of acute illness and severe injury. To accomplish this mission, the EMSC Program works to institutionalize pediatric-centered healthcare programs within states, and promotes the value and importance of Integration. Integrating the pediatric population's emergency healthcare needs and resources will improve the process, access, and delivery of the emergency medical services system to respond, provide intervention, and transport to the most appropriate healthcare facility; and the pediatric-readiness of health institutions to medically manage and adequately treat children in emergency situations all across the country. For more information, [click here](#).

### **ACA - Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME) Program**

Deadline: *Sept. 28*

This announcement solicits FY 2013 applications for the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME) program. The ACA directly appropriates \$230 million for Fiscal Years 2011 through 2015 to make payments to qualified teaching health centers to support the expansion of primary care medical and dental residency training in community-based ambulatory settings. These community-based settings include, but are not limited to, federally-qualified health centers (FQHCs) and FQHC look-a-likes, community mental health centers, rural health clinics and health centers operated by the Indian Health Service or an Indian tribe or tribal organization, and entities receiving funds under title X of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act. For more information, [click here](#).

### **HRSA Rural Health Network Development Planning Program**

Deadline: *Oct. 15*

The purpose of the Network Planning Program is to promote the development of integrated healthcare networks in order to: 1) achieve efficiencies; 2) expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential health care services; and 3) strengthen the rural health care system as a whole. This program brings together key parts of a rural health care delivery system, particularly those entities that may not have collaborated in the past, to work together to establish or improve local capacity and coordination of care. The grant program

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supports one year of planning to develop and assist health care networks in becoming operational. For more information, [click here](#).

### **Project Connect 2.0 Phase 2 Funding**

Deadline: Oct. 15

Futures Without Violence is selecting new sites for Phase 2 of Project Connect: A Coordinated Public Health Initiative to Prevent and Respond to Violence Against Women (Project Connect 2.0), supported by the HHS Office on Women's Health (OWH) with additional support from ACF. Six new states or territories sites and five tribal health sites that demonstrate a strong history of collaboration between domestic and sexual violence, health care, and public health systems, as well as a capacity and interest in the proposed program will be chosen. For more information, [click here](#).

### **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research**

Deadline: Oct. 16 at 3 p.m. EDT

The *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research* program develops and supports a new generation of creative health policy thinkers and researchers within the disciplines of economics, political science and sociology. Each year the program selects up to nine highly qualified individuals for two-year fellowships at one of three nationally prominent universities with the expectation that they will make important research contributions to future U.S. health policy. For more information, [click here](#).

### **CMS Demonstration Grant for TEFT in Community-Based Long Term Services and Supports Grant**

Deadline: Oct. 22

This Testing Experience and Functional Tools (TEFT) demonstration grant award is intended to further adult quality measurement activities under Section 2701 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). As such it tests and evaluates new measures of functional capacity and individual experience for populations receiving community-based long term services and supports. In addition, this opportunity will fund the development, use, and evaluation of electronic personal health records for these beneficiaries. For more information, [click here](#).

### **CMS Funding for National and State Background Checks for Direct Patient Access Employees**

Deadline: Oct. 31

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is conducting a nationwide program that will identify efficient, effective and economical procedures for long term care facilities and providers to conduct background checks on prospective direct patient/resident access employees. Eligible facilities and providers include skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospice care providers, long-term care hospitals, personal care service providers, adult day care providers, residential care providers, assisted living facilities, intermediate care facilities for mentally retarded disabled and other entities that provide long-term care services, as specified by each participating state. For more information, [click here](#).

### **AHRQ Large Research Projects for Healthcare-Associated Infections**

Deadline: Nov. 5

AHRQ solicits grant applications for funding to conduct Large Research Projects that propose to advance the base of knowledge for detection, prevention, reduction, and effective management of HAIs. For more information, [click here](#).

### **AHRQ Exploratory and Developmental Grant to Improve Health Care Quality through HIT**

Deadline: Nov. 16

The purpose of this Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ) funding announcement is to support short-term preparatory, pilot or feasibility studies that will inform larger scale real world health information technology (HIT) implementation and use or the conduct of more comprehensive HIT implementation research. For more information, [click here](#).

### **AHRQ Small Research Grant to Improve Health Care Quality through HIT**

Deadline: Nov. 16

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support a wide variety of research designs in order to improve the



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quality, safety, effectiveness, and efficiency of health care through the implementation and use of HIT. These designs include: small pilot and feasibility or self-contained HIT research projects; secondary data analysis of HIT research; and economic (prospective or retrospective) analyses of HIT implementation and use. For more information, [click here](#).

### HRSA Social and Behavioral Interventions to Increase Solid Organ Donation Grant

Deadline: Nov. 30

The overall goal of this grant program is to: 1) reduce the gap between the demand for organ transplants and the supply of organs from deceased donors by identifying successful strategies that can serve as model interventions to increase deceased organ donation and, 2) increase the knowledge of options available through living donation among patients who may need transplants and/or individuals considering serving as a living donor. Accordingly, this program will support sound applied research efforts to test the effectiveness of strategies that target any of the three program objectives listed below. The first two objectives pertain to deceased donation; the third relates to living donation. The specific objectives of this grant program are to increase, and improve understanding of how to increase: 1) individual commitment to be a deceased organ donor and documentation of that commitment; 2) consent of family (or others authorized to consent) for organ donation for a deceased relative; 3) the knowledge of the process, risks, advantages and disadvantages of deceased and living donation among patients who may need an organ and/or individuals considering serving as a living donor. For more information, [click here](#).

### CMS Cooperative Agreement to Support Establishment of Health Insurance Exchanges

Deadline: Oct. 15, 2014

This funding announcement provides 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](#).



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# CALENDAR



## Notice of Board Meetings

**AMCHP Board of Directors Conference Call**  
Sept. 13

**AMCHP Fall Board Meeting**  
Nov. 28-29  
Washington, DC

## [AAP National Conference and Exhibition](#)

Oct. 20-23  
New Orleans, LA

## [APHA 140th Annual Meeting and Exposition](#)

Oct. 27-31  
San Francisco, CA

## [18th Annual MCH EPI Conference Co-hosted with the 2012 CityMatCH Urban MCH Leadership Conference](#)

Dec. 12-14  
San Antonio, TX

## AMCHP Events

### [AMCHP 2013 Annual Conference](#)

Feb. 9-12  
Washington, DC

## MCH Events

### [Reproductive Health 2012](#)

Sept. 20-22  
New Orleans, LA

### [Alaska MCH and Immunization Conference](#)

Sept. 27-28  
Anchorage, AK

### [2012 International Conference on Stillbirth, SIDS and Infant Survival](#)

Oct. 5-7  
Baltimore, MD

### [13th Chronic Illness and Disability Conference](#)

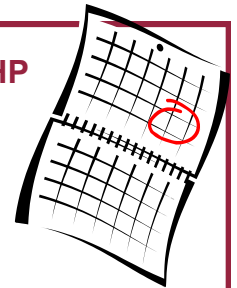
Oct. 18-19  
Houston, TX

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

Apr. 13-16, 2013  
Atlanta, GA

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Do you want to include your listing on the AMCHP MCH Events Calendar? It's easy! Just complete our easy [online submission form](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Julio Arguello](#), Online Media & Information Technology Manager. Please note: All event listings are subject to AMCHP approval.



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