

Member Briefs



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THE ASSOCIATION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS



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Update

On Sept. 18, the U.S. Senate approved a Continuing Resolution (CR) that provides ongoing funding for all federal programs including the Title V Maternal & Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant through Dec. 11, 2014. The bill was previously approved by the House and is expected to be signed shortly by President Obama. This stop-gap measure is necessary because Congress has not passed any regular appropriations bills prior to the upcoming Oct. 1 start of FY 2015. This bill also includes \$88 million in new funding to address the Ebola outbreak in Africa, which necessitated a .06 percent across the board cut to stay within pre-established budget caps. Our initial analysis shows this will reduce the Title V MCH Block Grant by approximately \$350,000, but we will need confirmation and timing logistics from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Budget office.

What Happens Next

Congress will need to revisit FY 2014 appropriations again prior to Dec. 11, and is expected to do so in a lame duck session set to convene in mid November. At this time it is unknown how Congress will address funding levels for the remainder of the fiscal year. As a reminder, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health passed a bill earlier this summer that proposed a \$5 million increase to the Title V MCH Services Block Grant, which would bring the program to \$639 million. Last week, Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), ranking member of the House Appropriations Health Subcommittee, released a bill mirroring that level. This is a positive affirmation on how some members of Congress are prioritizing Title V and an indication of where key MCH champions would begin negotiations. Through our participation in the [Coalition for Health Funding](#), we are part of a broad effort urging Congress “to make

appropriations legislation a priority in the lame duck session, and work in earnest to enact final omnibus spending legislation for fiscal year 2015 before the end of the calendar year.” AMCHP will also continue to urge Congress to fund the Title V MCH Block Grant at the proposed \$639 level, and will provide additional updates when the lame duck session convenes.

What Can You Do?

It's not too early to start planning to visit with your elected officials during the [AMCHP Annual Conference](#) in January 2015! As in previous years, we are encouraging all attendees who are able to schedule meetings on the Hill for Tues. Jan. 27, so please mark your calendar now. Next year there will be a new Congress to educate on both the ongoing needs for the Title V MCH Services Block Grant as well as the imperative to renew funding for critical programs including the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV), the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP), the Family to Family Health Information Centers program, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). We encourage you to begin the process soon if you need to seek approval to participate, and will schedule both online and on-site trainings for both beginner and veteran advocates closer to the Annual Conference. Thanks as always for your work to improve maternal and child health.





Are your peers innovative and outstanding leaders? Nominate them for a 2015 AMCHP award!

AMCHP recognizes leadership in MCH in several ways, including awards presented to MCH leaders to honor their excellence in the field. These awards will be presented at the 2015 AMCHP Annual Conference, Jan. 24-27 in Washington, DC.

AMCHP is now accepting nominations for the following:

- **John MacQueen Lecture Award** for innovation in the field of maternal and child health
- **Excellence In State MCH Leadership Award** for an outstanding state MCH professional whose career has made significant contributions to the health of women, children and families in their state
- **Merle McPherson Leadership Award** for exemplary contributions to further family/state professional collaboration within a state Title V Program and AMCHP
- **Vince Hutchins Leadership Award** for leadership in promoting a society responsive to the needs of women, children, youth and families
- **Young MCH Professional Award** for significant contributions to state MCH programs in promoting and protecting the health of women, children, and families in their state and/or region

For more information and the nomination guidelines for these awards, [click here](#).

Please note: All awards use the same nomination form, but a separate form must be submitted per nominee, per award.



Family Engagement Survey – Coming this fall!

Families are a critical part of Title V programs. AMCHP, with support from the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), wants to know more about how state Title V programs, both MCH and children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN), are involving families in the work of Title V. A survey looking at this very issue is currently in development and will be fielded this fall (October). Your input is critical to help us identify what is working and what is challenging – to help shape our work related to family engagement moving forward. For more information regarding this project or the survey, contact AMCHP staff Sharron Corle at scorle@amchp.org.

