



MANAGEMENT MINUTE

Learning and Labor

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

My college years were spent in the flat, seemingly endless fields of corn otherwise known as Oberlin, Ohio. Oberlin College, my alma mater, has a unique motto: “learning and labor.” The motto dates back to

the early days of the college when Oberlin students literally had to spend time in both the classroom (learning) and the fields (labor) as part of their college lives. My guess is that if contemporary students were put to work in the fields they would either all starve or their parents would ask for their tuition back!

The spirit of the motto seemed awfully distant to me while I was in college since we weren’t required to be part of the corn harvest or other autumnal agricultural events of similar magnitude: our daily bread had little to do with my farming skills or those of my classmates (thank goodness). But upon further reflection I think I now understand the core part of what the motto was getting at.

We certainly learn a lot through “book” learning – what we read, what we watch, what we interpret through media and on-line analysis. While in college I took several “theory” classes. Theory always seemed so distant from the actual reality of the subject and what was really going on in communities and the lives of individuals. I liked theory as a way of explaining things but when I looked at reality I knew that no theory was perfect. Instead, “labor” – and the learning gathered from the actual work – seemed like a better way to understand what was truly going on in the world around me. The motto “learning and labor” speaks to both the book/intellectual learning we do as well as the getting-our-hands-dirty work in professional practice. But just how well are we connecting the two? Are we learning from our labor, and is our labor informed by our learning?

In my travels I have had the chance to visit many MCH programs and work with partners who have integrated theory and practice in several key areas – teen pregnancy prevention and home visitation come to mind but there are many other examples. Certainly there is support for linking research/theory and “book” learning with the experiential work we do – our “labor.” The push toward evidence-based best practice is a major attempt to link what we know works with what we do at work. Where else are there opportunities to connect our learning and our labor? Do we all make time in our busy work lives to learn, share, and explore how we can do things better? When’s the last time you said “I need some good theory to explain that one?”

I hope you take some time over the next few weeks to explore ways you can connect learning and labor. As we look toward the 75th Anniversary of Title V celebrations, our health reform summit and our joint AMCHP-Family Voices National Conferences, what can we learn from these experiences that will inform our practice? What other ways can we blend learning and labor to improve the lives of women, children and families? I look forward to hearing about your learning, and your labor, as we move forward together.

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!



Appropriations Work Remains Incomplete – Continuing Resolution Expected

Congress is far from finishing work on the slate of FY 2011 Appropriations Bill – including the Labor – HHS Bill that contains funding for the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant. As usual, a Continuing Resolution (CR) is expected to provide funding at FY 2010 levels until legislative action can be completed, maybe after the November elections but possibly not before early 2011. At this point we know that the Senate Appropriations Committee is recommending an \$11 million increase for Title V MCH Block Grant but details on the House Appropriation Committee bill are still under wraps. AMCHP will continue to advocate that Congress build upon the Senate proposed increase and will keep members posted on details as they become available.

Prevention Fund Safe - For Now

Thanks to everyone who responded to AMCHP's recent Legislative Alert to join public health colleagues across the nation in protecting the Prevention and Public Health Fund created by the Affordable Care Act. The amendment offered by Sen. Johanns (R-NE) that would have raided the Prevention Fund was defeated on September 14 by a vote of 52-46. AMCHP will continue to work with partners to assure that public health and MCH related investments made by the ACA are not diverted for other purposes.

AMCHP Advocates for Title V with Administration

While most eyes are focused on Congressional action to complete the FY 2011 appropriations cycle, we want to highlight that the Obama administration is beginning to work on their FY 2012 budget submission. Considering the national dialogue about budget deficits and potential federal spending freezes we wanted to share that AMCHP's Policy Team has begun a series of meetings with officials at the White House Office of Management and Budget to begin to make the case for sustained and increased funding for the Title V MCH Block Grant in FY 2012.

Key elements of our message include the need to restore funding lost over the past seven years; the continuing and increasing demands not yet addressed by the health reform insurance coverage expansion; the expected increase in demand for enabling, population-based prevention, and systems building services that will accompany health

reform implementation; and the need to recognize that insurance expansions – while necessary – will not vastly improve population health status without sustained and complimentary investments in programs like Title V that provide essential services and infrastructure not covered by health insurance. As always, we welcome member feedback on advocacy messages and strategies which can be shared with [Josh Brown](#) by e-mail or at (202) 266-3042.

