



Maternal and Child Health Bureau

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Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the 2010 Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Federal/State Partnership annual meeting, Wednesday, October 20. This year, we will celebrate 75 years of Title V of the Social Security Act. The meeting will be held at the Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Ave., Washington D.C. 20009. We are anticipating that up to 2,000 invited guests and dignitaries will attend. The meeting will have balanced recognition of the Title V programs' numerous past achievements, present challenges and future directions.

I shared with you at last year's Maternal and Child Health Federal/State Partnership Meeting that the Bureau has been engaged in strategic planning efforts directed at incorporating the life course, health equity and social determinants perspectives in our programs. To this end, the Bureau will also share the first draft of its 2010 – 2015 Strategic Plan to solicit your thoughts and suggestions.

The 2010 Federal/State Partnership Meeting, a 75th Anniversary Commemoration is a required meeting for State Title V MCH Directors, Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Directors and State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI) grantees. The number of interested attendees is expected to exceed the number of available registrations. State Title V MCH Directors, CSHCN Directors and SSDI Coordinators will be given priority registration.

While the meeting on October 20 is the flagship event, it will be further enhanced by complementary meetings that are being planned with MCH partners and other programs. Our partners AMCHP/CityMatCH will be holding a meeting on Thursday, October 21 titled, "Looking to the Future: What are the Opportunities and Challenges of Health Reform for Improving Maternal and Child Health?" The Division of Services for Children with Special Health Needs, MCHB, will join with our partners on Thursday in this meeting. In addition they are planning a meeting on Friday, October 22, titled "Strategic Planning for CYSHCN: Envisioning 2020". More information will follow.

Enclosed please find a Save-the-Date announcement for the October Meeting. If you have any, questions, or if you would like to request addition information, send an e-mail to mch75thanniversary@hrsa.gov. I am looking forward to commemorating the rich history of Title V with you and to planning a course for the next 75 years.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure