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MANAGEMENT MINUTE

A can of worms does not open itself. – Seen on a Fortune Cookie

As I was thinking about what has happened in the last two weeks that might inform this Management Minute, my mind immediately went to my recent workout with a trainer, Vince. As I met Vince this week, I was complaining about both of my knees simultaneously hurting for no apparent reason. Still, I said “don’t worry, let’s just get through the workout, must be old age or something.” Professional that Vince is, however, said “let’s spend some time rolling you out today and see where to go from there.” Okay, sounds like fun (thinking it was much better to lie on a massage table versus row 2,000 meters). Sadly, it was not fun. Worse, it was downright painful. Vince used a trigger point roller to basically iron out every knot in my body for about 40 minutes. When I asked him why my body was so ridden with knots, he replied that there are lots of different causes, but in my case, having a desk job where I’m sitting a lot can cause calcium to build up in the muscles and create an intricate set of knots running from my hips to my feet. The most prevalent knots were actually on the outsides of my thighs and this can and will cause some knee pain from the knotting. I had opened the can of worms.

This got me thinking about choosing a good quote about the importance of exercise, health and well-being, especially for those of us with management positions that require a lot of desk duty. Imagine my fascination when looking through quotes I discovered a plethora of wonderful quotes on health and exercise from not only our founding fathers of this country (several from Thomas Jefferson) but even ancient Greece! My favorite quotes were all from Hippocrates. I’m ashamed to admit this, but I had no idea how amazing and influential this man was dating back to classical Greece around 456 BC. He had

the first insight into public health although he is more widely considered the founding father of clinical medicine. He was the first person to believe and teach that disease was not a punishment inflicted by the gods but rather the product of environmental factors, diet and living habits. Imagine that happening in ancient times and think about where we are today.

Another can of worms (and disheartening to boot). Anyway, these are some of my favorite Hippocrates quotes:

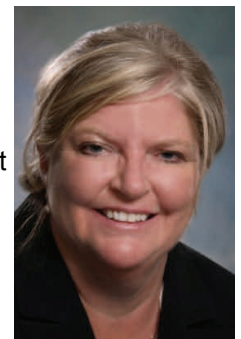
“If we could give every individual the right amount of nourishment and exercise, not too little and not too much, we would have found the safest way to health.”

“It is far more important to know what person the disease has than what disease the person has.”

“The physician must be able to tell the antecedents, know the present, and foretell the future – must mediate these things, and have two special objects in view with regard to disease, namely, to do good or to do no harm.”

“Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food.”

I chose the can of worms quote here because as I kept Googling, I kept learning new things, kept wanting to explore more. What I’d really like to leave you with this time, though, are two thoughts. How, after centuries and centuries of time, have we not made more progress in public health and people’s understanding of the impacts of environment, diet and living habits? And, lastly, what can we do to instill this in our workplaces where everyone, including thyself, work so hard we do not pay tribute to our health and well-being properly?



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On the second thought, I'm newly committed to talking with my staff about how we can better incorporate exercise, health and well-being into each AMCHPer's life. Can we have walking meetings instead of sitting meetings? Can we take breaks and walk at lunch? Can we incorporate an exercise class once a month? If you've done this especially well, let me know. I'm interested to learn of what has worked in your jobs, as well as encourage you to consider this for your own staff.

Comments, counterpoints, suggestions or thoughts are always welcomed. E-mail me at lfreeman@amchp.org.

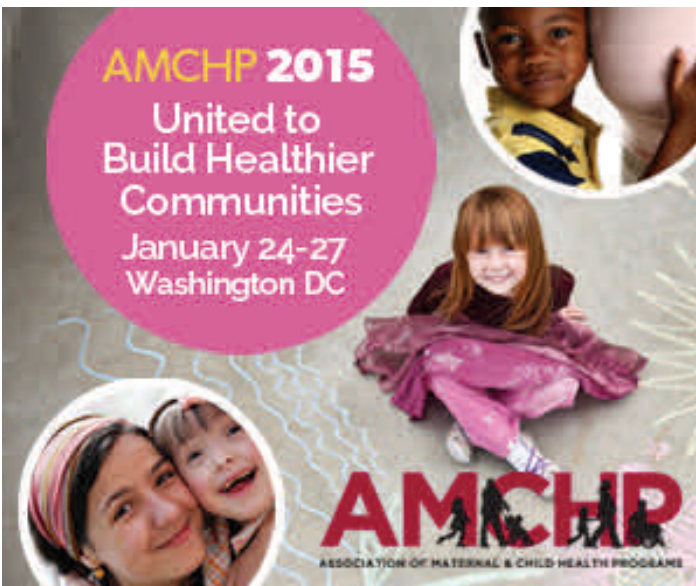
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Elections, Lame Ducks & Preparing for AMCHP Hill Day 2015