Six Month Anniversary of Affordable Care Act Observed

September 23 marked the six month anniversary of passage of the Affordable Care Act, with several new consumer protections in the law beginning to go into effect. Click [here](#) for AMCHP's message marking the occasion and sharing extensive insurance reform resources provided by the Administration and colleagues at partner organizations.

Home Visiting Program Completes Initial Needs Assessment Phase

September 20 marked the deadline for all states to submit their initial statewide needs assessment required by the new Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. Early indications are that all states were able to meet this important statutory deadline. AMCHP offers our congratulations to all states on the progress made to date. We do not know yet when the Phase III guidance will be released but will share widely when available and continue to provide forums for states to connect with peers to share questions and strategies.

House Advances MCH Legislation Addressing Infant Mortality and Birth Defects Prevention

The Nationally Enhancing the Wellbeing of Babies through Outreach and Research Now (NEWBORN) Act (H.R. 3470) - The House of Representatives on September 22 approved legislation sponsored by Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN) to combat infant mortality. The NEWBORN Act would create a national pilot program in cities with the highest rates of infant mortality that focuses on providing pre-natal care and community outreach, and educating at-risk and potential mothers about pregnancy and infant mortality. The program would be administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration. AMCHP is greatly appreciative of Rep. Cohen's leadership on this crucial

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issue although we have shared concerns that the program is potentially duplicative of the Healthy Start Program which was also initiated in 1991 as a pilot program targeting cities with high infant mortality rates. There is no Senate companion bill introduced at this time.

Birth Defects Prevention, Risk Reduction, and Awareness Act of 2010 (HR 5462) - The House Energy and Commerce Committee on September 24 passed legislation sponsored by Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) addressing birth defects prevention. The bill requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to establish and implement a birth defects prevention and public awareness program, which includes: (1) a nationwide media campaign to increase awareness among health care providers and at-risk populations about pregnancy and breastfeeding information services; (2) grants for the provision of, or campaigns to increase awareness about, pregnancy and breastfeeding information services; and (3) grants for the conduct or support of surveillance of or research on maternal exposures that may influence the risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes and maternal exposures that may influence health risks to a breastfed infant, or of networking to facilitate such surveillance or research. A Senate companion bill (S. 3479) has been introduced but not acted upon. AMCHP will continue to monitor and report on action related to these and other MCH related legislation.

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Nominations for AMCHP Board of Directors Now Being Accepted!

AMCHP's Governance Committee is currently accepting nominations for 2011 AMCHP Board positions. These leadership positions guide, direct, inform and contribute to moving AMCHP's strategic directions and goals forward. Positions that will be open in the 2011 election include:

1. President-Elect
2. Director-At-Large
3. Family Representative
4. Region II
5. Region III
6. Region V
7. Region VII

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Volunteer leadership is critical to AMCHP's success. We hope that you will consider participating in the nominations process. More information about these positions, the necessary qualifications and the nominations process may be found on the AMCHP website or by clicking [here](#). We ask that all nominations be forwarded to the Governance Committee by September 30 to ensure ample time for the Committee to review all candidates' materials. Please note: Only named AMCHP delegates may be nominated to the Board. To verify your membership status, contact [Julio Arguello, Publications & Member Services Manager](#).

Act Early State Systems Grant

Through funding from the CDC, AMCHP will provide grants to state teams, led by either the Title V program or a member of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) network, to support the collaboration of Act Early Regional Summit Project teams and to further activities initiated by state teams during the Summits. Approximately 10 to 15 state grants will be awarded in the amount of up to \$15,000 each. All states and territories who have participated in an Act Early Regional Summit except for those who currently have received a State Implementation Grant for Improving Services for Child and Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other Developmental Disabilities grant are eligible to apply. The funding announcement was released on September 15, and is due on November 3. **Applicant Informational Conference Call:** For your assistance, AMCHP will be holding an informational call for interested applicants on **Thursday, September 30 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. EST**. For more information, please contact [Treeby Brown](#) or [Melody Gilbert](#).

AMCHP's New Director Mentor Program

Would you like the opportunity to speak with an experienced MCH professional, someone who had been there/done that as an MCH/CYSHCN Director, or that had some tips on succeeding as a Title V Director?

Are you looking to engage in a valuable volunteer opportunity, have experience to share with another Title V Director or remember what it was like when you first started off as an MCH/CYSHCN Director?

