

# Member Briefs



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THE ASSOCIATION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS



## MANAGEMENT MINUTE

***"Undertake something that is difficult; it will do you good. Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow."* – Ronald E. Osborn**

It's the often dreaded performance planning and appraisal time at AMCHP as I write this Management Minute.

I never quite understood why so many supervisors and staff alike abhor the thought of conducting performance reviews. And, this dislike seems prevalent no matter what the organization, its current well-being, culture or management practices. Aside from the fact that the process can consume some time, there is no time better spent in my opinion. Taking a breather periodically to conscientiously think about the myriad of past accomplishments and to seriously consider and address ongoing challenges is HELPFUL. Planning for the future to build on past accomplishments and to address ongoing or new challenges is CATHARTIC. It provides direction, a sense of purpose. Yes, we are all in the driver seat and do have some control over what happens next and what does not.

The quote in this Management Minute is something that I truly live by and hope to instill in others with whom I work. I hope you will consider it for yourself and those with whom you work closely.

Is it scary undertaking extremely difficult tasks that sometimes you do not feel equipped to handle? You bet! I have spent many days and nights over the years thinking to myself "what in the world did you get yourself into here...lady you are out of your league." In moments of self-doubt, my survival instinct kicks in and thoughts quickly move from questioning to action. Do you learn something new each time you shrug off that security

blanket to explore a new potential area of achievement? Always. Is it always about the outcome? Rarely. The benefit and value often resides in the journey itself and the learning opportunities along the way.

Performance planning is not always about setting goals around daily work or revisiting one's job description and selectively plucking a few responsibilities to beef up and focus on in the coming year. It's about the stretch. Taking a chance. Giving yourself and your staff the boost of added confidence needed to consider the impossible, to venture into territories unknown.

Let's face it. Taking on new and demanding challenges in what is already a hectic, deliverable-driven world at work is not usually something folks *relish*. But, as a mentor or a leader, it is our job to encourage others to seize that opportunity to grow professionally and personally. It's amazing how simple it is sometimes to get people excited about their own capacity to achieve. And by the way, it is not second nature for most people to take risks with their jobs and livelihoods. We help by creating the appropriate comfort zone and nurturing environment so that folks understand that failure IS an option. With risk comes reward. Penalization is not part of the dialogue.

Finally, a note of caution. Overload. Not everything has to be associated with a stretch assignment or goal, the impossible dream, the seemingly unattainable result. Everyone, myself included, needs some easier wins along the way to keep us motivated and up for those truly difficult tasks.

Comments, counterpoints, suggestions or thoughts are always welcomed. E-mail me at [lfreeman@amchp.org](mailto:lfreeman@amchp.org).





## AMCHP Comments on MCH Transformation

AMCHP submitted comments on Aug. 26 to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the (MCHB) commending them for their leadership and providing feedback on efforts to transform the Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant. Please find our comments in response to Federal Register Notice [here](#).

Our understanding is that MCHB is reviewing and developing responses to comments now. Based on these comments, they will potentially revise the draft guidance and post another version for a 30-day comment period before finalizing in January 2015. We will share additional details on these next steps when available, and thanks to all who have been engaged in this process to date.

## Update on FY 2015 Federal Funding

Congress is returning to Washington, DC this week after an extended August recess, and action on FY 2015 federal funding is expected to be a top priority. Current indications are that Congress is likely to pass a largely clean continuing resolution (CR) that will provide flat funding for most federal programs into mid-December. Funding levels for the remainder of the year are expected be addressed in a lame duck session of Congress at that time. We will keep you posted on details as they are available.



## Nominate Your Peers 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. The nomination deadline for these awards is Sept. 19, 2014.*

## 2014 – 2015 AMCHP Best Practices Replication Technical Assistance Project: Request for Applications

As part of an overall strategic goal to improve MCH outcomes by sharing effective and promising practices with state and territorial MCH programs, AMCHP is pleased to provide a third round of replication stipends to foster connections between states interested in replication or adaptation of a current emerging, promising or best practice in [Innovation Station](#). Through this project, applicants can request technical assistance

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support (i.e., travel funds or other seed resources) to learn how to adapt a specific *Innovation Station* practice (or elements of a practice) to their state or community. Applicants will need to demonstrate readiness to adapt the practice in order to maximize technical assistance resources. Applications will be accepted through Sept. 22. To access the RFA, click [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

### Resources for National Suicide Prevention Week

National Suicide Prevention Week (Sept. 8-14) and World Suicide Prevention Day (Sept. 10) are approaching, and resources are available from the [Suicide Prevention Resource Center](#) to support events and observances in your state. In the days following the death of actor and comedian Robin Williams by suicide, [calls to national suicide hotlines and visits to support websites spiked](#), and it seems likely that this year's awareness events will receive increased attention and have the potential to reach wider audiences.

