



LEGISLATIVE CORNER

Save the Date!

AMCHP's next national Policy & Health Reform Update call will be held on Thursday, October 8 from 1 to 2:30pm (EDT). Click [here](#) to register. We realize that this is short notice, but things are moving quickly on the health reform front and we are trying to time our calls to coincide with key developments.

Congress Passes Continuing Resolution for Funding through October 31

The FY 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations bill which funds the Title V Maternal & Child Health Block Grant, remained unfinished by the October 1st fiscal year start, prompting Congress to pass a Continuing Resolution (CR) last Wednesday that will keep most federal programs funded at FY 2009 levels until the bill can be finished and sent to the President.

While the House of Representatives completed their Labor HHS Appropriations Bill, the Senate has yet to finish, delaying a conference on the bill between both sides. The House bill proposes a small increase to the MCH Block Grant of \$2.8 million dollars while the Senate has proposed flat funding. Both sides have written proposed legislation that would recommend a new national performance measure for states around early vision screening for children.

AMCHP continues to advocate for the higher House funding level and will track the legislation closely as it moves to conference. As the process moves forward and Congressional conference are named, AMCHP members in those particular states will be notified and given information on supporting the increase to the Block Grant with the hope that Congress will adopt the House number. AMCHP is also working closely with legislators on what the new performance measure would entail, pointing out that adding additional requirements at time when the Title V has seen a marked decrease in funding would put a further burden on programs and budgets. Questions on AMCHP's appropriations advocacy can be directed to [Joshua Brown](#) at or (202) 775-0436.

Update on Home Visitation in Health Reform

As we've been reporting, health reform proposals from the President, House, and Senate have all included an expansion of home visitation programs. Most recently the Senate Finance Committee's America's Healthy Future Act of 2009 includes the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Visitation program. This provision would add a new section to Title V to establish a new state grant program for early childhood home visitation, providing \$1.5 billion over five years. To view the details of the proposed legislation, click [here](#).

AMCHP strongly supports the Senate Finance proposal as it builds on the success of Title V, provides twice as much funding as the House companion proposal, and does not require a state match. To view AMCHP's letter of support for the Senate Finance proposal, click [here](#). The House bill would amend Title IV and place a new home visitation program under the Administration for Children and Families. To view a side by side analysis of home visitation proposals in the House and Senate, click [here](#).

AMCHP will be tracking the Senate Finance mark up as it proceeds this week and health reform more broadly, as both the Senate and House move in the coming weeks toward final passage and conference their bills. For up to date information on home visitation in health reform, visit AMCHP's home visitation [webpage](#), and on health reform and MCH, visit [AMCHP's health reform resource hub](#).





Submit Your Best Practice Today!

AMCHP is seeking submissions of best practices in maternal and child health from around the country. Whether it's an effective campaign to promote breastfeeding, an outstanding nurse-family partnership, or a proven early intervention program for young children, get the word out about your best practice. AMCHP defines "best practices" as a continuum of practices, programs and policies ranging from emerging to promising to evidence-based. A best practice could focus on the health of women, adolescents, young children, families, or children with special health care needs. Best practice focus areas include preconception care, mental health, data and assessment, financing, program and system integration, workforce development, injury prevention, emergency preparedness, family involvement, or other public health issues. Best Practice submissions are accepted on a rolling basis.

- 1) Click [here](#) to download a PDF of the submission form.
- 2) When you are ready to submit, click [here](#) to start the survey.

For more information on submitting best practices, please contact [Darlisha Williams](#) or call (202) 775-0436.

Call for Abstracts

The National Healthy Start Association is seeking abstract submissions for both poster and oral presentations that are research-focused, clinical-focused, or program-focused for their 2010 Annual Spring Conference. The deadline for abstracts is by October 23 at 5 p.m. (EDT). To submit an abstract, email SC2010@nationalhealthystart.org.

Call for Proposals

Partners Investing in Nursing's Future (PIN) is seeking proposals to create unique partnerships with local and regional grant making foundations to encourage sustained investment in nursing workforce solutions. PIN is a collaborative effort between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Northwest Health Foundation. The deadline for proposals is October 29. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Call for Studies

Mathematica Policy Research is seeking studies for a comprehensive review of the evidence base for programs to prevent teen pregnancy. The review is being conducted for the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) within

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) by Mathematica Policy Research and will be used to help inform policy and new initiatives and program directions at the federal level. Submissions are due by October 31. For submission guidelines, visit [here](#).