The New Director Mentor Program (NDMP) is now accepting applications from new directors, individuals in their positions three years or less, and from seasoned

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directors, in their position five years or more, to participate in a mentoring relationship. The NDMP is a competency based leadership development mentor program for new Title V directors (MCH/CYSHCN) and senior direct reports (MCH/CYSHCN) to foster individual leadership development by providing opportunities for meaningful interaction. The program will provide new Title V directors with information, tools and resources necessary to succeed and grow as Title V administrators. The NDMP is a 12-month commitment from October 2010 through September 2011. During this time, new directors will complete 12 self-directed modules. We approximate two to three hours to complete each module. Each module focuses on one or more of the MCH Leadership Competencies and will be completed individually by the New Director. Additionally, each New Director will have contact with a Mentor on a regular, monthly basis (frequency and time to be determined by the pair). The program is available free of cost to participants. The deadline for applications is **Monday, October 4**. For more information, visit the [NDMP webpage](#), contact [Librada Estrada](#) or call (202) 266-3046.

NASHP Webinar on Engaging Employers in Health Reform Implementation

The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) will host a webinar, "State Opportunities to Engage Employers in Health Reform Implementation," on **September 28 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. EST**. To register, visit [here](#). For more information, contact cmiller@nashp.org.

Aetna Foundation Contest to Reduce Childhood Obesity

In recognition of September's National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, Aetna Foundation is hosting a special contest on their website to award grants to three national or regional nonprofit organizations that are making a difference in combating childhood obesity. The highest vote-getting nonprofit organization will earn a \$50,000 grant; the second-place vote-getter will earn a \$35,000 grant; and the third-place vote-getter will earn a \$15,000 grant. The funds will be used to further the organizations' work reducing obesity rates among children. You may choose from among 10 nonprofit organizations listed on the voting site. Each offers anti-obesity programs that reach at-risk children in underserved communities. The deadline to participate is **October 5 at 5 p.m.** To vote, visit [here](#).

Save the Date! – Applying Online for Disability Benefits Webinar

The U.S. Social Security Administration will present "Applying Online for Disability Benefits" webinar on **October 6 at 2 p.m. EST**. This webinar will review the changes to the online disability application process that will make it easier and more convenient to use. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HHS Seeks Comments for the Development of a National Health Care Quality Strategy and Plan

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is seeking public input in the development of a National Health Care Quality Strategy and Plan. HHS welcomes comments and suggestions on all aspects of the proposed structure, principles conceptualization and specific details of the national quality strategy by **October 15**. To learn more, visit [here](#).

RWJF Call for Nominations

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Community Health Leaders (CHL) each year honors up to 10 outstanding and otherwise unrecognized individuals who overcome daunting odds to improve health and health care, especially to underserved populations in communities across the United States. The program aims to elevate the work of these unsung heroes through enhanced recognition, technical assistance and new leadership opportunities. The application deadline is **October 22**. To learn more, 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](#).

National Infant Mortality Awareness Month

September is National Infant Mortality Awareness Month. Throughout the country, local health departments, communities, hospitals, and schools are using this as a

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chance to raise awareness of infant mortality. For more resources, visit the [National Healthy Start Association](#) and [The Office of Minority Health](#).

Webinar on Postsecondary Education Participation for Students with Intellectual Disabilities

The webinar, “Postsecondary Education Participation for Students with Intellectual Disabilities,” co-sponsored by the Technical Assistance and Dissemination Network and the Office of Special Education Programs, will provide participants with information regarding current legislative and funding priorities around enrolling students with intellectual disabilities in postsecondary education, as well as insights into characteristics of model programs and potential challenges. Time for questions and discussion will be included. The webinar will convene on **September 29 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. EST**. To register, visit [here](#), or for additional information please contact [Cynthia Glimpse](#).

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](#).

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General Maternal & Child Health

School Nursing and Children’s Health Brief

The brief, “Unlocking the Potential of School Nursing: Keeping Children Healthy, In School, and Ready to Learn,”

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published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, reveals huge disparities in service provision, highlights promising policies and funding strategies, examines the challenges school nurses face, and uncovers the potential of these professionals to improve children’s health, remove barriers to learning, and save precious lives. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

NASHP Releases Report on Medicaid, CHIP and Title V Collaboration

The report, “Making Connections: Medicaid, CHIP, and Title V Working Together on State Medical Home Initiatives,” published by the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP), details best practices and policy considerations for collaborative medical home building in first laying the foundation for partnership, and then working together to: engage patients and families, engage health care providers and practices, and build strong systems of care. This report draws from a meeting of state representatives that AMCHP co-sponsored with NASHP, the American Academy of Pediatrics and MCHB in March 2009. To download the report, visit [here](#).

