

Member Briefs



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THE ASSOCIATION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS



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As the pundits predicted, election day resulted in a new Republican majority for the Senate and a greater number of seats for the Republican majority in the House of Representatives. As a nonpartisan organization, we are pleased to have positive relationships across the aisle, but recognize that the change in power could have some effects on the federal programs we care most deeply about. First and foremost, Congress must still pass appropriations for FY 2015 before funding expires on Dec. 11. To date, current leadership of the appropriations committees have been vocal in supporting an omnibus appropriations package that will fund the government through the remainder of FY 2015, but there are others who would like to pass a shorter-term funding bill now and then pass another package in the new year that would be more reflective of the new majority's priorities. AMCHP favors an approach that would provide full funding for the remainder of FY 2015 so that Title V programs have more certainty for their budgets in the coming year. We will then turn to our request for FY 2016, keeping in mind that, although Republicans have traditionally touted programs like block grants which respect state flexibility, the desire for deficit reduction may supersede that support.

Funding for the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program is another issue we are staying on top of with current funding set to expire in March 2015. MIECHV has received strong bipartisan support in the past, but its future may be in peril because of concerns expressed, most notably by staff for the incoming Senate Chairman of the committee with jurisdiction over MIECHV, for the level of funding it has received. AMCHP is working as part of a broader coalition of MIECHV stakeholders to communicate the importance of and rationale for continuing the program at its current funding level so that the progress made over the past several years will not be eroded.

Finally, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funding and the Community Health Centers expansion fund both need to be extended by Sept. 30, 2015. AMCHP will continue to support both and watch closely how Congress chooses to act to fund these priorities. We look forward to the role you can play in communicating the importance of all of these programs by meeting with your elected officials in Washington during the AMCHP annual conference!

Health Reform Implementation

Supreme Court to Hear Case on Health Care Subsidies

The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) agreed to hear a case this term, *King v. Burwell*, on whether low to middle-income individuals on federally run exchanges are eligible to receive health care subsidies. The contention arises from a phrase in the law specifying that subsidies are provided to individuals below 400 percent of the poverty line in "exchanges established by a state." Thirty-seven states did not establish a state-run marketplace, therefore the outcome of this case has direct implications for all populations in those 37 states. AMCHP will continue to monitor this case and its implications for MCH populations.

Open Enrollment for Health Insurance

Saturday, Nov. 15 is the first day for open enrollment. This open enrollment period will last three months and end on Feb. 15. AMCHP has developed a fact sheet for MCH leaders. This resource includes suggested steps for MCH leaders during the open enrollment period. The fact sheet is posted [here](#). Please contact Carolyn McCoy (cmccoy@amchp.org) if you have any questions.

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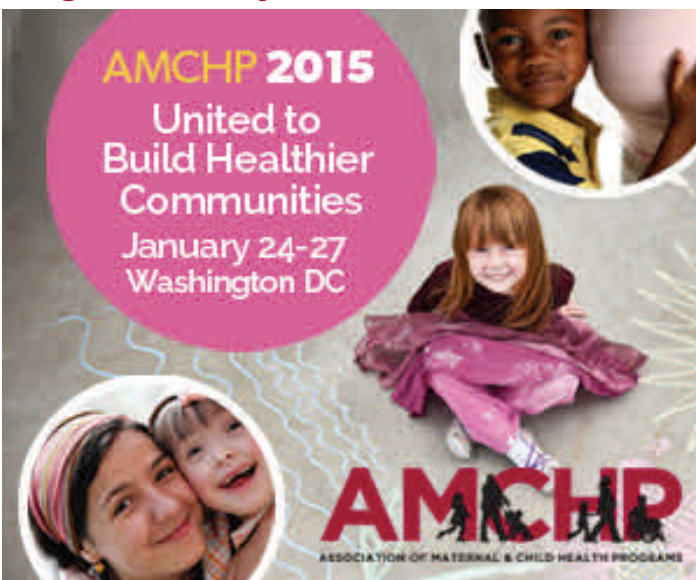
Minimum Essential Coverage and Pregnant Women

