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LEGISLATIVE CORNER

Congress on Recess — Congress is currently on recess for the month of August. Completion of FY '09 appropriations bills — including funding for health programs — is again not likely to be completed in time for the October 1 start of the next fiscal year. All indications are that Congress is likely to pass a continuing resolution (CR) that would level fund programs possibly through March of 2009, at which time FY '08 funding would be completed with a new president. AMCHP will certainly report any changes to this schedule and is looking forward to September when Congress returns.

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Call for Proposal: Linking At-Risk Children to Developmental/Behavioral Programs —

The Connecticut Children's Medical Center is pleased to announce a technical assistance opportunity for replicating a system linking children at risk for behavioral and developmental problems to existing services. This project will provide technical assistance and guidance to two selected states (or regions) as they replicate Connecticut's Help Me Grow program. The deadline for proposals is **September 22**. To download the application, visit www.ccmckids.org/programs/helpmegrow.asp.

Pre-Conference Data Training Workshops —

AMCHP, in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Division of Reproductive Health (DRH), and Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), will conduct four data training workshops on December 8-9, 2008, in Atlanta, GA. The trainings serve as pre-cursors to the 14th Annual CDC MCH EPI Conference scheduled for December 10-12, 2008, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Atlanta-Ravinia. All four of the following courses will be two-day comprehensive and hands-on data trainings:

1. State Title V Program MCH Needs Assessment Practice
2. Scientific Writing: Communicating Research Investigation Effectively to Expedite Publication, Programmatic and Policy in Public Health

3. Time Trend Analysis for MCH Outcomes in Large and Small Populations
4. Using the Population Attributable Fraction (PAF) to Assess MCH Population Outcomes

Registration and course descriptions are available online at <http://www.amchp.org>. Space is limited. For more information, please contact Henry Maingi (hmaingi@amchp.org) or Brynn Rubinstein (brubinstein@amchp.org).

Call for Abstracts: 14th Annual MCH EPI Conference —

This call for abstracts is specifically for students, fellows and summer interns for the "Making Methods and Practice Matter for Women, Children and Families," conference convening December 10-12, 2008, in Atlanta, GA. This conference, organized by the CDC, will offer MCH professionals the opportunity to share experiences, enhance their knowledge, and generate new ideas for improved MCH data use and informed policymaking. The deadline for abstracts is **August 29**. For more details regarding the conference, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/MCHepi/2008/AboutConference.htm>. For questions about the conference, please contact the conference organizers at mcheppi@cdc.gov.

Public Health Pre-Deployment Course —

The World Health Organization (WHO) will host a Public Health Pre-Deployment Course in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada on November 16–29, 2008. This course is for those with specific public health experience in any of the following areas: maternal, newborn and child health and reproductive health in emergency settings. Previous experience in a natural disaster or conflict environment is desirable but not mandatory. Those selected will 1) develop capacity for emergency response and 2) potentially join the roster of 'Health coordinator' or 'MNCH/RH expertise' that can be deployed by WHO in the event of an emergency. The deadline for applications is **August 31**. To learn more, visit <http://www.who.int/hac/techguidance/training/predeployment/phpd5/en/index.html>.

Call for Abstracts: 13th Annual National Hispanic Medical Association Conference —

This call for abstract is for speaker nominations to present at the National Hispanic Medical Association's annual



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conference to convene on March 19-22, 2009, at the New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge. The conference will focus on strategies to improve the health of Hispanic communities through policy, health professions' education, research and clinical programs. The deadline for abstracts is **September 12**. To download the abstract form, visit www.nhmamd.org.

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



General Maternal & Child Health

CityMatCH Toolkit for Policy Development

— CityMatCH Best Practices and Policies Action Group has released a new toolkit that contains resources that can be used at state and local levels to advance policy development in areas of maternal and child health. The toolkit includes models for strengthening relationships with community collaboratives, advice on how to present to legislators and other key decision makers, tips for how to work with the media, and examples of how CityMatCH members have succeeded in developing and implementing policy change in their communities. To learn more, visit http://citymatch.org/toolkit_letter.php.