CDC Issues Breastfeeding Report Card

The CDC Breastfeeding Report Card provides state-by-state data so that health professionals, legislators, employers, business owners, community advocates and family members can work together to protect, promote, and support breastfeeding. The Report Card indicators measure types of support in key community settings as well as the most current data on the breastfeeding goals outlined in Healthy People 2010. To learn more, visit [here](#).

NCMHI Issues New Monograph on Measuring Medical Homes

The monograph, “Measuring Medical Homes: Tools to Evaluate the Pediatric Patient- and Family-Centered Medical Home,” published by the National Center for Medical Home Implementation (NCMHI), offers various tools available and in use to identify, recognize, and evaluate a practice as a pediatric medical home. Because no one tool is recognized as the de facto tool to assess pediatric practices, a review of the relative merits of existing tools will help inform purchasers, payers, providers and patients in evaluating pediatric practices. Many of the multi-stakeholder and single-payer medical home demonstration projects focus on adult populations and adult outcomes. An understanding of tools to assess pediatric practices may

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assist such pilots in incorporating and evaluating pediatric practices in both practice transformation and payment reform. To download the monograph, visit [here](#).

Adolescent Health

The MCH Library Releases New Edition of its Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Knowledge Path

The Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Library released a new edition of the knowledge path, Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention. The knowledge path directs readers to a selection of resources that measure, document, and monitor the problem; identify risk and protective factors; and report on promising intervention strategies. The path can be used by health and social services professionals, policymakers, and researchers to learn more about the topic, to develop programs, and to locate training resources and information to answer specific questions. To learn more, visit [here](#).

New Brief on How the PPACA Helps Adolescents

The brief, “The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) of 2010: How Does it Help Adolescents and Young Adults?” was published by the Center for Adolescent Health & the Law and the National Adolescent Health Information and Innovation Center. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

The National Campaign Releases Fact Sheet on Teen Birth Rate Comparisons

The fact sheet, “Teen Birth Rates: How Does the United States Compare?” published by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, compares the U.S. teen birth rate with the teen birth rate of other countries. The U.S. teen birth rate is nearly two times higher than the United Kingdom, nearly three times higher than Canada, and nearly 10 times as high as Switzerland. To download the fact sheet, visit [here](#).

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AHRQ Releases Spanish-Language Booklets Offering Guidance to Pregnant Women

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality’s Effective Health Care Program (AHRQ) has released two

new Spanish-language consumer guides on gestational diabetes and elective induction of labor. Each guide is based on a government-funded review of research and is designed to answer questions and help women talk with their health professionals about the topic. The guides include the following:

- [“Diabetes gestacional: Guía para la mujer embarazada” \(“Gestational Diabetes: A Guide for Pregnant Women”\)](#). This guide discusses what gestational diabetes is, how it is treated and how to follow up after pregnancy.
- [¿Está pensando que le induzcan el parto?: Guía para la mujer embarazada \(Thinking About Inducing Your Labor: A Guide for Pregnant Women\)](#). This guide helps answer women’s questions about what elective induction is, possible problems, and what is not known about elective induction. It also includes things to consider and questions to ask a doctor or midwife.

New Brief on Infants of Depressed Mothers Living in Poverty

The brief, “Infants of Depressed Mothers Living in Poverty: Opportunities to Identify and Serve,” published by the Urban Institute, is part of a study to identify ways mainstream service systems can reach mothers of young children and link them to services, with the ultimate goal of preventing child abuse and neglect. The authors of the brief address the effects of parental depression, its prevalence and potential intervention points. Additional topics include race, age, and family structure; coexisting risks such as domestic violence, substance abuse, and health problems; prenatal care and feeding practices; mother-infant interactions; and child well-being. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

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AMCHP Members and Staff Participate in CityMatCH Annual Conference

Several AMCHP members and staff participated in the CityMatCH Annual Conference from September 11-14 in Chicago. AMCHP members in attendance and moderating sessions, included Melinda Sanders, Stephanie Birch and Millie Jones. AMCHP staff presented at and moderated several sessions, including: Brent Ewig presented in the session, “Where is MCH in Health Reform?”; Lissa

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Pressfield and Sharron Corle presented on AMCHP's Preconception Health for Adolescents project; and Jessica Hawkins moderated a session, "Infant Mortality and Racism Action Learning Collaborative, Lessons Learned" highlighting the CityMatCH-AMCHP-National Healthy Start Association collaborative. In addition, AMCHP and CityMatCH co-sponsored a Life Course Town Hall meeting to discuss strategies to move life course from the local to state and national levels. A follow up to this Town Hall meeting is planned for the 2011 AMCHP Annual Conference.