Political junkies everywhere are eagerly anticipating the results of this Tuesday's election – with cooler heads predicting that potential run-offs in Georgia or Louisiana could mean that the balance of power might not be known for several weeks. Either way, AMCHP, as a nonpartisan organization, is eager to work with the new Congress to promote vital investments in MCH programs. We will be watching closely for changes on the key appropriations committees and looking to cultivate new champions for our cause.

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AMCHP also is working through various coalitions to push Congress to take action on key health programs in a lame duck session scheduled for mid-November – including extension of the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Community Health Center expansion funding. At press time it is unclear which, if any of these, Congress might address in a lame duck and which will need action in 2015.

Plan for AMCHP Hill Day

Stay tuned for the announcement of a webinar to prepare you for Hill visits, but if you are attending the upcoming AMCHP Annual Conference please start planning now to visit your elected officials. We will be adapting our training this year to accommodate both participants who can engage in direct advocacy and those who may only engage in education. With a new Congress beginning in January, it is the perfect time to share information and educate them on continuing MCH needs in your state. Elected officials need to hear about the vitality of the Title V program as the health insurance coverage environment is changing with the Affordable Care Act; the need to reauthorize the sections of Title V that fund the MIECHV program, the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) and the Family to Family Health Information Centers (F2Fs); and extend funding for CHIP. We will be updating our traditional Title V Hill Day materials and make them available on-site at registration. If you have questions or need any assistance in the interim, including scheduling your meetings, please contact Brent Ewig, AMCHP director of policy, at bewig@amchp.org or 202-266-3041 or Amy Haddad, associate director for government relations at ahaddad@amchp.org or 202-266-3045.

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Applications open for the 2014-2015 Ryan Colburn Scholarship!

Ryan Colburn was an amazing young man with varied interests ranging from singing in a choir to sports (he was an avid Auburn and Atlanta Braves fan and played the outfield in Miracle League Baseball). He touched the hearts and lives of all he came in contact with his contagious personality and unforgettable smile. Ryan

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also carried a strong message to the disability community imploring others with disabilities to live life to the fullest. In honor of his life and his affirming message to the disability community, family leader, advocate and AMCHP board member Susan Colburn, in partnership with AMCHP, established the Ryan Colburn Scholarship in 2011 to keep alive the work that Ryan had started in the recent years before his passing, speaking at local and national conferences about growing up with a disability and the spreading the message of the importance of living life to the fullest. The scholarship provides support for a youth-with-disabilities leader to attend the AMCHP Annual Conference, connect with family leaders, and continue to spread Ryan's message of hope. Please share this valuable opportunity with a youth leader you know, and/or pass it through your channels to reach youth leaders who may be interested. The deadline for Scholarship applications is **8 p.m. EST on Friday, Nov. 7**. To learn more about the scholarship, please [click here](#) or contact Michelle Jarvis at 202-775-1472.

Now Accepting Applications: AMCHP Emerging MCH Leadership Graduate Student Scholarship

AMCHP and Go Beyond MCH are offering a graduate student scholarship. This scholarship is designed to assist one graduate student per year in furthering their education while sponsoring their attendance at the AMCHP Annual Conference to hone their leadership skills and connect them with existing leaders within MCH. The deadline to submit application materials is by 8 p.m. EST on Nov. 17. To learn more and to see the application requirements, [click here](#).

Healthy People 2020 Public Comment is Now Open!