New Resource on Cost-based Analysis in MCH

— The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) launched a new online resource for MCH and other public health advocates exploring cost-based or economic-based analyses of programs and policies. The website includes a glossary of cost-analysis related terms, descriptions of major types of cost analyses, and examples from states that have conducted cost analyses of programs. To access this resource, visit http://www.astho.org/templates/display_pub.php?pub_id=3160&admin=1.

Community Services Locator — The Community Services Locator is an online directory for finding services for children and families in the communities in which they

live. The locator, produced by the MCH Library, may be used by service providers and families to find available health, mental health, family support, parenting, child care, and other services. Topics include education and special needs, health and wellness, mental health and well-being, family support, parenting, child care and early childhood education, and financial support. The locator is available at http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp_community.html.

Children's Health

New Report Presents Analysis of National Survey Data on Children's Access to Health Care Services and Health Insurance Status

— The report, *A Needed Lifeline: Chronically Ill Children and Public Health Insurance Coverage*, prepared for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation by researchers at the University of Minnesota's State Health Access Data Assistance Center, discusses findings from a state-by-state analysis of children's access to health care services, especially children with special health care needs. The report contains a series of charts with data on the proportion and number of children (from birth through age 17) by insurance status, including those who have public vs. private insurance, those who visited the doctor's office within the past 12 months, and those who received a well-child checkup within the past 12 months. To download the report, visit <http://covertheuninsured.org/pdf/ANeededLifeline.pdf>.

Report on Improving Children's Access to Dental Care in Medicaid and SCHIP

— The National Academy for State Health Policy and the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured issued a report, *Filling an Urgent Need: Improving Children's Access to Dental Care in Medicaid and SCHIP*, which outlines the approaches available at the state level to improve children's access to oral health care in Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). To download the report, visit <http://www.kff.org/medicaid/upload/7792.pdf>.

Report on Dental Coverage and Care for Low-Income Children

— The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured issued a report, *Dental Coverage and Care for Low-Income Children: The Role of Medicaid and SCHIP*, which discusses the disparities in children's



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oral health care and efforts to increase access for children. To download the report, visit <http://www.kff.org/medicaid/upload/7681-02.pdf>.

Adolescent Health

Article Examines High Levels of Physical Inactivity and Sedentary Behaviors Among U.S.-Born and Immigrant Children and Adolescents

— The article, published in the August 2008 issue of Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, presents findings from a study to estimate the prevalence and socio demographic determinants of physical activity (PA), inactivity, lack of sports participation and television watching among immigrant and U.S.-born children and adolescents (ages 6-17). The article also examines the extent to which immigrant PA patterns vary by ethnicity and level of acculturation. To read the abstract, visit <http://archpedi.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/short/162/8/756>.

Report on Increasing Seat Belt Use Among Child Passengers Ages 8 to 15

— The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has published a new report based on a research project aimed at increasing seat belt use among 8- to 15-year-old child passengers. The broad aim of this research project was to determine the nature and causes of non-use of seat belts among 8- to 15-year-olds, and to recommend interventions and strategic approaches to increase usage among this age group. To learn more, visit <http://www.nhtsa.gov/portal/site/nhtsa/menuitem.cda13865569778598fcb6010>.

Suicide Prevention Resource Center Tools and Resources

— The Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) has released a number of tools to help address the rate of suicide deaths among youth 15 to 19 years old. To view the resources, visit <http://library.sprc.org/browse.php?catid=28>.

CDC Broadcasting New Health Series Online

— The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

is broadcasting public health videos on the new CDC-TV website. The premiere series is Health Matters. The first segment, “Break the Silence: Stop the Violence,” addresses teen dating violence. Real parents and teens discuss the problem of dating violence and how to stop it before it starts. To view the segment, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/CDCtv/>.

Adolescent Webinar — The National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation will host a “Encouraging Adolescents’ Use of Recommended Health Care Services” webinar on Thursday, August 28, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. (EDT). The webinar will examine current health plan efforts and what more can be done to tap social marketing and mobile technology to promote healthy behaviors among teens. To register by August 27, visit http://www.nihcm.org/maternal_adolescent_and_child_health1/conferences_and_webinars.

Injury or Neglect Webinar — The Prevention Subcommittee of the Federal Interagency Workgroup on Child Abuse and Neglect will host a “Is it Injury or Neglect? - Improving Our Knowledge to Better Protect Children” webinar on Thursday, August 28, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. (EDT). This webinar will help participants understand the relationship between unintentional injuries and neglect. To register, visit <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/399684939>.

Women’s Health

A New Report Finds Women Having Fewer Children, Giving Birth Later in Life

— A new U.S. Census Bureau report finds that more women in the United States in their early 40s do not have children, and women who are having children are having fewer than ever before. According to the report, from 1976 to 2006 the percentage of women ages 40 to 44 with no children doubled from 10 percent to 20 percent. In 2006, 40- to 44-year-old women who had children had an average of 1.9 children each, more than one child fewer than women in the same age group in 1976. To download the report, visit <http://www.census.gov/prod/2008pubs/p20-558.pdf>.



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Common Vaginal Infection May Increase Risk of HIV Infection

— A common vaginal infection may make women more susceptible to contracting HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, according to researchers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health. An analysis of 23 published studies, including data from more than 30,700 women from around the world, showed that women with bacterial vaginosis, the most common type of vaginosis in women of reproductive age, were more likely than others to be infected with HIV. <http://uncnews.unc.edu/news/health-and-medicine/unc-study-common-vaginal-infection-may-increase-risk-of-hiv-infection.html>

Study Shows Pros and Cons of Seeking Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Screening Identified by Young Women

— A new study provides public health providers with valuable information to help design strategies to address young women's perceived pros and cons related to seeing treatment in order to enhance Chlamydia and Gonorrhea screening. To view the study, visit <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/10833188>.

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Active Living and Healthy Eating Research

Deadline: **August 28**

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Active Living Research and Healthy Eating Research programs support research to identify promising policy and environmental strategies for increasing physical activity, promoting healthy eating and preventing obesity. For more information, visit <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20361>.

CityMatCH, AMCHP, NHTSA Announce a Request for Applications for the "Partnership to Eliminate Disparities in Infant Mortality" Action Learning Collaborative

Deadline: **September 8**

CityMatCH, AMCHP and the National Healthy Start Association (NHTSA), with funding from the W.K. Kellogg

Foundation have created the Partnership to Eliminate Disparities in Infant Mortality. The vision for this project is to eliminate racial inequities contributing to infant mortality within U.S. urban areas. State/local teams will be selected based upon their need to address disparities in infant mortality, their ability to create a multi-disciplinary team inclusive of CityMatCH, AMCHP and NHTSA member Representatives, and a show of community commitment and support (including travel sponsorship for at least one team member to three meetings). Rural sites are not precluded from applying, but would need to collaborate with AMCHP/Title V and CityMatCH members urban health departments, or their designees, to meet the urban-related requirements of the project. Applications are due no later than 11 p.m. (EDT) on Monday, September 8, 2008. Please submit all documents electronically to Jessica Hawkins at AMCHP: jhawkins@amchp.org. To download a Request for Applications (including purpose, requirements, and review criteria), visit http://www.citymatch.org/downloads/Request_for_Applications.doc.

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute: Targeted Approaches to Weight Control for Young Adults

Deadline: **September 10**

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's Targeted Approaches to Weight Control for Young Adults program provides funding for cooperative agreements to conduct two-phase clinical research studies to develop, refine, and test innovative behavioral and/or environmental approaches for weight control in young adults at high risk for weight gain. For more information, visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HL-08-007.html>.

Health and Wellness

Deadline: **Mid-September**

In early August, New Editions will distribute a Request for Proposals (RFP) to implement the Department of Health and Human Services Office on Disability "I Can Do It, You Can Do It!" program and collect data about the progress of participants. The program is an exciting nation-wide initiative supporting physical activity, nutritional awareness, fitness and healthy lifestyles for children and youth with disabilities. Interested applicants will be required to prepare and submit a short proposal that will be reviewed by an expert panel.



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Five community organizations, public school systems, and/or universities will be selected and awarded \$5,000 to implement the program within their organization. For more information, visit <http://cdd.unm.edu/ICanDolt>.

Health and Wellness

Deadline: **Ongoing**

PepsiCo Foundation's mission in Health and Wellness is to advance and encourage healthy lifestyles and positive behavior change. Initiatives of particular interest are those which address one or more of the following focus areas: community activation, minority communities, school drop-out prevention, and health professionals. For more information, visit http://www.pepsico.com/PEP_Citizenship/Contributions/GrantGuidelines/index.cfm.



CALENDAR

Becoming the Healthiest Nation in a Healthier World

ASTHO-NACCHO
September 9-12
Sacramento, CA
<http://www.naccho.org/events/asthonaccho2008/>

Reproductive Health 2008

Association of Reproductive Health Professionals, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, and the Society of Family Planning
September 17-20
Washington, DC
<http://www.ReproductiveHealth2008.org>

The Association of SIDS and Infant Mortality Programs (ASIP) 2008 National Conference

Infants at Risk: Science to Solutions
September 18-20
Dearborn, MI
<http://www.asip1.org/2008Conference.pdf>

A Lifecourse Perspective: Pathways for Improving Practice in Urban MCH

CityMatCH
Sept 20-23
Albuquerque, NM
http://www.citymatch.org/conf_index.php

Beyond the Bars II: Creating Effective Collaborations for Children of Incarcerated Parents Summit

Grantmakers for Children, Youth, and Families
September 23-24
Berkley, CA
http://www.gcyf.org/programs/programs_show.htm?doc_id=697508

Tufts Friedman School Symposium

September 24-26
Boston, MA
<http://friedmansymposium.com>

Healthy Foods, Healthy Moves: Delivering the Childhood Obesity Prevention Message to Schools and Communities Conference

October 2-3, 2008
Chicago, IL
<http://www.healthyfoodshealthymoves.org>

The National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions 2008 Annual Meeting

October 14-17
Salt Lake City, UT
http://www.childrenshospitals.net/Content/NavigationMenu/EducationMeetings/AnnualMeeting/AM08_General_Page1.htm

Safe Kids Worldwide 2008 Child Injury Prevention Conference

October 15-18
Washington, DC
<http://www.safekids.org/conference2008/>



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The National Rural School-Based Health Symposium

Bassett Healthcare

October 17-18

Cooperstown, NY

<http://www.nationalruralsbhsymposium.org/home.php>

The 2008 Nemours Conference on Child Health Promotion Advocacy, Policy, and Progress in the Fight against Childhood Obesity

October 23-24

Wilmington, DE

<http://www.nemours.org/department/nhps/annual-conference.html>

Nutrition in the Womb

October 29-31

Portland, OR

<http://www.nutritioninthewomb.org/index.html>

National Perinatal Association 2008 Annual Conference

November 19-21

Loma Linda, CA

<http://www.nationalperinatal.org>

Fourteenth Annual Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Conference

Making Methods and Practice Matter for Women, Children and Families

December 10-12

Atlanta, GA

<http://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/MCHepi/2008/AboutConference.htm>

AMCHP's 2009 Annual Conference

Launching MCH: Opportunities for a New Era

February 21-25

Washington, DC

<http://www.amchp.org>

The 3rd International Conference on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Integrating Research, Policy, and Promising Practice Around the World: A Catalyst for Change

March 11-14

Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

<http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca>

OUR MISSION

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