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A New Attitude

By Michael R. Fraser, PhD, Chief Executive Officer, AMCHP

About a month ago I mistakenly deleted all of the music on my computer and my back-up copy too: it was devastating. Over the years I had copied hundreds of compact discs to my computer and downloaded many, many more songs from the internet. My laptop was a virtual jukebox of the music I love; songs for every mood and every situation conveniently synced with my iPod for easy listening everywhere. Erasing that music was a major mistake. It was going to take many, many hours to find and re-burn all my discs, remember what I had downloaded over the years, recreate my favorite playlists, and rebuild my entire collection from scratch. I was angry at myself for being such a klutz, frustrated by the computer technology that I didn't fully understand, and daunted by the prospect of all the hours of work I was going to have to do to fix my major screw up. Facing the reality of what I had done I stepped back, took some deep breaths, exhaled, and begrudgingly started the process of rebuilding my pride and joy collection of music — one song at a time.

I tried in vain to 'reframe' the whole experience as a positive opportunity to not only fix my mistake (and learn more about properly backing up music files) but also as a chance to add some new music, leave out some songs I did not need, and explore iTunes for some interesting stuff I might have never listened to had this not happened. What was the first song that I downloaded to help me in this endeavor? "New Attitude" by Patti LaBelle. Why? I knew I needed one!

Yesterday at a statewide MCH and injury conference in Honolulu, I had a similar attitude adjustment but this time the incident was precipitated by a colleague, not yours truly. At the start of the conference, I presented an update on health reform and other "news from Washington." I

was blathering on about all the hard work to come, the possibilities that this might not happen, the barriers and challenges to getting a bill passed in the Senate anytime soon. I was more tired than usual (thanks to jet lag) and more harried than usual (thanks to trying to stay abreast of things in Washington with a five-hour time difference). My talk was kind of a downer, at least that's how it felt to me. At the end of my presentation, Su, a participant in the meeting raised her hand. "Yes?" I asked.

"Mike," Su said. "You were here last year before the election and presented on the opportunities and challenges for MCH in the election. You were excited, you were inspired, it was great. We didn't know if McCain or Obama would win, if we would ever have this conversation about health reform, and look at where we are just a year since you were last here! I think we should be celebrating — you said it yourself — we have never gotten this far with health reform and we have never had this opportunity, ever! This is exciting, this is amazing. Really!"

I stared at her, dumbfounded. Thought about it for two seconds, smiled, and said "Su, you are so right! I am just so in the trees with this stuff and all the work we have to do but I do need to get out and look at the forest." Just as when I lost my music and fixated on the hard work to come in copying thousands of songs back on to my hard drive, I had focused on the health reform obstacles and political delays that could happen with health reform. I was stuck on what was, not what could be. I needed a new attitude. Thanks Su, for pushing me there!

There are so many things to be tired about working in maternal and child health: having to do more work with less time, less money, and fewer people; confronting seemingly impossible challenges in promoting health and preventing disease; working in bureaucracies and political systems that often take away energy and enthusiasm and replace

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them with complacency for the status quo. But, like Su, we need to call ourselves to the carpet and reframe the situation! We need to crank up the radio, put in the Patti LaBelle disc, and remember we need a new attitude. There is so much that is good, so much that is important, and so much that is riding on the work that you do for maternal and child health. When those devastating times and big mistakes happen, can you reframe them as opportunities to recommit to why we are doing this work in the first place? I had to delete my entire music library and fly half way around the world to learn this lesson. I hope in its sharing I can save you that trouble and instead reinforce the criticality of your work, the contributions you make, and the leadership we need to realize our vision of healthy children, healthy families and living in healthy communities.

LEGISLATIVE CORNER



What the 2,074 Page Senate Health Reform Bill Means for Maternal and Child Health, In 22 Bullets!

On November 18, 2009, the U.S. Senate introduced H.R. 3590, the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act." A brief initial AMCHP overview highlighting some important MCH-related provisions is posted to our [website](#). Please note this is neither comprehensive nor final as the Senate still has to pass this bill and then a Congressional Conference Committee will need to merge this bill with the House health reform bill.