ISPCAN Call for Abstracts

The International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) is seeking abstract submissions for its 18th annual International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect to convene on September 26-29, 2010, in Honolulu, Hawaii. The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2010. For submission instructions, please visit [here](#).

Call for Papers

The journal *Injury Prevention* is planning a supplement featuring papers that examine relationships between the child death review process (a multidisciplinary investigation of unexpected child fatalities) and injury prevention programs and policies. Papers must be no more than 3,000 words in length and conform to all requirements for manuscripts submitted to the [journal](#). All will undergo peer review. Submissions must be made before February 1, 2010 to have the best chance of review and inclusion in this supplement. Authors with potential papers should contact the [editor](#).

Call for Materials

The National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center is looking for materials that highlight concepts of health literacy and oral health-related materials that integrate those concepts. Share your publications, such as brochures, fact sheets, curricula, policy statements, tool kits, manuals, and protocols, with OHRC for inclusion in their library. To submit materials in hard copy, send it to: Sarah Kolo, National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, Georgetown University, Box 571272 Washington, DC 20057-1272. Submit electronic materials via [e-mail](#). With either method, include citation information including the publication year, author(s), publisher name and place, and URL if appropriate. Also indicate whether hard copies are available, from whom and at what cost.



General Maternal and Child Health

Updated Online 50-State Database Provides Medicaid Benefits Information

The Kaiser Family Foundation's Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured has updated its online database of Medicaid benefits to include data from October 2008, the most recent available. The database houses information on Medicaid acute and long-term care benefits in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories. It includes data about 46 services, including whether the benefit is covered, the populations that are eligible to receive various benefits, and the limitations, co-payments and payment rules that apply to the benefits for each state or jurisdiction. The database is searchable by Medicaid benefit as well as by state, and includes information from 2003, 2004, 2006 and 2008. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Women's Health

Contra Costa Health Services Launches New Life Course Initiative Website

The [Life Course Initiative](#), launched in 2005, is a 15-year Family, Maternal and Child Health (FMCH) Programs initiative based on the Life Course Perspective. The mission of the Life Course Initiative is to reduce disparities in birth outcomes and change the health of the next generation in Contra Costa County, Calif., by achieving health equity, optimizing reproductive potential, and shifting the paradigm of the planning, delivery, and evaluation of maternal, child, and adolescent health services.

The Life Course Initiative utilizes the [12-Point Plan to Close the Black-White Gap in Birth Outcomes](#) as its road map. The Life Course Initiative is currently developing and implementing [Building Economic Security Today \(BEST\)](#), an asset development pilot project that utilizes innovative strategies to reduce disparities and inequities in health outcomes for this and future generations of low-income Contra Costa families by improving their financial security and stability. For more information about the Life Course Initiative, contact [Padmini Parthasarathy](#), MPH, Life Course Initiative Coordinator or (925) 313-6178.

New Report on Women's Health and Health Care Reform

The report, "Women's Health and Health Care Reform: The Economic Burden of Disease in Women," published by the Jacobs Institute of Women's Health at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services with support from the Women Donors Network and the Communications Consortium Media Center, underscores the roles of both preventive care and continuity of care for women across the lifespan. Topics include direct and indirect cost estimates for the major chronic health conditions faced by women (cardiovascular disease, mental disorders, breast cancer, cervical cancer, diabetes, osteoporosis, intimate partner violence, sexually transmitted infections, HIV, and AIDS), as well as for health-related behaviors (smoking and obesity). Health disparities in outcomes are also identified. A figure illustrates the range of health care screening, counseling, and early intervention health care services that are important for women at each stage of their lives. To download the report, visit [here](#).

New Report on the Impact of Recession on Women's Contraceptive Use

The report, "A Real-Time Look at the Impact of the Recession on Women's Family Planning and Pregnancy Decisions," published by the Guttmacher Institute, found that because of current economic conditions, nearly half of women surveyed want to delay pregnancy or limit the number of children they have. Economic challenges have also impacted birth control use and gynecologic care, with nearly one in four women putting off a gynecologic or birth control visit in the past year to save money. The report also found that more than one in four women surveyed or their partners have lost jobs or health insurance in the past year, with 52 percent saying they are financially worse off than they were a year ago. To download the report, visit [here](#).