Upcoming Healthy People 2020 Webinars

Join Healthy People 2020 for the upcoming spotlight webinar, *Healthy People 2020: Promoting and Measuring Well-Being and Health-Related Quality of Life Webinar*, on Sept. 25 from 12:30-2 p.m. EST. Health-related quality of life and well-being (HRQOL/WB) is a multidimensional concept that includes domains related to physical, mental, emotional and social functioning. Since people are living longer than ever before, this view helps us to move beyond the narrow and traditional perspective of death and illness measurements of population health to focus on the impact that health status has on quality of life. Learn why HRQOL/WB measures are important and how these measures are related to Healthy People 2020 and other national health initiatives. You also will hear from two organizations that use HRQOL/QB measures to track population health. For more information and to register, [click here](#).



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Global Health & Innovation Annual Conference

The Global Health & Innovation Conference is the world's largest global health conference and social entrepreneurship conference. This thought-leading conference annually convenes 2,200 leaders, changemakers, students, and professionals from all fields of global health, international development and social entrepreneurship. The 2015 conference will take place Mar. 28-29, 2015 at Yale University in New Haven, CT. Register now to secure the lowest registration rate at uniteforsight.org/conference. Interested in presenting at the conference? [Submit an abstract](#) by Sept. 30 for consideration.

Upcoming LCRN Webinars

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

- Using the New England Family Study (NEFS) to Conduct Life Course Analyses, on Oct. 23 from 9-10 a.m. PST. This webinar features Stephen Buka, ScD, presenting on NEFS, a 50-year, three-generation longitudinal study of 17,000 infants born in New England in the 1960s. The NEFS is aimed at identifying obstetric and genetic risk factors for neuropsychiatric and other medical disorders with developmental origins, including schizophrenia, bipolar and major affective disorders, substance use, learning disabilities, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and cardiovascular disease. Register [here](#).
- 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](#).

Congratulations Family Leaders!

AMCHP congratulates the 2013-2014 cohort for completion of the Family Scholars Program! Scholars and Mentors participated in 10 months of leadership activities that provided knowledge, tools and resources to enhance their development as family leaders, and to promote policies, programs and systems at the national, state and/or local-level that address important issues impacting the health and well-being of women, children and families, including children and youth with special health care needs.

Family Scholars	State	Region
Tanja O'Brocta	NY	2
Tami Montemayor	OR	10
Robin Mathea	WI	5
Susan Wood	HI	9
Phyllis Shingle	NM	6
Susan Bird	MO	7

Family Mentors	State	Region
Laura Warren	TX	6
Sondra Gilbert	KY	4

Please look for our next announcement of family leaders selected for the 2014-2015 cohort!

"This is my first experience with Leadership Development of this caliber. I look at myself differently because of this experience. I am confident, focused and enthusiastic. The information shared through our monthly webinars and the training around the MCH competencies, my individual development plan, having access to professional coaching and the outstanding example that the AMCHP staff modeled all have brought me to a point in my professional and personal life that is focused, deliberate and very rewarding." – Member of 2013-2014 cohort

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Scientific Writing for Peer Reviewed Publications for Public Health Professionals Course

On Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., as part of the Learning Institute at the 142nd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association (APHA) in New Orleans, LA, this course will help public health practitioners turn their work into manuscripts for publication. The two trainers are experienced in teaching this topic: Dr. Kogan is the director of epidemiology and research at MCHB, and has served on various editorial boards, as well as edited special issues of *Pediatrics* and the *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, while Dr. Posner is the editor-in-chief of the *Preventing Chronic Disease* journal at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Both presenters have published more than 100 articles. The trainers will be assisted by other experienced authors or editors who will work with the class on partially-completed manuscripts that students will be asked to bring to class. To learn more, [click here](#).



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

You'll have a chance to:

- Share successes with your peers
- Enhance the MCH field
- Contribute to program replication
- Get expert feedback from the Review Panel
- Receive national recognition

The online submission process is simple and applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For more information, contact [Kate Taft](#) at (202) 266-3056 or visit amchp.org/bestpractices.

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

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



General Maternal & Child Health

Epi Info™ Web Survey

The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE), in partnership with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is launching Epi Info™ Web Survey, a survey system that allows the survey designer to collect information from participants over the internet. The ability to distribute and collect surveys remotely is unique to Epi Info™ 7 and provides survey designers access to a wide variety and number of participants. Participants access the web survey and submit their responses through a web browser or mobile device. Epi Info™ is a series of freely-distributable tools and utilities for Microsoft Windows for use by public health professionals to conduct outbreak investigations, manage databases for public health surveillance and other tasks and general database and statistics applications. It enables physicians, epidemiologists, and other public health and medical officials to rapidly develop a questionnaire or form, customize the data entry process, and enter and analyze data. For more information Epi Info™, please click [here](#). To create an account for your organization, complete the application form by clicking [here](#). You will receive an email with configuration settings to publish surveys to the web using Epi Info™ Web Survey.

For questions about this new application available at cste.org, please email epiinfo@cste.org.

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Publishes 10th Evaluation Highlight

This *Highlight* from the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Quality Demonstration Grant Program, focuses on the roles of North Carolina and Pennsylvania in the evolution of the children's electronic health record (EHR) format. Both states are using CHIPRA quality demonstration grant funds to test how well the format's requirements support the provision of primary care to children and how readily the requirements can be incorporated into existing EHRs. The experiences and feedback from North Carolina and Pennsylvania have implications for states and other stakeholders interested in using EHRs as a tool for measuring and improving children's health care quality. To access the *Highlight*, [click here](#).

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Study Finds MRSA on Common Household Surfaces

Researchers at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, found methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) on household surfaces in 46 percent of homes where children had a culture-positive active or recent community-associated MRSA infection. Researchers took samples from 50 households and found MRSA on commonly touched surfaces, most frequently on bed linens, TV remote-control devices and bathroom hand towels. There also was an association between MRSA contamination and more individuals present per 1,000-square-foot area. MRSA strains matching those infecting and colonizing household members were present on commonly handled surfaces, a factor that likely perpetuates MRSA transmission and recurrent disease. The study, "Contamination of Environmental Surfaces with *Staphylococcus aureus* in Households With Children Infected With Methicillin-Resistant *S. aureus*," was published online in *JAMA Pediatrics*. To learn more, [click here](#).

Women's & Infant Health

National Academy for State Health Policy Releases Prenatal Fact Sheets

This series of fact sheets showcase state policies and programs in four states -- California, Illinois, Massachusetts and Washington -- that support improvement of early entry into prenatal care. The fact sheets also highlight how federally qualified health centers in these states are leveraging the state policies and programs to promote early entry into prenatal care as part of a patient-centered medical home. The fact sheets can be accessed [here](#).

Child & Adolescent Health

New Guide to Evidence-Based Programs for Adolescent Health

This guide for health professionals and communities, released by the Adolescent and Young Adult Health Information Center, contains an annotated list of resources and accompanying tools for implementing evidence-based adolescent health programs. *A Guide to Evidence-Based Programs for Adolescent Health: Programs, Tools, and More*, defines evidence-based programs, explains how they are used and identifies limitations of existing programs. The resources in the guide are organized by health topics adapted from the focus areas of the Healthy People 2020 Core Indicators for Adolescent and Young Adult Health. Topics include healthy development, unintentional injury, violence, mental health, substance use, sexual health, obesity, physical activity and tobacco. The guide is available [here](#).

Study Published on Substance Abuse Among High School Seniors

Social Context of Substance Use Among U.S. High School Seniors: A Multicohort National Study aimed to determine the social contexts associated with the past-year substance use (multiple substances, alcohol, marijuana and nonmedical use of prescription opioids, stimulants and tranquilizers) among U.S. high school seniors. Using a secondary analysis of nationally representative survey data from 10 cohorts (2002–2011) of the Monitoring the Future study, researchers found that the social contexts associated with the past-year substance use varied considerably based on the substance used. The most prevalent location for alcohol, marijuana, and polydrug use was at a party, whereas nonmedical use of prescription stimulants, tranquilizers and opioids was most likely to occur at home. Most types of substance use occurred in the presence of other people with the exception of nonmedical use of prescription stimulants, which was a more solitary behavior. Researchers concluded that these exploratory findings indicate that prevention efforts may need to account for differences in social contexts between types of substances used. To view the abstract for this study, [click here](#).