AMCHP's summary of key MCH-related provisions in the bill passed by the House on November 6 are posted [here](#). Each chamber would need to vote again on final passage before it can be sent to the President to be signed into law. This document provides some MCH highlights at a glance. Please check back to AMCHP's [Health Reform Resources Hub](#) to keep up to date on health reform developments.

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AMCHP Board Nominations Extended!

The AMCHP Board has extended nominations for all open Board positions through November 30 to encourage more members to nominate themselves or their AMCHP peers to serve on the Board. For more information, visit [here](#).

Register Now for AMCHP's Annual Conference!

Register today [online](#) to attend AMCHP's Annual Conference to convene on March 6-10, 2010, in Washington, DC. Please use the promo code "AMCHPMBR10" to get the member discount. If you have any questions, please contact Registration Manager Lynn Parrazzo, lynnporrazzo@conferencemanagers.com or call AMCHP's Conference Department at (703) 964-1240.

Save the Date – Text4Baby Webinar

AMCHP will sponsor a webinar for Title V programs on Thursday, December 3 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. (EDT) to provide an overview of Text4Baby, a free mobile information service designed to promote healthy birth outcomes among underserved populations. Text4baby is made possible by a public-private partnership that is coordinated by the National Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition (HMHB), Johnson & Johnson, Voxiva, the CTIA Wireless Foundation, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Please join AMCHP to learn about this exciting new program and the pilot implementation in the Virginia Title V program. Speakers will include: Judy Meehan, HMHB, Paul Meyer, Voxiva, Joan Corder-Mabe, Virginia Department of Health, and Sabrina Matoff-Stepp, HRSA. Call-in information will be disseminated in a separate email to Title V programs. If you have any questions about the webinar please contact [Lauren Raskin Ramos](#).

AMCHP's Family Scholars Program Call for Applications

AMCHP's Family Scholars Program with support of HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, will award scholarships to family leaders to attend the 2010 AMCHP Annual Conference. The Conference will be held March 6-10, 2010. The Family Scholars Program (FSP) has been

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redesigned as a 12 month program for family leaders that have experience engaging in Title V programs or Title V funded programs at the local or state level. This program is intended for family leaders that want to continue developing their skills as leaders in maternal and child health. Interested family leaders must submit completed application materials and be nominated by their state or territory Title V program. Title V includes Maternal and Child Health (MCH) programs and/or programs serving Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN). Applications are due on Friday, December 4 by 5 p.m. (EDT). For more information, please visit AMCHP's [website](#). E-mail materials or questions to familyscholars@amchp.org.



Are you curious about how states are addressing the needs of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs? Do you want to know more about programs that tackle preconception health or infant mortality? Then visit the [Innovation Station](#), AMCHP's new searchable database for finding emerging, promising and best practices across the United States. You'll also find useful links to other best practice databases and resources to help you evaluate your public health programs. Check out Innovation Station to learn more about what's being done to improve the health of women, children and families!

If you are interested in contributed to this growing database, please [submit](#) your work to AMCHP's best practices program. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, however, to be considered for the next round of reviews, please submit your application by Friday, December 4. If you have questions about the process, contact [Darlisha Williams](#) at (202) 266-3057.

Call for Applications

The Maternal and Child Public Health Leadership Training Program is now accepting applications for fall 2010 for the two-year, full-time in-residence Master of Public Health (MPH) degree pathway. This pathway provides training in program management, policy formulation, assessment,

evaluation, and research focused maternal and child populations in the United States. In addition to academic training, students also complete a practicum and a thesis project. If you know of someone who has clinical or public health experience with underserved maternal and child populations and would like to assume new professional responsibilities in working with these populations, please forward this email on to them. The program is interdisciplinary: students apply either to the Department of Epidemiology or the Department of Health Services. The deadline for the Department of Epidemiology is December 1; and the deadline for the Department of Health Services is January 15. For information about the program, visit [here](#). For information about admissions, visit [here](#).

NOHC Call for Abstracts

The Program Committee for the 2010 National Oral Health Conference (NOHC) is seeking abstract submissions for poster, roundtable and oral presentations. The Committee is interested in scientific research, program evaluations, community-based interventions and partnerships related to dental public health. The deadline to submit abstracts is no later than December 21. To submit an abstract, visit [here](#).