Children's Health

New Brief on Expanding Children's Health Insurance

The brief, "What Has Been Learned about Expanding Children's Health Insurance - Highlights from CHIRI," published by the Child Health Insurance Research Initiative

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(CHIRI), summarizes findings from research on the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). The brief and the research upon which it is based were supported by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, and the Health Resources and Services Administration. Topics include what was learned and policy implications. Figures present data on the unmet needs of children and adolescents by special health care needs status at pre-enrollment and follow-up; children's enrollment in SCHIP at age 24 months; and insurance status of SCHIP enrollees at pre-enrollment and follow-up. Information about SCHIP design and enrollment, definitions, the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, study methodology and sources, and related studies of interest is also provided. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

AAP Releases New Study on Autism Spectrum Disorder

The study, "Prevalence of Parent-Reported Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder Among Children in the US, 2007," published by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and co-authored by MCHB and CDC, states that the prevalence of Autism Spectrum Disorder in 2007, based on parent report was 110 per 10,000 children. (Previous estimates have stated 1 in 150 children, compared to this finding of about 1 in 100 children.) Findings in this study are based on analysis from the 2007 National Survey of Children's Health. To view the abstract, visit [here](#).

E-Journal Releases Issue on Child Maltreatment

The journal, *The Future of Children*, published by Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and the Brookings Institution, examines the gradual shift in the field of child maltreatment toward a "prevention perspective" and explores how insights into the risk factors for maltreatment can help target prevention efforts to the most vulnerable children and families. Contributors assess whether a range of specific programs, such as community-wide interventions, parenting programs, home-visiting programs, treatment programs for parents with drug and alcohol problems, and school-based educational programs on sexual abuse, can prevent maltreatment. They also explore how child protection system agencies, traditionally seen as protecting children who are maltreated from further abuse and neglect, might take a more active role in prevention. To view the issue, visit [here](#).

ASK AN EXPERT

Does your state include a survey of providers as part of your five year needs assessment? If so, please share any tools or information with [Darlisha Williams](#).

ON YOUR BEHALF

AMCHP Invited to Briefing with Michelle Obama

Vanessa White, MPH, AMCHP's Associate Director of Women's and Infant Health, was invited to attend a briefing held on September 18 on women, families and health reform. The meeting was sponsored by the [White House Council on Women and Girls](#) and the keynote speaker was first lady Michelle Obama. As you may recall, staff of the Council presented on an AMCHP all-member call on August 27. Health and Human Services Secretary Secretary Kathleen Sebelius spoke, as well as the Council's Executive Director Tina Tchen and three women from across the country who have struggled with access to and paying for healthcare.

According to an article in the Washington Post online on September 18, "Appearing with Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius... the first lady urged a group of about 100 women from the health-care industry and rights organizations to press for immediate reform." The first lady touched on gender discrimination, pre-existing conditions, the insurance marketplace, health-care-related expenses that can lead to personal bankruptcy and the importance of educating others on what the plan actually involves.

Please contact [Vanessa White](#), Associate Director of Women's and Infant Health, with any questions or call (202) 266-3044.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

CDC Job Opening for the Director of the Division of Reproductive Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion is seeking a proven senior scientific leader to serve as Director of the Division of Reproductive Health. The Division of Reproductive Health promotes optimal reproductive and infant health and quality of life by influencing public policy, health care practice, community practices, and individual behaviors through scientific research and expertise, programmatic support and training, and national and international leadership. CDC works with numerous partners, including state, tribal, and territorial health agencies, voluntary and professional organizations, academia, other Federal agencies, and the private sector. The division's top priority areas are Infant Health, Global Reproductive Health, Maternal Health, Women's Reproductive Health, and Unintended Pregnancy Prevention. The deadline to apply is October 19. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Job Opening for the Director of the Office on Smoking and Health

CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion is seeking a proven senior scientific leader to serve as Director of the Office of Smoking and Health. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), through its Office on Smoking and Health (OSH), is the lead federal agency for comprehensive tobacco prevention and control. OSH is a division within the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Originally established in 1965 as the National Clearinghouse for Smoking and Health, OSH is dedicated to reducing the death and disease caused by tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke. The deadline to apply is October 19. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Minority Health Policy Fellowship

Supported by The Commonwealth Fund, administered by the Minority Faculty Development Program at Harvard Medical School, this innovative fellowship is designed to prepare physicians, particularly minority physicians, for leadership roles in formulating and implementing public health policy and practice on a national, state, or community level. Five one-year, degree-granting fellowships will be awarded per year. Fellows will complete academic work leading to a

Master of Public Health (MPH) degree at the Harvard School of Public Health, and, through additional program activities, gain experience in and understanding of major health issues facing minority, disadvantaged, and underserved populations. For application materials, information, and other training opportunities, please contact the Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy Program Coordinator at (617) 432-2922; by fax at (617) 432-3834; or by [e-mail](#).

RWJF Scholars in Health Policy Research Call for Applications

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research program helps to develop a new generation of creative health policy thinkers and researchers within the disciplines of economics, political science and sociology. Each year the program selects up to nine highly qualified individuals for two-year fellowships at one of three nationally prominent universities with the expectation that they will make important research contributions to future health policy in the United States. The deadline for all applications is October 21. To learn more, visit [here](#).

AMCHP's CAREER CENTER

The Career Center is the premiere online job board for individuals seeking employment in Maternal and Child Health 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!



CDC Funding for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention Projects for Community-Based Organizations

Deadline: **October 26**

CDC's Procurement and Grants Office has published a funding opportunity for approximately \$43,000,000 which will be available in fiscal year 2010 to fund 145 awards. The purpose is to develop and implement HIV Prevention Programs that provide HIV prevention services for members of racial/ethnic minority communities (e.g., African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos) in which there may be a high risk for HIV infection and for members of groups [i.e., men who have sex with men (MSM), injection drug users (IDUs), HIV-infected persons] in which there may be a high risk for acquiring or transmitting HIV infection, regardless of race/ethnicity. Approximately \$1,800,000 may also be available for outcome monitoring activities. To learn more, visit [here](#).

PIN Funding to Address Nursing Workforce Shortage

Deadline: **October 29**

Partners Investing in Nursing's Future (PIN) is a collaborative effort between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Northwest Health Foundation to create unique partnerships with local and regional grant making foundations to encourage sustained investment in nursing workforce solutions. Funds provided through the program will support the capacity, involvement and leadership of local grant making foundations to advance nursing workforce solutions in their own communities. PIN will make funds available for up to 24 months to address nursing issues at the local and regional level, with a maximum award of \$250,000. Funding will be commensurate with the size and scope of the proposed activity and the experience of the applicant foundation with nursing issues. To learn more, visit [here](#).

NAF and Johnson & Johnson Funding for Women Affected by HIV/AIDS

Deadline: **November 2**

The National AIDS Fund (NAF) and Johnson & Johnson have announced a new grant through the GENERATIONS: Strengthening Women and Families Affected by HIV/AIDS program. This third grant round ("GEN III") will award six to eight grants to Community Based Organizations to create or adapt evidence-based HIV/AIDS prevention interventions that reduce the spread of HIV among at-risk women/girls. GEN III

funds will be targeted toward geographic regions with high HIV/AIDS incidence and prevalence rates in women based on state or local epidemiology, and in areas with emerging epidemics. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding on Traumatic Brain Injury States Grant Program

Deadline: **November 2**

In July 1996, Congress enacted Public Law 104 166 to provide for the conduct of expanded studies and the establishment of innovative programs with respect to traumatic brain injury, TBI. Under the Law, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Maternal and Child Health Bureau is charged with implementing a State Grants Program, formerly called the TBI State Demonstration Grant Program, to improve access to health and other services for individuals with TBI and their families. The National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have also been delegated responsibilities in the areas of research, prevention and surveillance respectively. The Federal TBI Program was reauthorized as part of the Children's Health Act of 2008. Through this program States and Territories are eligible to receive two types of TBI Grants. This announcement solicits competitive applications for one type, State Implementation Partnership Grants. These grants are to be used by states to establish an infrastructure for the delivery of TBI related services and to improve the States ability to make system changes that will sustain the TBI service delivery infrastructure. To learn more, visit [here](#).

AHRQ Funding Opportunity for Transforming Primary Care Practice

Deadline: **November 18**

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) solicits grant applications from organizations that propose systematic studies of on-going, successful efforts to transform the delivery of primary care in the U.S. The patient-centered medical home (PCMH) has been proposed by a broad coalition of providers, employers, insurers and others as a model for improving primary care in the U.S., and numerous health care systems and medical groups are currently attempting to transform their primary care practices into PCMHs. These attempts go beyond incremental quality improvement activities and aim toward whole practice redesign. The research funded through this announcement

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will first validate that healthcare quality, as reflected in quantifiable changes in process and outcome measures, has in fact improved subsequent to practice transformation into a PCMH. Investigators will then study in detail how the transformation occurred and its impact on costs of care and actual patient and provider experiences/satisfaction. In addition, investigators will study the organizational and contextual factors within practices that have influenced the success of these efforts. AHRQ is interested in research that will identify, describe and disseminate the best methods for transforming the structure, characteristics and function of primary care so that practices can improve quality, reduce costs, and better satisfy the needs of patients and families. To learn more, visit [here](#).