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New MCH Library Knowledge Path about Adolescent Girls and Women with Mental Health

This knowledge path aims to bridge the public health and mental health information needs of professionals on approaches to promoting optimal health and wellness for women of childbearing age who experience a mental, emotional or behavioral health condition. The resource covers topics relevant to health promotion and disease prevention for all women, and specifically for women with mental and behavioral health disorders. Topics include reproductive and maternal health, intentional injury, chronic conditions, healthy behaviors and health disparities. Contents include websites, distance learning tools, reports, data and statistics, journal articles and other literature and research and guides on related topics. The Knowledge Path can be found [here](#).

New Guide for Strengthening EPSDT and Children's Health Insurance Programs

This guide, *Making Connections: Strategies for Strengthening Care Coordination in the Medicaid Benefit for Children and Adolescents*, presents proven strategies for strengthening care coordination to increase the effective use of services covered by Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) and Children's Health Insurance Programs. The guide, produced by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, describes four strategies that have been implemented by multiple states and have produced outcomes demonstrating the value of improved care coordination. The strategies include building care coordination into provider standards for medical homes, supporting primary care providers through care coordination entities, building care coordination requirements into managed care contracts and implementing a multifaceted intervention to improve coordination across systems. Examples and resources for states are included. The guide can be accessed [here](#).

CDC Releases Guides for School Health Plan

School Health Index: A Self-Assessment and Planning Guide provides step-by-step instructions for creating a school health improvement plan. The guides are designed to help communities identify the strengths and weaknesses of school policies and programs for promoting health and safety; develop an action plan for

improving student health and safety; and involve teachers, parents, students, and other community members in improving school policies, programs and services. Contents include instructions for site coordinators, eight self-assessment modules and an action plan component. Topics include school health and safety policies and environment; health education; physical education and other physical activity programs; nutrition services; school health services; school counseling, psychological and social services; health promotion for staff; and family and community involvement. To learn more, [click here](#).

ON YOUR BEHALF

- On Sept. 18, AMCHP staff Brent Ewig participated in a briefing at the Urban Institute entitled, [How Our Current Budget Priorities Are Shaping Our Children's Future](#). The event included the release of *Kids Share 2013: Federal Expenditures on Children in 2012 and Future Projections*, a seventh annual report, looks comprehensively at federal spending and taxes on children. One of the key findings presented is that over the next decade, outlays on children are projected to decline from 10 percent to 8 percent of the federal budget. To learn more about the Kids' Share project and its findings, please visit the [Web page here](#).
- On Sept. 12, AMCHP policy team members Brent Ewig and Amy Haddad participated in a quarterly strategy meeting on promoting the Prevention Fund convened by the Trust for America's Health.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

AMCHP Seeks Associate Director, Health Reform Implementation (#14-10006)

The associate director, health reform implementation is accountable for the development, implementation and evaluation of program activities within AMCHP's National Center for Health Reform Implementation through cooperative agreements and grants, including health reform activities that are part of the National MCH Workforce Development Center. The associate director reports to the director of programs and serves as liaison to the policy team. S/he leads efforts with AMCHP to 1) track, analyze, and report on federal and state legislation and programs impacting state maternal and child health programs and 2) help maternal and child health (MCH) programs improve health outcomes for women, children, and families through implementation of federal and state health reforms. To learn more, [click here](#).

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Opens Search Injury Prevention and Adolescent Health Program Manager

This position evaluates work procedures and plans the development and modification of data, policies and procedures for state and federal programs with respect to injury prevention and adolescent health. Responsibilities include working collaboratively with state and federal experts to develop and adapt program initiatives relative to injury prevention and adolescent health, based on best practices supported by research; preparing and reviewing grants and contracting for the delivery of required services including, but not limited to the CDC Rape Prevention and Education Grant and appropriate sections of the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant, Title V MCH Services Block Grant, etc.; and

preparing progress reports relative to the above grants and other grants as required; reviewing and presenting injury prevention and adolescent health reports for use by administrators for decision-making and policy development and seeking additional funds to support injury prevention and adolescent program objectives and goals. For more information, [click here](#).

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Seeks Family Planning Program Specialist

The family planning program specialist ensures effective state family planning program operations through management of federal and state funding or grants, supervision of staff, evaluation of work procedures and the development and modification of policies, data, procedures and guidelines for the state program. This position works in collaboration with other MCH professionals to ensure coordination of women's health activities, programs and planning. Responsibilities include reviewing and analyzing data, including statistical, fiscal and agency progress reports such as the family planning client visit record data system and family planning agency progress reports, to ensure compliance with federal reporting requirements; conducting surveys, studies, evaluations, needs assessments and preparing reports to direct program policy planning and resource allocation; preparing, reviewing and administering Federal Title X grant to ensure federal funding for the continuation of family planning services; reviewing and presenting family planning reports for use by administrators for decision making and policy development; and coordinating on-going program planning and developing program plan which includes long and short term goal setting, detailed objectives and activities and annual timeline, which is integrated into the federal Title X grant. To learn more, [click here](#).

AMCHP CAREER CENTER

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!

Oklahoma State Department of Health Seeks Preventive Medical Consultant (Social Work Coordinator)

This position serves as the Public Health Social Work coordinator and SIDS/Infant Safe Sleep coordinator. Primary responsibilities include coordination of public health social work and outreach services and administration of the Infant Safe Sleep/SIDS Program. Primary responsibilities include coordination of public

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health social work and outreach services and administration of the Infant Safe Sleep/SIDS Program. Typical functions of this position may include but are not limited to: Provide consultation to MCH areas including Child and Adolescent Health Division, Perinatal and Reproductive Health Division, and MCH Assessment; provide technical assistance to public health social workers (PHSW) statewide on MCH programs and, as needed, other CFHS (Community and Family Health Services) programs; serves as a liaison between Community and Family Health Services (CFHS) and MCH programs with PHSW technical supervisors. For more information about this position, [click here](#).

North Carolina Accepting Applications for Women and Children's Health Section Chief

This position provides leadership, medical consultation and direction, overall guidance for policy, planning and accountability for the Section and the programs located within the Section. The position provides development and implementation of appropriate statewide health policy on issues related to women's and children's health issues; development of programs and initiatives with local health departments, nonprofits, the business and faith communities to address women's and children's health issues; accountability for contracted deliverables, funds spent and improved outcomes in communities; medical direction and consultation to Section programs, all 85 local health departments, related agencies and Section staff; statewide medical and public health leadership outside the Division of Public Health to physicians and other health professionals and their related organizations' leadership within the Division of Public Health; and representation for the State Health Director when requested. This position reports to the State Health Director and assists the State Health Director in formulating policies relevant to the health and wellbeing of the state's women, infants, children and families to assure consistency with the vision and direction of the Public Health Division and the expectations of state/federal and private funding sources. For more information, [click here](#).

Ohio State University Opens Search for Disability Health Program Policy Analyst

Ohio State University is seeking a disability health program policy analyst to collaborate in the development of policy initiatives and to fulfill the goals of The Ohio Disability and Health Program at The Ohio State

University Nisonger Center and the Ohio Department of Health. Roles and responsibilities include: actively participates in the development and establishment of policies to promote the health of Ohioans with disabilities; conducts complex policy/research analyses of broad range of programs and activities related to disability and health; researches and analyzes data on health status, cost, quality, use and access to health care services for individuals with disabilities; collaborates with appropriate state entities and disability organizations internal and external to the Department of Health; represents the Ohio Disability and Health Program to external parties; maintains knowledge of issues related to disability and health other duties as assigned. To learn more about this position, [click here](#).