The public comment period for Healthy People 2020 is officially open and live! The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is soliciting written comments regarding new objectives proposed to be added to Healthy People 2020 since the last public comment period in fall 2013. Healthy People 2020 will continue to provide opportunities for public input periodically throughout the decade to ensure that Healthy People 2020 reflects current public health priorities and

public input. Comments will be accepted through Nov. 7. New Objectives are proposed for both the Maternal, Infant and Child Health and Early and Middle Childhood Topic Areas. To access the public comment page, [click here](#).

MCH Student Paired Practica Project for Summer 2015—DEADLINE EXTENDED!

The National MCH Workforce Development Center, in cooperation with the University of Illinois School of Public Health and Howard University, will support a Paired Practica Project in summer 2015. Through the project, master's or doctoral students/recent graduates from the 13 Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)-funded SPH training programs and undergraduates from the Howard University MCH Pipeline Program will be supported in undertaking paired practica projects identified by state Title V programs as they respond to and implement health reform.

Applications are due by Nov. 10. For more information about how the Paired Practica Project works, see an article in the [August 2014 issue of AMCHP Pulse](#). For a state Title V program application, please visit the National MCH Workforce Center website by clicking [here](#).

Upcoming Webinar on CSHCN and Unintentional Injuries

Dr. Patty Huang, a developmental pediatrician at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, will be discussing key factors placing Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) at risk for unintentional injury, common mechanisms of unintentional injury and describing some injury prevention strategies that every family of CSHCN should know. The Adobe Connect webinar is scheduled on Monday, Nov. 10 from 9:30-10:15 a.m. CST. It is jointly sponsored by the [Injury and Violence Prevention](#) and [CYSHCN](#) Programs, Division of Public Health, in the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

In order to participate, please click [here](#) five to 10 minutes before the webinar begins. When the meeting login screen appears, please enter the meeting as a guest, type in your *first* and *last* name, and click *Enter Room*. A chat window will be provided for questions to the speaker. To ensure that your computer is compatible with Adobe Connect, a few days before the webinar click on [this test link](#).

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MCHB Webinar on MCH and the Built Environment

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) is pleased to announce the next DataSpeak Web conference titled "Effects of the Built Environment on Maternal and Child Health." This program will take place on Monday, Nov. 10 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. EST. This DataSpeak will explore current research into how the built environment can influence reproductive health, child development and mental health outcomes. Presentations will be made by Gary Evans, PhD, from the College of Human Ecology at Cornell University. Dr. Evans will present research on the effects of environmental factors such as pollution and housing quality on child development and psychological health; and Lynne Messer, PhD, MPH, from the College of Urban and Public Affairs at Portland State University. Dr. Messer will discuss how she has used data on environmental quality to explore health disparities in reproductive and mental health outcomes. To register for this event, please [click here](#).

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 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.**

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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.

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES

General Maternal & Child Health

New Resources on Ebola Guidance for MCH Providers

The following resources complement the guidance for Ebola from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#). The first [report](#) published in *JAMA Pediatrics*, “Ebola Virus Disease and Children: What Pediatric Health Care Professionals Need to Know” provides guidance for pediatric health care professionals for assessing Ebola in children. The second [report](#) published in *Obstetrics and Gynecology*, “What Obstetrician-Gynecologists Should Know About Ebola: A Perspective From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention” provides general background information on Ebola and specifically addresses what is known about Ebola virus disease in pregnancy and the implications for practicing obstetrician-gynecologists (ob-gyns) in the United States.

Women's & Infant Health

New Study on Sofas and Infant Mortality

This article published in *Pediatrics*, describes factors associated with infant deaths on sofas. Deaths on sofas were found to account for 12.9 percent of sleep-related infant deaths. They were more likely than deaths in other locations to be classified as accidental suffocation or strangulation. To view the article, [click here](#).



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Child & Adolescent Health

New Publication on Family-Centered Care for CSHCN

This new publication from the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health and University of California San Francisco, *A Review of the Literature Pertaining to Family-Centered Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs*, provides an overview of findings from selected research on family-centered care for CSHCN. It examines what has been learned about the problems families face in having their needs met, and how high-quality family-centered care might be developed and implemented. To access the report, [click here](#).