On Friday, Nov. 7, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a [guidance letter](#) to state health officials and state Medicaid directors regarding minimum essential coverage (MEC). This letter states that the Secretary for Health and Human Services intends to exercise her authority in recognizing certain types of Medicaid coverage for low-income pregnant women as meeting MEC. In addition, the letter highlights the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) plan to release guidance on pregnancy while enrolled in a QHP and eligibility for Advanced Premium Tax Credits (APTCs) and options for pregnancy coverage under CHIP. AMCHP will continue to analyze this situation as it unfolds and has an issue brief and national webinar planned to provide state MCH leaders detailed information on this topic in the future. If you have any insight on this topic from your state, please e-mail [Carolyn McCoy](#), we always appreciate hearing from you!

New Report on Hispanic Children

The Georgetown University Center for Children and Families and the National Council of La Raza released a [report](#) documenting health care coverage for Hispanic Children in the United States. The report highlights that despite the steady decline of uninsurance among Hispanic children, they are still more likely to be uninsured than the national average.

Register Today!



Title V Health Reform Implementation Webinar

On Oct. 29 from 3-4 p.m. EDT, AMCHP and the [National MCH Workforce Development Center](#) hosted a [webinar](#) to introduce a comprehensive self-assessment tool that will help your Title V agency assess health reform-related activities in your state. The tool can help you clearly define your state capacity and opportunities to leverage existing MCH skills to drive health transformation – in all its forms – for maternal and child health populations. The National MCH Workforce Development Center at UNC Chapel Hill offers state and territorial Title V leaders training, collaborative learning, coaching and consultation in implementing health reform using a variety of learning platforms.

New Funding Awarded to Improve Access to Care

CMS [awarded \\$3.9million](#) to improve access to quality health services for American Indian and Native Alaskan children through Medicaid and CHIP outreach and enrollment efforts. The funding is awarded to health programs operated by Indian Health Services, tribes, tribal organizations and urban Indian organizations located in Alaska, Arizona, California, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Upcoming Webinar: Connecting Kids to Coverage National Webinar

On Thursday, Dec. 11 from 2-3:30 p.m. EST, the Connecting Kids to Coverage National Campaign will host a webinar on partnerships and strategies to enroll more children and parents in Medicaid and CHIP. To register for the webinar, click [here](#).





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The Center's First Year and Looking Ahead: A Day of Learning

The National MCH Workforce Development Center, in partnership with AMCHP, is pleased to offer an interactive Day of Learning on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. EDT, immediately following the 2015 AMCHP Annual Conference at the Hyatt Regency, Washington DC.

The Day of Learning will consist of a variety of interactive activities, including:

- Sharing the Center's first year accomplishments and a glimpse of what's ahead
- Learning about exciting projects underway in our Cohort 1 states (CO, GA, HI, IL, IA, MS, MN, RI)
- Open Space session offering opportunities for you to learn first-hand from members of the Center team about the array of services available to help support health transformation in *your* state or territory
- Opportunity to work directly with Center team members to design a customized package of workforce development services for *your* state or territory
- One-to-one guidance specifically tailored to those states and territories interested in applying to the Center's second intensive cohort in 2015

The Center is funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) to provide workforce development that supports MCH 3.0 and health transformation. Learn more on the AMCHP website Transformation Station portal, or go to the Center site at mchwdc.unc.edu. AMCHP will pay for the extra night of hotel expenses for two representatives from each state and jurisdiction/territory. Click [here](#) to complete a registration form for your state. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Ki'Yonna Jones, AMCHP program manager, MCH leadership development & capacity building at kjones@amchp.org. We hope to see you there!

Strengthening Public Health and Community Partnerships to Reduce Disparities in Child Health and Development

The *Raising of America* is a six-part documentary series and multimedia initiative that will launch in early 2015 that will reframe the way we look at early child health and development. The documentary, by the

producers of *UNNATURAL CAUSES: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?*, explores how a strong start for all kids leads not only to better individual life courses (learning, earning and physical and mental health) but also to a healthier, safer, better educated, more prosperous, and more equitable America. On Dec. 1, at 2 p.m., EST, national partners will host a webinar to raise awareness about the documentary series. We will show clips from the opening episode which moves back and forth between the science of human development and the stories of families and communities struggling to provide the rich and responsive environments all children need to thrive. Discussion will include how participants can use the series to build strategic partnerships to improve child health and development in their communities. To register for the webinar, please [click here](#).

World Prematurity Awareness Day

On Nov. 17, global partners and parent organizations worldwide will mark the fourth annual World Prematurity Day. "Like" [World Prematurity Day](#) on Facebook, where you can put a face on the problem of premature birth by posting a photo and story to an interactive map connecting people around the world; use the #WorldPrematurityDay hashtag to join the global conversation on Twitter.

Upcoming LCRN Webinars

The Life Course Research Network (LCRN) has two upcoming webinars on topics of interest for AMCHP members, including:

- *Life Course Health Development: Past, Present and Future*, on Nov. 19 from 9-10 a.m. PST. This webinar will feature LCRN director Neal Halfon, MD, MPH, and will chart the evolution of the life course health development (LCHD) framework, and illustrate its

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potential to transform how the maternal and child health system addresses social, psychological, biological, and genetic influences on health, eliminates health disparities, reduces chronic illness, and contains health care costs. Register [here](#).

- *The Developmental Approach to Health Inequality*, on Dec. 16 from 9-10 a.m. PST. This webinar features Gabriella Conti, PhD, discussing the developmental approach to health inequality. Gabriella is a Senior Lecturer in Health Economics in the Department of Applied Health Research at University College London; Research Associate at the Institute for Fiscal Studies; and Faculty Research Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research. Her research draws on both the biomedical and the social sciences with the aim of understanding the developmental origins of health inequalities, and the behavioral and biological pathways through which early life conditions affect health throughout the life course. Register [here](#).

Graduate Student Epidemiology Program

The MCHB Graduate Student Epidemiology Program [GSEP](#) offers graduate students a unique opportunity to apply their classroom skills to real-world data projects, offering state and local agencies valuable technical assistance as they work to enhance their information systems capacity. As of this year, the GSEP has placed more than 290 students from 44 Schools of Public Health in more than 115 agencies. Similar to last year, projects will be grounded in the following three critical areas of MCH epidemiology:

- *Data Analysis and Monitoring.* Monitoring of diseases, injuries and health conditions for their frequency, risk factors, consequences and health service requirements and analysis of epidemiological data sets are some of the projects included in this area.
- *Needs Assessment.* Projects in this area include the systematic analysis, assessment and projection of health needs and resources in a given population or community.
- *Program Evaluation.* This area includes the monitoring, collection and analysis of data to determine the effectiveness or outcomes of a particular program or project.

These projects will be conducted primarily during the summer of 2015 (beginning in May, June or July). If your agency believes they have a project for a qualified graduate student for the upcoming year, please visit gseprogram.org/agency/login.php to submit a proposal. After creating an account and entering your contact information, you will then be prompted to create and submit your proposal for consideration. Requests should identify clearly defined quantitative and analytic tasks in the suggested areas that will provide a student with substantive professional experience in the MCH epidemiology field, while producing a relevant, useful product for your agency. **Submissions are due Nov. 21.** If you have any questions about the proposal submission process, or are in need of any advice or guidance concerning the appropriateness of a potential project for this program, please feel free to contact Jen Pooler from Altarum at (202) 842-2000.

The Application Process for the 2015 Making Lifelong Connections Meeting is Now Open!

MCHB and the Making Lifelong Connections Planning Committee would like to invite trainees to participate in a unique opportunity to build leadership skills, meet other current and former MCHB trainees and enhance their career development. The Pediatric Pulmonary Centers (PPCs) at the University of Arizona and the University of New Mexico are co-hosting this one and a half day event entitled *"Making Lifelong Connections: Leadership, Networking, and Career Development for MCHB Trainees"* in San Antonio, TX on Apr. 23-24, 2015. At this meeting, current and former MCHB trainees will work together to enhance their leadership and presentation skills, network and develop professional connections. Priority consideration will be given to applications received by Jan. 2, 2015. The final deadline for applications is Jan. 9, 2015 at 12 p.m. CST. For questions please contact Mary McGuire at Mmguire@peds.arizona.edu or (520) 626-1569, or Lisa Rascon at LRascon@peds.arizona.edu or (520) 626-1567. All Making Lifelong Connections application and meeting information can be reviewed [here](#).