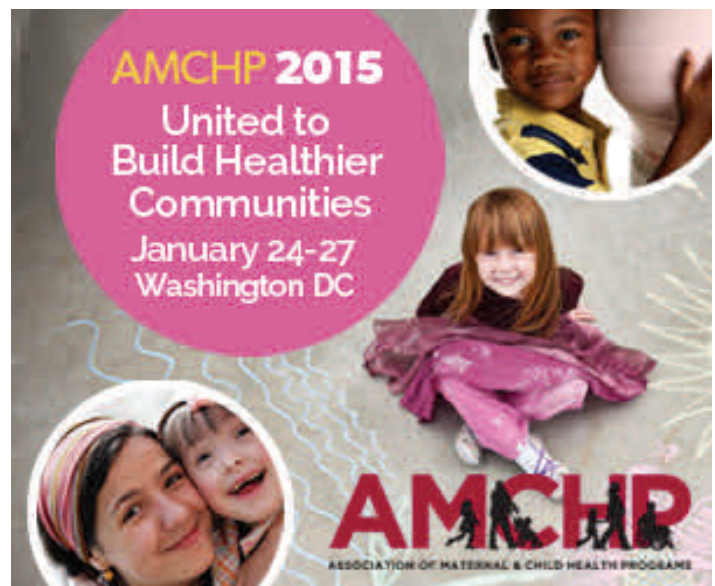
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Reducing Disparities in Breastfeeding through Peer and Professional Lactation Support Project

Deadline: Oct. 10

With support from the CDC, the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is pleased to offer a funding opportunity for local health departments (LHDs) and community-based public, private, non-profit or faith-based organizations to provide peer and professional lactation support to African American and underserved (e.g. ethnic minority group or low-income) women and infants. The purpose of this project is to



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increase implementation of evidence-based and innovative breastfeeding programs, practices, and services at the community level, specifically focused on peer and professional lactation support to breastfeeding mothers in predominantly African American communities; and to develop and maintain public health partnerships critical to building community support for breastfeeding. NACCHO will make at least 70 awards available to LHDs, community-based public, private, non-profit, or faith-based organizations, and lactation support providers for a 2-year breastfeeding project. The project is a 4-year cooperative agreement with CDC to increase implementation of evidence-based breastfeeding programs, practices, and services at the community level. NACCHO is hosting two optional webinars on Sept. 25 at 1:30 p.m. EST and Sept. 26 at 9:30 a.m. EST to discuss the funding opportunity and respond to questions. The webinar will be recorded and posted to the NACCHO website. To learn more, [click here](#).

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program

Deadline: Oct. 14

The Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program (HTPCP) is a cooperative agreement between MCHB and the American Academy of Pediatrics. Federal grants of \$50,000 per year for up to five years are awarded through the program to support community-based child health projects that improve the health status of mothers, infants, children and adolescents. The goal of this program is to promote access to health care for children, youth and their families nationwide and employ preventive health strategies through innovative community driven programs. This program supports HRSA goals to improve access to quality health care and services, to build healthy communities and to improve health equity. HTPCP funding supports direct service projects, not research projects. HTPCP applications must represent either a new initiative within the community or an innovative new component that builds upon an existing community-based program or initiative. For more information, [click here](#).

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Part C Early Intervention Services (EIS)

Deadline: Oct. 15

The purpose of the RWHAP Part C EIS Program is to provide HIV primary care in the outpatient setting. Funds will support outpatient HIV primary care services targeted to low-income, vulnerable, medically underserved people living with HIV/AIDS including women, infants, children and youth. Applicants must propose to provide a comprehensive continuum of outpatient HIV primary care services in the designated service area including: 1) targeted HIV counseling, testing, and referral; 2) medical evaluation and clinical care; 3) other primary care services; and 4) referrals to other health services. For more information, [click here](#).