Publication Released on Medical Homes in California

This report from the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health, *The Missing Piece: Medical Homes for California's Children with Medical Complexity*, analyzes the efforts of 11 California medical centers to develop complex care clinics capable of delivering comprehensive, quality care to children with medical complexity in a medical home setting. The report outlines the key challenges to developing these clinics and recommends strengthening their support and expanding their partnerships to develop regional models of care. To view the report, [click here](#).

National Health Law Program Brief on Sexual Health Education for Adolescents Enrolled in Medicaid

This brief focuses on opportunities for children and adolescents enrolled in Medicaid and some Children's Health Insurance Programs to receive periodic comprehensive screenings that include sexual health education. Contents from *EPSDT Screening: Including Sexuality Education in Health Education* include information about the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit, key components of the required medical screen including



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health education and anticipatory guidance, the need for sexual health education and the challenges to ensuring its provision. Descriptions of key resources are included. To learn more, [click here](#).

Child Trends Brief on Diversity within Family Support Programs

This brief, *Culture Counts: Engaging Black and Latino Parents of Young Children in Family Support Programs*, provides an overview of family support programs and identifies the features and strategies that may be most effective for reaching and engaging Black and Latino families, with the ultimate goal of supporting young children's development. Contents include a synthesis of available research on parent engagement and potential barriers to their engagement in family support services and programs. Recommendations for designing, adapting and evaluating culturally relevant family support programs and services are also included. To access the brief, [click here](#).

AHRQ National Quality Strategy Priorities in Action Features School-Based Health Centers in Connecticut

The latest edition of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) National Quality Strategy *Priorities in Action* features the Connecticut Association of School Based Health Centers, an advocacy and networking organization committed to increasing access to quality health care for children and adolescents in Connecticut schools. The state's 88 school-based health centers (SBHCs) provide physical, mental and oral health services to more than 44,000 students in 22 Connecticut communities each year and have become a key part of Connecticut's comprehensive coordinated care system for children and adolescents. To learn more, [click here](#).

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- On Oct. 5, AMCHP staff Treeby Brown and Meredith Pyle, along with National Academy of State Health Policy (NASHP) partner Karen VanLandeghem convened a National Work Group for Improving Quality Systems of Care for CYSHCN meeting in Atlanta, GA. The meeting, sponsored by the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health, allowed AMCHP and NASHP to gather work group guidance on key considerations for the translation, use and application of the [National Standards for Systems of Care for CYSHCN](#) by state entities and to discuss parameters for the development of metrics that could align with the standards.
- On Oct. 6, AMCHP staff Treeby Brown and Meredith Pyle represented AMCHP at the NASHP sponsored "Cultivating a Health Future: A Conversation Among EPSDT Coordinators and Title V Directors" meeting in Atlanta, GA. The meeting brought together state EPSDT coordinators with several state Title V CYSHCN directors to explore opportunities for relationship building, shared learning and collaboration around screenings, treatment for Medicaid-enrolled children and care coordination strategies, as well as discussion of the [National Standards for Systems of Care for CYSHCN](#).
- On Oct. 16, AMCHP staff Megan Phillippi hosted an AMCHP exhibit at the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) fifth annual "5K Run/Walk/Roll." This goal of this event was to raise awareness about infant mortality, particularly in those communities where the rates are above the U.S. average. This event highlighted ongoing research efforts supported by NICHD in addressing this public health concern.
- On Oct. 28, AMCHP staff Amy Haddad represented AMCHP at a meeting of the Coalition for Health Funding with Office of Management and Budget Program Associate Director for Health, Dr. Julian Harris and, Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council, Cecelia Munoz. The meeting was off the record, but topics included FY 2016 funding for public health programs and the importance of sharing personal stories to demonstrate the impact of funding cuts to these programs in recent years.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Seeks 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](#).



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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The Career Center is the premiere online job board for individuals seeking employment in MCH 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!