Call for Participants

The Human Rights Campaign and the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association are seeking participants for the annual Healthcare Equality Index survey. This online survey focuses on health care facility policies related to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender patients. Questions will cover topics about nondiscrimination policies, cultural competency training, and recognition of families that are headed by same-sex couples. To learn more, 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

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more than 3,000 words in length and conform to all requirements for manuscripts submitted to the journal (<http://injuryprevention.bmj.com/ifora/>). 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](#).

ON YOUR BEHALF

AMCHP Supports State Title V/CYSHCN Leaders to Participate in New NASHP Consortium to Advance Medical Homes

AMCHP supported representatives from four states to participate in a new National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) Consortium to Advance Medical Homes to promote the importance of partnerships with Title V in state medical home initiatives. This consortium convened in October at a Medical Home Learning Session in Baltimore, MD. The Learning Session brought together eight state teams who were selected through a competitive process to examine models and strategies for improving access to medical homes for Medicaid/CHIP populations. Four of the states (Iowa, Kansas, Montana and Texas) included a Title V/CYSHCN representative who will be a part of the state team receiving technical assistance from NASHP over the next year to build up their medical home activities. AMCHP staff, Michelle Alletto, also attended the Learning Session. For more information on NASHP's work around medical home visit the NASHP [website](#) or contact [Michelle Alletto](#).

ASK AN EXPERT

Is your state using the National Survey of Children's Health and/or the National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs to inform program and policy development or evaluate the impact of policies? The Maternal and Child Health Bureau is interested in your state stories. Please share any stories about how these surveys have helped your state with [Lauren Raskin Ramos](#).

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES

General Maternal & Child Health

New HIV/AIDS Funding Data Now Available

Statehealthfacts.org has posted new data on federal funding streams for HIV/AIDS. Collected in partnership with the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD), these data for Federal Fiscal Year 2008 are available by state and for the nation, and represent the latest available state-level data on all major federal funding streams for HIV/AIDS in the United States. Updated data include HIV/AIDS funding by state from the Ryan White Program, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program, and the Office of Minority Health (OMH). To learn more, visit [here](#).

PRAMS 2007 Data Now Available on CPONDER

The Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) team in CDC's Division of Reproductive Health, Applied Sciences Branch has added the 2007 PRAMS data to CDC's PRAMS On-line Data for Epidemiologic Research (CPONDER) system. CPONDER now contains prevalence and trends data for key indicators from the PRAMS survey from 2000 through 2007. To learn more, visit [here](#).

New Issue Brief on Access to Abortion Coverage and Health Reform

A new issue brief from the Kaiser Family Foundation examines health reform and access to coverage for abortion services, a subject that has become one of the most discussed elements of the reform debate. The paper explains current law regarding abortion coverage, discusses the treatment of coverage for abortion services under the major health reform bills under consideration in Congress, and explores the possible impact of the House-passed legislation on public and private coverage for abortion services. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

Women's Health

New Study on the Impact of Obesity On Fertility in Young Women

The study, "Reproductive Health of Women Electing Bariatric Surgery," published in the online edition of

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Fertility and Sterility, the journal of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, finds that women who become obese before the age of 18 are more likely to become infertile and develop polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS). To view an abstract of the study, visit [here](#).

HRSA Issues Updated Women's Health Data Book

The data book, "Women's Health USA 2009," published by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), offers a collection of current and historical data on some of the most pressing health challenges facing women, their families and their communities. The book is intended to be a concise reference for policymakers and program managers at the federal, state and local levels to identify and clarify issues impacting the health of women. New topics in this edition include data and information on women veterans, bleeding disorders, hearing problems, and severe headaches and migraines. A new section provides state-specific data on leading causes of death, overweight and obesity and smoking among women. To view the data book, visit [here](#).

Revised Fact Sheets on Women's Health Insurance Coverage

The fact sheet, "Women's Health Insurance Coverage," published by the Kaiser Family Foundation, provides updated statistics on health coverage and describes the major sources of health insurance for non-elderly adult women ages 18–64, including employer-sponsored coverage, Medicaid, individually purchased insurance, and Medicare. It also summarizes the major policy challenges facing women in obtaining health coverage, and provides data on the more than 17 million women who are uninsured. To download the fact sheet, visit [here](#).

Children's Health

Resources on Child Care and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)

The resource, "Child Care and SIDS," produced by the National Sudden and Unexpected Infant/Child Death and Pregnancy Loss Resource Center at Georgetown University, contains brochures, fact sheets, model policies, training courses, campaigns, self-learning modules, curricula, licensing regulations, legislation and standards available from national organizations and state programs.

Several of the listed resources are available in Spanish. To learn more, visit [here](#).

New Guide Offers Tips on Infant Safety for Parents and Caregivers

The guide, "Baby Safety Basics: A Guide to Keeping Your Baby Safe During the First Year of Life," published by Safe Kids USA and Cribs for Kids, addresses infant safety during sleep; while feeding, bathing, or playing; and when riding in the car. Content includes tips on buying a crib, do's and don'ts of safe sleep, recommended toys and toys to avoid, preventing poisonings and falls, and installing a car seat. Additional information on infant product safety and ways to make the home safer is presented. To download the guide, visit [here](#).

NAPNAP Releases New Brochure on Pediatric Vaccines

The brochure, "Vaccinations: Keeping Children Healthy for a Lifetime!," developed by the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP), provides information on vaccines and all of the diseases they prevent, and offers websites as resources for families, and discusses the importance of staying on the recommended vaccination schedule. The brochure is available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#). To learn more, visit [here](#).

New Report on Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Programs

The report, "What Works? A Study of Effective Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Programs," published by the Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development (GUCCHD), seeks to address critical knowledge gaps in the field and provide data-driven guidance around consultation program design. To download the report, visit [here](#).

New Toolkit for Providers of Children with High Risk Conditions

The toolkit, "Tools for Providers of Children with High Risk Conditions," developed by the CDC, provides information and communication resources to health care providers who care for children at higher risk for serious illness or influenza complications. The toolkit offers an information sheet on access to the H1N1 vaccine, a brochure and template letters for parents and caregivers, as well as posters for the office setting. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Adolescent Health

Healthy Teen Network Releases New Primer on Adolescent Health

The primer, “Healthy People 2020 and Adolescent Health: A Primer,” published by the Healthy Teen Network with support from the Health Resources and Services Administration’s Maternal and Child Health Bureau, reviews the current HP 2010 initiative and provides examples of how organizations have used HP 2010 health objectives to help inform their work with adolescents. Resources and information on how to stay informed and be part of the HP 2020 initiative are also included. To download the primer, visit [here](#).

New Report on Serving Young Adults with Special Health Care Needs

A report, “Primary Care Providers’ Perspectives on Serving Young Adults with Special Health Care Needs,” published by the Washington State Department of Health, documents the challenges of transitioning adolescents with special health care needs into adult care in Washington state. Based on the information from this survey, transition of young adults from pediatric to adult care may be improved by increasing parent-provider relationships in the medical home, provider reimbursement, and provider training – all areas the Department of Health and partners are working to improve. To download the report, visit [here](#).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

AMCHP is Seeking Applicants for a Program Team Associate

The Program Associate, Program Team position supports AMCHP’s efforts to build capacity and provide resources for state Maternal and Child Health and Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) programs. This position supports and assists Program staff in the development, implementation and evaluation of program activities related to MCH and CYSHCN, with a particular focus on autism and developmental disabilities, and contributes to the collection of state best practices, newsletter development, and implementation of communication strategies. This position will report to the Senior Program Manager, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs. To learn more, visit [here](#).