MIECHV Competitive Grants

Deadline: Oct. 17

Competitive Grants provide funds to eligible entities that are states and certain territories that continue to make significant progress under the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program toward implementing a high-quality home visiting program as part of a comprehensive, high-quality early childhood system and are ready and able to take effective programs to scale to address unmet need. Grantees will use the funds to provide ongoing support to high-quality evidence-based home visiting programs and for the incremental expansion of evidence-based home visiting programs funded, in whole or in part, by the MIECHV program to achieve greater enrollment and retention of families eligible for home visiting. Additionally, this funding opportunity will continue the programs emphasis on rigorous research by grounding the proposed work in relevant empirical literature and by including requirements to evaluate work proposed under this grant. To learn more, [click here](#).

National Maternal and Child Health Data Resource Center Cooperative Agreement Program

Deadline: Oct. 28

The purpose of the National MCH Data Resource Center (DRC) Cooperative Agreement Program is to support a diverse population of stakeholders in the valid and standardized use of national, state, and community level data as it relates to the health of women, children and families. This cooperative agreement program will



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support the maintenance and expansion of a DRC that highlights, describes, and facilitates access to publicly available data with a focus on increasing access to and timely utilization of MCH data among state and local governments and non-governmental organizations, including HRSA grantees. Activities to increase both the availability of relevant data and the analytic capability of stakeholders will be done in a manner that aligns with and supports the MCHB initiative to evaluate the effectiveness of MCH programming through the use of national and state-selected performance measures. To learn more, [click here](#).

MIECHV Formula Grant Program

Deadline: *Nov. 3*

This program was established by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to continue the delivery of voluntary early childhood home visiting program services in response to a statewide needs assessment. This program is being undertaken as part of the shared commitment of HRSA and the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) to comprehensive family services, coordinated and comprehensive voluntary statewide home visiting programs, and effective implementation of high-quality evidence-based practices. The MIECHV formula grant program is designed to: 1) strengthen and improve the programs and activities carried out under Title V of the Social Security Act; 2) improve coordination of services for at-risk communities; and 3) identify and provide comprehensive services to improve outcomes for families who reside in at-risk communities. The statute reserves the majority of funding for the delivery of services through use of one or more evidence-based home visiting service delivery models. In addition, it supports continued innovation by allowing up to 25 percent of funding paid to the entity for a fiscal year to be used for service delivery through promising approaches that do not yet qualify as evidence-based models. To learn more, [click here](#).

Partnership for State Title V MCH Leadership Community Cooperative Agreement

Deadline: *Nov. 3*

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to support an organization focusing on MCH to improve public health programs and the delivery of MCH services and assure optimal alignment with the transformed Title V MCH Services Block Grant program. The awardee will

support efforts of state Title V MCH programs, led by state MCH and children with special health care needs (CSHCN) directors, to improve the health of all mothers and children by assisting States in developing, implementing and sustaining public health programs and a comprehensive system of care for the delivery of MCH services that are well aligned with the transformed Title V MCH Services Block Grant. In addition, the awardee will support efforts of State Title V MCH Services Block Grant programs related to the implementation of the ACA, including outreach and enrollment, tracking improvements from coverage to care to systems and developing an early warning system for ACA-related issues in MCH. For more information, [click here](#).

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

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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 MCH Title V 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 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. Proposed projects will have an outcomes-oriented approach that will enhance and sustain the delivery of effective health care in rural communities. Proposed projects will be grounded in an evidence-based or promising practice model(s) in order to avoid reinventing the wheel. Projects based on an evidence-based or promising practice model have shown to be effective in addressing the community's need, improving the health status of its residents and sustaining the project beyond Federal funding. Outreach projects can take the framework or methodology of an evidence-based or promising practice model and tailor it to their community's need and organization. To learn more, [click here](#).

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

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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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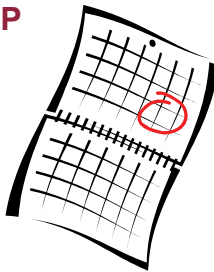
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