The theme of this year's National Suicide Prevention Week is "Suicide Prevention: One World Connected." The American Association of Suicidology [National Suicide Prevention Week Information & Media Kit](#) gives you tools to use during that week to mobilize the public in support of suicide prevention, and to highlight your own services that may be available in the local community. The kit includes guidelines for proclamations, sample public service announcements, flyers and op-ed pieces, as well as fact sheets on suicide and suicide prevention.

The International Association for Suicide Prevention offers a [World Suicide Prevention Day](#) toolkit, press package, and PowerPoint presentation that features information, resources, and numerous ideas for individuals and communities around the world can use to commemorate this important day.

### CEHN 2015 Research Conference and Call for Abstracts

The theme for the 2015 Children's Environmental Health Network (CEHN) Research Conference, taking place Feb. 4-6, 2015 in Austin, TX, is "Children: Food and Environment." This conference will explore the interaction between food and environmental factors that affect children's health, including micro-level factors such as nutrient-mediated microbiome effects and macro-level influences such as contaminants rising from modern food production practices. The policy, regulatory and future research implications will be explored. This conference is suited for research scientists, epidemiologists, public health and health care professionals and students in all related disciplines. The call for abstracts for both oral and poster presentations is currently open for multiple conference themes related to children's food and their environments. Abstracts are due Sept. 11. For more information, [click here](#).

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### Upcoming Healthy People 2020 Webinars

Join Healthy People 2020 for two upcoming spotlight webinars:

- **Healthy People 2020: Prevention and Population Health Education Across the Health Professions Webinar**, on Sept. 9 from 1- 2:30 p.m. EST. Join Healthy People 2020 and the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research to learn about the role prevention and population health can play in advancing interprofessional education. Participants will learn how to access resources for developing curricula and collaborative learning experiences to improve prevention and population health education across various health professions. Faculty from the University of Texas Medical Branch and Duke University will describe their efforts to expand prevention education across disciplines. For more information and to register, [click here](#).
- **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 multi-dimensional 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 will also hear from two organizations that use HRQOL/WB measures to track population health. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

### 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 March 28-29, 2015 at Yale University in New Haven, CT. Register now to secure the lowest registration rate at [uniteforsight.org/conference](http://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 Fragile Families and Child Well-being Study (FFCWS) to Conduct Life Course Analyses*, on Sept. 16 from 9-10 a.m. PST. This webinar features Jeanne Brooks-Gunn, MEd, PhD, and Amanda Geller, PhD, presenting on FFCWS of nearly 5,000 children born in large U.S. cities between 1998 and 2000, roughly three-quarters of whom were born to unmarried parents. The FFCWS consists of parent interviews at birth and ages one, three and five, plus in-home assessments of children and home environments at ages three and five. Register [here](#).
- *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 the New England Family Study (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



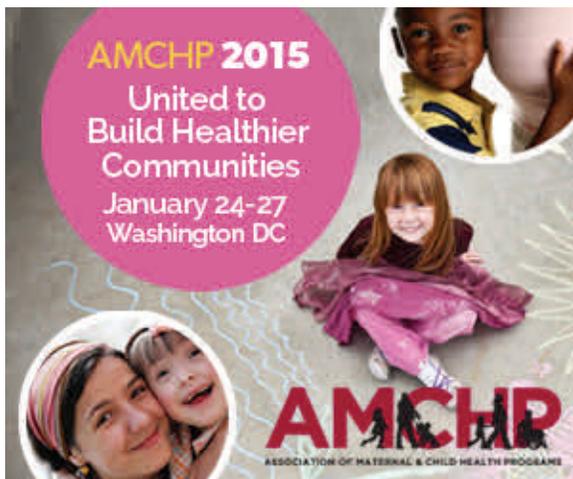
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development (LCHD) framework, and illustrate its potential to transform how the maternal and child health system addresses social, psychological, biological, and genetic influences on health, eliminates health disparities, reduces chronic illness, 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](#).

### Collective Impact Summit

On Oct. 6-10 in Toronto, ON, the Tamarack Institute will host its first-ever Collective Impact Summit, a five-day dynamic workshop that will convene more than 250 leaders from across the world who desire new ways to lead, engage and transform the work of community and learn what makes collective impact work. Keynotes speakers will include Melody Barnes of the Aspen Institute's Forum for Community Solutions, John Kania of FSG Social Impact Consultants, and Brenda Zimmerman, co-author of *Getting to Maybe: How the World is Changed*. To learn more about the summit, visit [collectiveimpactsummit.com](http://collectiveimpactsummit.com).