National Technical Resource Center for Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention (Center)

Deadline: *Nov. 10*

The purpose of the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening (UNHS) program is to utilize specifically targeted and measurable interventions to increase the number of infants who are followed up for rescreening, referral and intervention after having not passed a physiologic newborn screening examination prior to discharge from the newborn nursery. The focus of the Center will be to provide to state Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) programs training and technical assistance for planning, policy development, implementing innovations and quality improvement methodology to reduce their loss to follow-up rate/loss to documentation (LTF/D), i.e. the number of infants who do not receive timely and appropriate screening follow-up and coordinated interventions. The goals of the Center are to: (1) improve the performance of state EHDI programs in decreasing the loss to follow-up rates by 5 percent per year, especially in rural and underserved communities; and (2) increase to 100 percent the number of state EHDI programs that have incorporated quality improvement methodology and processes into their operations. To learn more, [click here](#).

Reducing Loss to Follow-up after Failure to Pass Newborn Hearing Screening

Deadline: *Nov. 10*

HRSA is soliciting applications for the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention Program. This announcement solicits proposals for reducing the loss to

follow-up of infants who have not passed a physiologic newborn hearing screening examination prior to discharge from the newborn nursery by utilizing specifically targeted and measurable interventions. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to further focus efforts to improve the loss to LTF/D by utilizing specific interventions such as quality improvement methodology to achieve measurable improvement in the numbers of infants who receive appropriate and timely follow-up. For more information, [click here](#).

Strengthen Evidence Base for Maternal and Child Health Programs Cooperative Agreement

Deadline: *Nov. 10*

The purpose of this program is to provide support and resources to assist state Title V MCH programs in developing evidence-based or evidence-informed State Action Plans as well as in responding to the National Outcome Measures, National Performance Measures, State Performance Measures and state-initiated Structural/Process Measures. This will facilitate the transformation of the Title V MCH Services Block Grant program. To learn more, [click here](#).

NIH Interventions for Youth Who Misuse/ Abuse Prescription Stimulant Medications

Deadline: *Nov. 13*

This National Institutes of Health (NIH) announcement solicits U01 applications conducting either hypothesis-driven or hypothesis-generating controlled research to build an evidence base to address the problem of prescription stimulant medication (PSM) misuse in youth. Specifically this solicits research applications that develop and test the efficacy of interventions to either prevent or reduce the misuse and diversion of PSMs among high school students and/or college students. Animal studies and epidemiological research will be considered unresponsive. For more information, [click here](#).

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program

Deadline: *Nov. 14*

Outreach Program is a community-based program targeted to improve outreach and service delivery in local and regional rural communities. The goals for the Outreach Program are the following: 1) Expand the

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delivery of health care services to include new and enhanced services exclusively in rural communities; 2) Deliver health care services through a strong consortium, in which every consortium member organization is actively involved and engaged in the planning and delivery of services; 3) Utilize and/or adapt an evidence-based or promising practice model(s) in the delivery of health care services; 4) Improve population health, demonstrate health outcomes and sustainability. To learn more, [click here](#).

NIH Assessment and Improvement Tools for Neurologic Outcomes in Perinatal Medicine

Deadline: *Nov. 17*

The goal of this initiative is to develop tools and technology for diagnosis, intervention and improvement of outcomes for pregnancies and infants with known neurologic disease or infants at high risk for neurologic complications. Available funding includes [Small Business Technology Transfer Grant \(R41\)](#) and [Small Business Innovation Research Grant \(R43\)](#).

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 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*

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

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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 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](#).

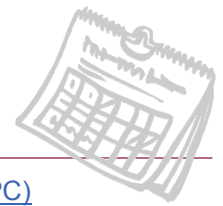
Exploratory and Developmental Grant to Improve Health Care Quality through Health IT

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](#).



CALENDAR



AMCHP Events

[AMCHP 2015](#)

Jan. 24-27, 2015

Washington, DC

MCH Events

[American Public Health Association \(APHA\) 2014 Annual Meeting and Exposition](#)

Nov. 15-19

New Orleans, LA

[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

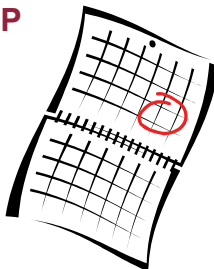
[8th Biennial Childhood Obesity Conference](#)

Jun. 29-Jul. 2, 2015

San Diego, CA

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