General Maternal & Child Health

NACCHO Releases Report on Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Capacity Building Project

NACCHO undertook a multi-year demonstration project in partnership with CityMatCH and AMCHP, to respond to funding cuts and depreciations in the local health department (LHD) workforce by building LHD capacity to meet the needs of the women, children, youth and families in their communities. This brief, *Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Capacity Building Project*, summarizes the project's framework and methodology, five local health department experiences and recommendations for future LHD capacity building efforts. To view the report, [click here](#).

AHRQ-Funded Journal Supplement Focuses on Pediatric Quality Measures to Improve Children's Health

An Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)-funded supplement to *Academic Pediatrics* contributes to the national effort to measure and improve children's health. The September-October 2014 special supplement features seven commentaries and 12 articles that cover three broad themes: the value of pediatric quality measures to stakeholders, the scope of the Pediatric Quality Measures Program (PQMP) and lessons learned in developing and testing pediatric quality measures. The articles in this supplement examine the opportunities and challenges associated with the PQMP Centers of Excellence work on advancing the science of pediatric quality measurement. To access the supplement, [click here](#).

Women's & Infant Health

ACOG Resources on Ebola and Women's Health

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) has developed a web page containing the most recent guidelines on the emerging Ebola epidemic. The page is regularly updated with timely, accurate, scientific guidelines for health care

professionals and patient information. To access the website, [click here](#).

CDC Resources on Ebola and Women's Health

CDC has released *Guidance for Screening and Caring for Pregnant Women with Ebola Virus Disease for Healthcare Providers in U.S. Hospitals* for health care providers working in emergency departments and labor and delivery units in U.S. hospitals. This resource provides guidance on how to screen pregnant women for Ebola virus disease and how to care for pregnant women with known or suspected Ebola, including considerations for pregnant health care workers. The guidance can be accessed [here](#). Further domestic guidance on Ebola for health care workers, including the soon-to-be-released pediatric guidance, can be found [here](#).

Child & Adolescent Health

New AMCHP Report: Environmental Scan on State Developmental & Autism Screening Strategies and Activities

AMCHP recently released an environmental scan report on [State Strategies and Initiatives to Improve Developmental and Autism Screening, and Early Identification Systems](#). This report includes initial findings from an environmental scan AMCHP conducted in summer 2014 of 185 source documents in an effort to capture the wide range of developmental screening activities occurring within all U.S. states and territories. Over the coming year, this data will be further analyzed to develop resources to assist states, particularly Title V programs, in building and improving developmental screening and early identification systems. These tools and resources will be housed on the AMCHP State Public Health Autism Resource Center (SPHARC) website. A [fact sheet](#) on Title V State Performance Measures related to developmental screening and early identification accompanies the release of the scan. For more information, and to access these publications, visit the [SPHARC website](#).

New IOM Report on Young Adult Health

The new Institute of Medicine (IOM) report, *Investing in the Health and Well-Being of Young Adults*, summarizes what is known about the health, safety and well-being of young adults and offers recommendations for policy and

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research. Contents include a cross-cutting recommendation that applies to all policies and programs addressing young adults, whether public or private, in all sectors of society. Subsequent recommendations focus on the key domains of relationships, education and employment, civic engagement and national service, public health, the health care systems and government investments in marginalized young adults. To download the report, [click here](#).

New AHRQ Statistical Brief on Children and Mental Health

Mental health disorders affect a person's emotional, social and behavioral well-being. As a result of the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*, mental health disorder services are currently part of the essential benefits package, a set of health care service categories that must be covered by certain plans, including all insurance policies that are offered through State-based Exchanges and Medicaid. This AHRQ Statistical Brief, *Expenditures for Treatment of Mental Health Disorders among Children, Ages 5-17, 2009-2011: Estimates for the U.S. Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population*, presents estimates based on the Household Component of the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS-HC) on the use of and expenditures for all medical care, which includes inpatient stays, ambulatory care (office-based provider and hospital outpatient visits) and prescribed medicines to treat mental health disorders among school-age children in the U.S. civilian noninstitutionalized population. To access the brief, [click here](#).

Child Trends Research Brief on Children's Physical Activity and the Built Environment

Neighborhood Characteristics and Children's Physical Activity examines the relationship between physical exercise and neighborhood characteristics among children and adolescents, using data from the 2011-2012 National Survey of Children's Health. The authors look at the frequency within each state of selected neighborhood characteristics: whether the child's neighborhood included a playground or recreation center, whether it had dilapidated housing, and whether parents felt their child was "usually" or "always" safe there. The brief also examines which of these characteristics were associated with a higher average number of days of exercise, when other factors affecting exercise frequency are taken into account. To access the brief, [click here](#).

Report on Youth Internet Safety from the Center for Technology Innovation at Brookings

Youth Internet Safety: Risks, Responses, and Research Recommendations provides an overview of research representative of the depth and breadth of publications addressing child and youth online safety. Contents include an analysis of key findings, knowledge gaps and policy recommendations. Topics include cyberbullying, sexual solicitation and unwanted exposure to sexual content, the role of privacy, parent and community involvement and intergenerational gaps in attitudes toward internet safety issues. To access the report, [click here](#).

New Report on Early Education and Health Care

The Build Initiative and the National Academy for State Health Policy produced a new report, *Bridging Health Care and Early Education System Transformations to Achieve Kindergarten Readiness in Oregon*. This report



AMCHP is seeking submissions of emerging, promising and best practices in maternal and child health from all states and territories on child health. Do you have a program that fits?

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

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describes how Oregon has leveraged opportunities to support a state-led, fundamental shift in how the health care and early education systems function and align with each other. Topics include why, what and how Oregon is aligning these two systems, next steps and remaining challenges and lessons learned. Key transformation milestones, organizational charts and timelines of key alignment activities are also included. To view the report, [click here](#).

- On Nov. 9-12, AMCHP staff Yadashe Belay, Kate Taft and Christie Lillard represented AMCHP at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) in Washington, DC. The theme of this year's conference was "AUCD Unleashed: the Power of Engagement." Kate Taft, along with state autism grantees from Colorado and Virginia, also presented a poster titled "Building Comprehensive Developmental Screening Systems through State and Community Engagement: Highlights from an Environmental Scan and HRSA Autism Implementation Grantees." For more information about the conference, visit the website at aucd.org/conference/.
- On Oct. 30, AMCHP staff Maritza Valenzuela and Atyya Chaudhry attended a briefing on the new IOM report, *Investing in the Health and Well-Being of Young Adults*. Contributors to the report reviewed key conclusions as well as recommendations for developing and enhancing policies and programs to improve young adults' health, safety and well-being. Findings and recommendations are organized into five key areas: relationships, education and employment, civic engagement and national service, public health, health care systems, government investments in marginalized populations and cross-cutting recommendations. The full report and a summary brief are available [here](#).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

NCCDPHP Opens Search for Supervisory Health Scientist

The National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Division of Reproductive Health (DRH), Field Support Branch (FSB) is posting an

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announcement for a supervisory health scientist, GS-0601-15 to serve as branch chief of the Field Support Branch. Responsibilities of the supervisory health scientist include: Direct and manage the operations of the branch with primary responsibility for providing leadership and guidance to branch staff; utilize subordinate team leaders to direct, coordinate, or oversee work; exercise significant responsibilities in dealing with officials of other units or organizations, or in advising management officials of higher rank; direct a program or major program segment with significant resources; and make decisions on work problems presented by subordinate team leaders, or similar personnel, or by contractors. The announcement closes on Nov. 21. For more details and to apply, [click here](#).

Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Seeks MI PRAMS Project Coordinator

The Michigan Department of Community Health Maternal & Child Health Epidemiology Section within the Life Course Epidemiology and Genomics Division is seeking qualified candidates for the part-time with benefits position, MI PRAMS project coordinator. This is a contract position with the Michigan Public Health Institute, but the coordinator will work at the Michigan Department of Community Health Central Office. The PRAMS project coordinator is responsible for coordinating all aspects of the Michigan Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), including the CDC PRAMS grant in collaboration with external and internal partners. The position monitors data collection and management procedures of the MI PRAMS survey, including ensuring the quality and timeliness of the data and preparation and dissemination of routine reports. The position also creates analytic files for epidemiologic analysis by MDCH staff. This position reports to the MCH

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epidemiology section manager who oversees the Michigan PRAMS and is PI of the CDC PRAMS grant. For a more detailed job announcement and online application instructions please visit the Michigan Public Health Institute site [here](#).