### 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 of 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 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](http://amchp.org/bestpractices).

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



## General Maternal & Child Health

### New Oral Health Pocket Guide for Health Professionals

This Pocket Guide, produced by the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, is designed to help health professionals implement specific oral health guidelines during pregnancy and postpartum, infancy, early childhood, middle childhood and adolescence. It addresses risk assessment for dental caries, periodontal disease, malocclusion and injury. The guide can be found [here](#).

### TEDMED Live Streaming and On Demand

TEDMED is the operated health and medicine edition of the world-famous TED conference, dedicated to “ideas worth spreading.” TEDMED seeks to host an inclusive global dialog among all cultures and walks of life to create a “big picture” for science, health and medicine. It’s the first step toward inspiring breakthrough thinking and insights for the health of our planet’s 7 billion people. To that end, TEDMED will broadcast its entire program both live (Sept. 10-12) and on-demand (Sept. 10-16) to more than 100 countries and direct to you via TEDMED Live Streaming. Register [here](#).

### Need to learn more about Access to Care? Visit the MCH Navigator's New Training Spotlight

This Spotlight focuses on promising practices and pressing issues that will support MCH professionals facilitate greater health care access for all and remain on course for a healthier tomorrow. These trainings support the National MCH Workforce Development Center as it offers state and territorial Title V leaders training, collaborative learning, coaching and consultation in implementing health reform in four core areas: access to care, quality improvement, systems integration and furthering change management that will lead health transformation for MCH populations. To learn more, [click here](#). Also see [Transformation Station](#) on the AMCHP website for more information about Center programs.

## Women's & Infant Health

### Best Practices Guide for Implementation of Newborn Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding in Electronic Health Records

This guide, produced by the United States Breastfeeding Committee, provides an overview of the factors, programs and regulations supporting exclusive breast milk feeding data documentation, measurement and reporting in electronic health records (EHRs) during the birth of a newborn. The guide is designed for software designers, analysts, developers and implementers, as well as clinicians implementing standards-based EHRs. Topics include the health potential of exclusive breast milk feeding; regulations driving quality measurement using health information technology; implementation guidance including scope, assumptions and key concepts; breast milk feeding reporting and/or designation programs; future areas of development; and breast milk and breastfeeding resources. To access the guide, [click here](#).

### National Quality Forum Produces Publication on Early Elective Delivery

This document, *Playbook for the Successful Elimination of Early Elective Deliveries*, provides guidance on and strategies for reducing rates of early elective delivery (EED). Topics include the current landscape for eliminating EED, barriers to reducing EED and strategies to overcome them, challenges and barriers to monitoring performance and progress toward eliminating EED, key strategies to promote readiness for EED activities and measurement guidance. Additional contents include educational tools, resources and exemplars to support EED elimination efforts, as well as instructions for accessing relevant data. To learn more, [click here](#).

## Child & Adolescent Health

### Back to School Toolkit

This toolkit from the Coalition for Healthier Schools provides resources on indoor environmental quality and children's health and ways to improve the school environment. The toolkit includes information on buying healthy products, what to look for on a school tour, an indoor air quality and pest management checklist, information on best practices and regulations, a green

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cleaning checklist and related research and federal resources. Additional contents include policy recommendations and an action calendar. The toolkit can be accessed [here](#).

### **NAHIC Publication on Adolescent Health Programs**

The new National Adolescent and Young Adult Health Information Center (NAHIC) publication, *A Guide to Evidence-Based Programs for Adolescent Health Programs, Tools, and More*, provides an annotated list of resources for identifying evidence-based practices, and will assist communities and practitioners in locating effective interventions. It also highlights resources with implementing tools, which are useful starting points for communities interested in implementing evidence-based programs. The guide is available as a PDF or as an online resource. Both versions can be accessed [here](#).

### **New GHSA Report on Traffic Safety for Teens**

This Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) report, *Distracted & Dangerous: Helping States Keep Teens Focused on the Road*, looks at nearly two dozen state policy, enforcement and education initiatives to help keep teen drivers' focus off their smartphones and on the road. GHSA worked with a panel of teen driver experts to identify the featured programs, which were submitted through a survey of State Highway Safety Offices. For the news release, infographics and the report from GHSA, [click here](#).