AMCHP Board Member Participates in SACHDNC Meeting

The Secretary's Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children (SACHDNC) met on September 16-17 in Washington, DC. Among the attendees was AMCHP Board Member, Melita Jordan (PA). During the meeting, the Committee put forth a recommendation to HHS Secretary Sebelius to add screening for Critical Cyanotic Congenital Heart Disease to the core panel of conditions for universal screening of newborns in the United States. AMCHP will continue to provide updates on this recommendation as information becomes available.



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 [Darlisha Williams](#) at (202) 266-3057.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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](#).

AMCHP Senior Epidemiologist

AMCHP is seeking a Senior Epidemiologist to be accountable for the development and implementation of program activities related to maternal and child health data and assessment. The Senior Epidemiologist, a member of the Women's and Infant Health team, develops and maintains partnerships with relevant federal agencies, funders, and other national organizations, coalitions and groups concerned with MCH epidemiology. For more information about this open position, visit AMCHP's [Career Center](#).



RWJF Scholars in Health Policy Research Program Fellowship Opportunities

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Scholars in Health Policy Research program is looking for 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. The program seeks recent graduates of doctoral programs in economics, political science and sociology, including junior faculty, to apply. The program will give preference to applicants who have not previously worked extensively in health or health policy research. The deadline to apply is October 13. 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.

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](#).

Funding for Help Me Grow National Technical Assistance Center

Deadline: **September 30**

The Help Me Grow National Technical Assistance (NTA) Center, based at Connecticut Children's Medical Center is seeking three replication sites for "Ready to Learn: National Replication of Connecticut's Help Me Grow System." With financial support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the NTA Center is pleased to offer, through this request for proposals process, technical assistance from a team of professionals who are experienced in building a statewide Help Me Grow system and a two-year grant of \$20,000 per year with a dollar-for-dollar or in-kind match. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for Affordable Care Act (ACA) Infrastructure to Expand Access to Care Program

Deadline: **October 4**

The purpose of this program is to provide funding for the debt service on, or direct construction or renovation of a health care facility that provides research, inpatient tertiary care, or outpatient clinical services. The program supports the Affordable Care Act (ACA) by expanding access to care through the debt service on, or construction, or renovation of infrastructure. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for Healthy Tomorrows Partnership For Children Program

Deadline: **October 15**

The purpose of this program is to stimulate innovative community-based programs that employ prevention strategies to promote access to health care for children and their families nationwide. Healthy Tomorrows Partnership For Children Program (HTPC) funding supports direct service projects, not research projects. It is anticipated that HTPC grants will be awarded to approximately 12 recipients. The intent of HTPC-General grants are: 1) to support the development of family-centered, community-based initiatives that plan and implement innovative and cost-effective approaches for focusing resources to promote community defined preventive child health and developmental objectives for vulnerable children and their families, especially those with limited access to quality health services; 2) foster/promote collaboration among community organizations, individuals, agencies, businesses, and families; 3) involve pediatricians and other

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pediatric health professionals in community-based service programs; 4) build community and statewide partnerships among professionals in health, education, social services, government, and business to achieve self-sustaining programs to assure healthy children and families.

The program encourages the use of innovative health information technology to increase access to a wide variety of stakeholders in communities. 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 (ACEs). 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](#).

CALENDAR



Special Events

[MCHB 75th Anniversary of Title V Commemoration](#)

October 20
Washington, DC

[Looking to the Future: What are the Opportunities and Challenges of Health Reform for Improving Maternal and Child Health?](#)

October 21
Washington, DC

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

February 12-15, 2011
Washington, DC

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Other MCH Events

[National Academy for State Health Policy Conference](#)

October 4-6
New Orleans, LA

[NIH Consensus Development Conference](#)

October 27-29
Bethesda, MD

[15th Annual International Meeting of the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine](#)

October 27-30
San Francisco, CA

[Postpartum Support International Annual Conference](#)

October 27-30
Pittsburgh, PA

[2010 AUCD Conference](#)

October 30-November 3
Crystal City, VA

[National Perinatal Association Conference](#)

November 4-6
Washington, DC

[ASIP/PLIDA International Conference on Perinatal and Infant Death](#)

November 4-7
Alexandria, VA

[APHA 138th Annual Meeting and Exposition](#)

November 6-10
Denver, CO

[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