MDCH Accepting Applications for Michigan WIC Epidemiologist

This epidemiologist position will provide epidemiological expertise to the Bureau of Family, Maternal and Child Health and WIC Division. This position will serve as the recognized resource on all epidemiologic matters concerning the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). These responsibilities require a high level of epidemiological expertise, time management and the ability to make independent decisions and respond to multiple assignments. This position is responsible for creating, maintaining and managing large and complex data sets including the Michigan pediatrics and Pregnancy Surveillance Systems (PNSS & PedNSS) and the USDA Participant Characteristics (PC). Also, the person in this position creates and maintains linked datasets i.e. PedNSS linked to PNSS; WIC program data, PNSS & PedNSS linked to Michigan Vital Records Live Birth and Death Files. These data sets are very complex, requires extensive cleaning, evaluation of the WIC program data and more advanced data management skills to create a dataset required for advanced statistical analysis. Other advanced responsibilities for this position include epidemiologic study design and planning, statistical analysis, policy and program development, program evaluation, technical expertise and training. This position will play a crucial role in identifying and advising WIC program management on epidemiological priorities and collaboration with other maternal child health programs. This position also functions statewide and nationally as WIC data expert, writing technical reports, and presenting findings on WIC and other maternal and child health data as it relates to public health programs. To learn more, [click here](#).

North Carolina Accepting Applications for Early Intervention Branch Head

The North Carolina Early Intervention Branch serves as the state lead agency to carry out Part C of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA). This position requires experience with Part C of the IDEA program at state or national level, or experience with

another program for children with special health care needs, developmental disabilities or delays, or substantive health conditions, at state or national level. A minimum of three years of experience in directing, managing, and supervising program evaluation and analysis of data and policies is required. For more information, [click here](#).

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Maternal and Child Health Research Program

Deadline: *Dec. 5*

The R40 MCH Research Program supports applied research relating to maternal and child health services, including services for children with special health care needs. Research should demonstrate a substantial contribution to advancement of the current knowledge pool, and when used in states and communities should result in health and health services improvements. Findings from the research supported by the MCH Research Program are expected to strengthen and expand ACA implementation. This includes research that drives policy and service delivery of preventive and early intervention services for application in health care delivery programs or develops new knowledge on the impact of insurance coverage on health promotion. Research proposals should address critical MCH questions such as public health systems and infrastructure, health disparities, quality of care, and promoting the health of MCH populations, which also support the goals of the Health Resources and Services Administration. To learn more, [click here](#).

R40 Maternal and Child Health Research Program (SDAS)

Deadline: *Dec. 5*

The R40 MCH SDAS program supports applied research relating to maternal and child health services that utilizes exclusively the secondary analysis of existing national databases and/or administrative records. These projects should have the potential to improve health services and delivery of care for maternal and child health populations. Findings from the research supported by the MCH Research Program are expected to strengthen and expand Affordable Care Act (ACA) implementation. This

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includes research that drives policy and service delivery of preventive and early intervention services for application in health care delivery programs or develops new knowledge on the impact of insurance coverage on health promotion. To learn more, [click here](#).

NIH Children's Environmental Health and Disease Prevention Research Centers

Deadline: *Dec. 22*

This National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant applications should propose to support a transdisciplinary program of basic and applied research to examine the effects of environmental factors on children's health and well-being. Research conducted through the Centers should include substantive areas of science in children's health while incorporating innovative technologies and approaches and links to the environment. Letters of intent are due 30 days before application due date. To learn more, [click here](#).

William T. Grant Foundation Distinguished Fellows Grant

Deadline: *Jan. 6, 2015*

The Distinguished Fellows Grant awards up to \$175,000 for a fellowship for mid-career policymakers, practitioners and researchers who are influential in their role and able to affect attitudes and practices of others working in similar roles and settings. The grant supports researchers seeking to work in policy or practice settings, or policymakers and practitioners seeking to work in research settings. To learn more, [click here](#).