NIH Funding for the Role of Human-Animal Interaction in Child Health and Development (R01)

Deadline: **November 19**

The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) is soliciting Research Project Grant (R01) applications from institutions/ organizations that propose to study the impact of human-animal interaction (HAI) on children's health and development and to test the efficacy of therapeutic uses of HAI with children. In 2008 NICHD and The WALTHAM Centre for Pet Nutrition, a division of Mars, Inc., entered into a public-private partnership to explore the interaction between humans and animals. The partnership encourages research on HAI, especially as it relates to child development, health and the therapeutic use of animals with children and adolescents. This shared interest resulted in The WALTHAM Centre donating funds to NICHD to enhance NICHD's ability to support research in this field. The purpose of this FOA is to build an empirical research base on how children perceive, relate to and think about animals; how pets in the home impact children's social and emotional development and health (e.g. allergies, the immune system, asthma, mitigation of obesity); and whether and under what conditions therapeutic uses of animals is safe and effective. Mechanism of Support. To learn more, visit [here](#).

American Recovery Reinvestment Act of 2009 Communities Putting Prevention to Work

Deadline: **December 1**

CDC's Procurement and Grants Office has published a funding opportunity announcement entitled, "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Communities Putting Prevention to Work". Approximately \$373 million will be available in fiscal year 2009 to fund thirty to forty awards. The purpose of this FOA is to create healthier communities through sustainable, proven, population-based approaches such as broad-based policy, systems, organizational and environmental changes in communities and schools. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Cooperative Agreements for Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families Program

Deadline: **December 8**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2010 for Cooperative Agreements for Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families (CMHI). The purpose of this program is to support States, political subdivisions within States, the District of Columbia, Territories, Native American Tribes and tribal organizations, in developing integrated home and community-based services and supports for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families by encouraging the development and expansion of effective and enduring systems of care. A "system of care" is an organizational philosophy and framework that involves collaboration across agencies, families, and youth for the purpose of improving access and expanding the array of coordinated community-based, culturally and linguistically competent services and supports for children and youth with a serious emotional disturbance and their families. Research has demonstrated that systems of care have a positive effect on the structure, organization, and availability of services for children and youth with serious mental health needs. Grantees will be expected to develop, implement, expand and disseminate broad, innovative system changes which improve outcomes for children, youth and families and create long-term positive transformation of services and supports. To learn more, visit [here](#).

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Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Quality Demonstration Grant Program

Deadline: **January 8, 2010**

The goal of this funding opportunity is to establish and evaluate a national quality system for children's health care which encompasses care provided through the Medicaid program and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). This will be accomplished by awarding 10 demonstration grants to States funded by the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA). The CHIPRA statute appropriated a total of \$100 million for this funding opportunity with \$20 million to be awarded each fiscal year (FY) over a five-year period of performance. Under this funding opportunity, there is no required State match and any unused funds may roll over for use in the next FY. The CHIPRA statute mandates the experimentation and evaluation of several promising ideas related to improving the quality of children's healthcare. The demonstration grant projects as outlined in the statute will experiment with and evaluate the use of new and existing measures of quality for children covered by Medicaid and CHIP; promote the use of health information technology (HIT) for the delivery of care for children covered by Medicaid and CHIP; evaluate provider-based models to improve the delivery of Medicaid and CHIP children's health care services; and demonstrate the impact of the model electronic health record (EHR) format for children on improving pediatric health, and pediatric health care quality, as well as reducing health care costs. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CALENDAR



[March of Dimes Symposium on Quality Improvement to Prevent Prematurity](#)

October 8-9
Arlington, VA

[Family Violence Prevention Fund National Conference](#)

October 8-10
New Orleans, LA

[2009 ASTHO Annual Meeting](#)

October 13-16
Vienna, VA

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[2009 Healthy People 2020 Public Meetings](#)

October 22
Kansas City, KS

[2009 Youth Intervention Conference](#)

October 27-28
St. Paul, MN

[Strengthening Families Leadership Summit: Creating Opportunities in Challenging Times](#)

October 28-29
Atlanta, GA

[2009 Healthy People 2020 Public Meetings](#)

November 7
Philadelphia, PA

[APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition: Water and Public Health](#)

November 7-10
Philadelphia, PA

[2009 Healthy People 2020 Public Meetings](#)

November 20
Seattle, WA

[The Office of Special Education Programs' 2009 National Early Childhood Conference](#)

December 7-9
Arlington, VA

[15th Annual Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology \(MCH EPI\) Conference](#)

December 9-11
Tampa, FL

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