### **NCHS Releases National and State Patterns of Teen Births in the United States, 1940-2013**

This report by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) presents trends from 1940 through 2013 in national birth rates for adolescents, with particular focus on births to adolescents ages 15-19 and for the period since 1991. The percent changes in rates for 1991-2012 and for 2007-2012 are presented for the United States and for states. Preliminary data for 2013 are shown where available. Contents include tabular and graphical descriptions of the trends in adolescent birth rates by age group, race, and Hispanic origin. Topics include first and repeat births, health outcomes, and comparisons of rates for the United States and other developed countries. The report is available [here](#).

## ON YOUR BEHALF

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- On Aug. 28, AMCHP staff Caroline Stampfel presented information on the Life Course Indicators as a Hot Topic in Public Health to the new class of Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists Applied Epidemiology Fellows. Fellows are placed in state and territorial health departments for two years to gain experience in applied epidemiology. There are six fellows from this class placed in MCH programs.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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### **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](#).

### **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!

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### **AMCHP Accepting Applications for Program Associate, Child & Adolescent Health (#14-10005)**

The program associate, child and adolescent health is a member of the program team and contributes to the advancement of maternal and child health (MCH) programs by performing a variety of planning and program implementation, research and evaluation projects. This position supports and assists the child and adolescent health team in the development, implementation and evaluation of program activities related to MCH and Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN), child health and adolescent health. This position also contributes to the collection of state best practices (*Innovation Station*), newsletter development, and implementation of communication strategies. This position reports to the associate director, child and adolescent health. For more information, [click here](#).

### **AMCHP Seeks Program Manager, Workforce Development and Capacity Building (#14-10002)**

The program manager for workforce development and capacity building is a member of the Program Team and supports the advancement of MCH programs by contributing to major issues surrounding workforce and capacity building for AMCHP members. The work involves contributing to the development, implementation, support and evaluation of activities as part of the Center, collaboration with staff and partners of the Center, as well as performing a variety of planning and program implementation, research, and evaluation projects related to capacity building, including the AMCHP Best Practices Innovation Station and Replication Initiatives, partnership with fellow staff, participation in associated professional organizations and groups, and collaboration with member programs and funding agencies. This position reports to the associate director, MCH leadership development and capacity building. To learn more, [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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### **NIH Obstetric-Fetal Pharmacology Research Centers**

*Deadline: Sept. 15*

The purpose of this announcement is to announce the competition of the Obstetric-Fetal Pharmacology Research Centers (OPRC) – a specialized cooperative multicenter program in the obstetric pharmacology research. The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) proposes to fund a limited number of research centers which will provide an arena for multidisciplinary interactions among basic and clinical scientists interested in establishing high quality translational research programs in the area of obstetric pharmacology. The centers also will serve as national resources for clinical pharmacological research in women during normal and abnormal pregnancies. Center investigators will be expected to work with NICHD staff in facilitating research collaborations and interactions within and among the centers. Such a cooperative program will form a national network that facilitates the translation of knowledge from the basic sciences into the development of new treatments, and findings from clinical studies/trials into



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practice with ultimate goal of improving the safety and effectiveness of the medical treatment in pregnant women. 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 AAP. 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](#).

### **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](#).

### **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](#).

### **NIH Interventions for Youth Who Misuse/ Abuse Prescription Stimulant Medications**

*Deadline: Nov. 13*

This FOA 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 FOA 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](#).

### **NIH Initiative to Maximize Research Education in Genomics Diversity Action Plan**

*Deadline: Sept. 6, 2016*

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) present this funding opportunity to facilitate the training of individuals at all careers levels (the undergraduate, graduate, post

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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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## CALENDAR



### AMCHP Events

#### [AMCHP 2015](#)

Jan. 24-27, 2015  
Washington, DC

### MCH Events

#### [CityMatCH Leadership & MCH Epidemiology Conference](#)

Sept. 17-19  
Phoenix, AZ

#### [National Academy of State Health Policy \(NASHP\) 27th Annual State Health Policy Conference](#)

Oct. 6-8  
Atlanta, GA

#### [APHA 2014 Annual Meeting and Exposition](#)

Nov. 15-19  
New Orleans, LA

#### [CEHN 2015 Research Conference](#)

Feb. 4-16, 2015  
Austin, TX

#### [8th Biennial Childhood Obesity Conference](#)

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

### List Your Event on the AMCHP MCH Events Calendar

Do you want to include your listing on the AMCHP MCH Events Calendar? It's easy! Just complete our easy [online submission form](#). You are welcome to submit MCH conferences, webinars, trainings, webcasts and meetings. Thanks for helping us to build our MCH Events Calendar! If you have any questions, please contact [Julio Arguello Jr.](#), Online Media & Information Technology Manager. Please note: All event listings are subject to AMCHP approval.