NIH Understanding Infancy and Early Childhood Factors That Influence Obesity

Deadline: *Feb. 5, 2015*

Institutions/organizations should propose to characterize or identify factors in early childhood that may increase or mitigate risk for weight gain and fill risk for development of obesity in children research gaps. Studies should propose research in young children and may also assess factors relevant to families of them. For more information, [click here](#).

NIH Patient Safety in the Context of Perinatal, Neonatal and Pediatric Care

Deadlines: *March 5, 2015 (R01) and March 16, 2015 (R21, R03)*

A wide range of collaborative research projects related to

patient safety in the context of perinatal, neonatal and pediatric care both in routine hospital settings and in the intensive care units related to:

The epidemiology of various domains of medical errors and consequent patient harm; Assessing the factors at various levels that contribute to such errors; and Intervention strategies at individual, systems, and institutional levels to help reduce and eliminate medical errors is encouraged. Available funding includes [Research Project \(R01\)](#), [Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant \(R21\)](#), and [Small Grant Program \(R03\)](#).

NIH Pregnancy in Women with Disabilities

Deadline: *March 5, 2015 (R01) and March 16, 2015 (R21)*

Grant applications should propose to investigate the incidence, course, and outcomes of pregnancy among women with disabilities. Areas of interest also include studies to inform counseling and strategies for addressing barriers to prenatal care, and management of pregnancy, the puerperium, and the transition to parenthood in order to optimize outcomes for women with physical, intellectual and developmental, and/or sensory disabilities and their families. Letters of intent are due 30 days before application due dates. Available funding includes [Research Project \(R01\)](#) and [Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant \(R21\)](#).

NIH Studies in Neonatal and Pediatric Resuscitation

Deadlines: *March 5, 2015 (R01) and March 16, 2015 (R21, R03)*

Grant applications should propose to stimulate research

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on a wide range of topics related to neonatal and pediatric resuscitation. It is anticipated that the results from well-conducted studies will enable translation of knowledge into evidence-based resuscitation practices ensuring optimal short- and long-term outcomes for all newborn infants and children. Letters of intent are due 30 days before application due dates. Available funding includes [Research Project \(R01\)](#), [Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant \(R21\)](#), and [Small Grant Program \(R03\)](#).

NIH Initiative to Maximize Research Education in Genomics Diversity Action Plan

Deadline: *Sept. 6, 2016*

NIH present this funding opportunity to facilitate the training of individuals at all careers levels (the undergraduate, graduate, post baccalaureate, postdoctoral and faculty levels) from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in scientific disciplines relevant to genomics to enable them to pursue genomics research that spans all areas of interest to National Human Genome Research Institute later in their careers. To learn more, [click here](#).

Exploratory and Developmental Grant to Improve Health Care Quality through Health IT

Deadline: *Nov. 16, 2016*

The purpose of this grant is to fund exploratory and developmental research grants that will contribute to the evidence base of how health information technology (IT) improves health care quality. This funding opportunity supports the use of a wide variety of research designs in order to generate information regarding the design and development, implementation, use, or impact of health IT on quality. For more information on grant PA-14-001 and more, [click here](#).

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Jan. 24-27, 2015
Washington, DC

MCH Events

[Public Health Law Research Annual Meeting](#)

Jan. 14-16, 2015
San Juan, Puerto Rico

[Children's Environmental Health Network \(CEHN\) 2015 Research Conference](#)

Feb. 4-6, 2015
Austin, TX

[National Health Policy Conference \(NHPC\)](#)

Feb. 9-10, 2015
Washington, DC

[2015 Preparedness Summit](#)

Apr. 14-17, 2015
Atlanta, GA

[Society for Public Health Education 66th Annual Meeting](#)

Apr. 23-25, 2015
Portland, OR

[National Network of Public Health Institutes Annual Conference](#)

May 12-14, 2015
New Orleans, LA

[31st Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity](#)

May 18-19, 2015
Honolulu, HI

[8th Biennial Childhood Obesity Conference](#)

Jun. 29-Jul. 2, 2015
San Diego, CA