DHHS-HRSA Job Opening for a Public Health Analyst

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), has a job opening for a Public Health Analyst. The health analyst will be responsible for assisting in the management for grants/cooperative agreements within stable, well-established programs, or share technical responsibility for more complex grants/agreements; monitoring grantee performance and progress to identify substantive or administrative problems, taking corrective action with respect to modifications in program/project content, direction funding, staff levels, etc.; assisting in managing grants entailing the coordination of efforts and the resolution of conflicting and controversial high profile issues with a number of parties both with the agency and outside; identifying potential or existing problems and informing supervisor and grants management officials of any negative or irregular review findings; assisting in managing and administering assigned aspects of centrally managed projects; providing direct consultation and assistance to grantee organizations concerning programmatic and technical matters. The deadline to apply is November 30. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Applications for Pre-doctoral Trainees in Reproductive, Perinatal, and Pediatric Epidemiology

The Department of Epidemiology at Emory University is accepting applications for Pre-doctoral Trainees in the Reproductive, Perinatal, and Pediatric Epidemiology training program, funded by a National Institutes of Health T32 training grant. Trainees will be provided a full tuition scholarship plus a stipend. Students in this program develop strong methodologic skills from a rigorous core of biostatistics and epidemiologic methods courses. They receive formal training in teaching skills and in the ethical conduct of research. They gain academic understanding of the related areas of reproductive, perinatal, and pediatric epidemiology through coursework and interdisciplinary seminars. Competitive candidates will have strong analytical and writing skills and be interested in working in the areas of reproductive, perinatal and pediatric epidemiology. Applications are due by December 1. To apply for the fall 2010 class, visit [here](#). For additional information, contact [Deanna Murray](#), MPH.

Application for the Chief of the Epidemiology Branch of NICHD

The Division of Epidemiology, Statistics and Prevention Research (DESPR) of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development (NICHD), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Health and Human Services (HHS), invites applications for the position of Senior Investigator to serve as the Chief of the Epidemiology Branch. The Chief directs the Branch's overall research program, provides leadership, administrative and managerial support, and conducts original and collaborative reproductive, perinatal or pediatric epidemiologic research. Candidates must have an earned doctorate in epidemiology or a closely related field or an earned medical degree with a graduate degree in epidemiology or a closely related field and substantial epidemiology research experience. The successful applicant must have international stature for his/her original and collaborative publication record in the peer-reviewed literature, demonstrated success in mentoring students and junior scientists, strong leadership and administrative skills, and evidence of professional service appropriate for an academic appointment commensurate with a tenured professor and consistent with the qualifications for tenure at the NIH. Excellent communication skills are highly valued. Applications will be reviewed starting on December 15, 2009, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For more information, email [Paul Errett](mailto:Paul.Errett@nih.gov).

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](mailto:minority@commonwealthfund.org).

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!

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Limited Competition: Addressing Health Disparities in Maternal and Child Health through Community-Based Participatory Research (R03)

Deadline: **November 30**

The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development requests applications to implement developmental community based participatory research (CBPR) projects planned and developed by recipients of the Phase I Academic-Community Partnerships Conference Series awards under PAR-08-106 and RFA-HD-06-019. This initiative will encompass capacity building (i.e., data collection and management, recruitment and outreach, etc) as well as implementation of the developmental translational research projects within specified areas of emphasis (infant mortality; sudden infant death syndrome; fibroid tumors; childhood, adolescent, and/or adult obesity; literacy; techniques for outreach and information dissemination; pediatric and maternal HIV/AIDS prevention; and violence prevention) which were planned and designed in Phase I. Through the Phase I and II community-academic partnerships awards, it is intended that key stakeholders including persons affected by disparities in health outcomes will become full participants in translational research from conception to the design; implementation, analysis, and interpretation; and communication of research results. The development of innovative interventions or the adaptation and implementation of existing advances within the community setting is the expected outcome. Culture

and health literacy must be key considerations in the development or adaptation of evidence based interventions for implementation in racial/ethnic minority communities. 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](#).

Funding for Public Health Conference Support Program

Deadline: **December 11**

CDC's Procurement and Grants Office has published a funding opportunity announcement entitled, "NCBDDD Public Health Conference Support Program." Approximately \$100,000 will be available in fiscal year 2010 to fund up to 12 awards. The purpose of this FOA is to provide partial support for specific non-Federal conferences in the areas of health promotion, disease prevention, and educational programs. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Funding for Population-Based Birth Defects Surveillance and Utilization of Surveillance Data by Public Health Programs

Deadline: **December 11**

CDC's Procurement and Grants Office has a funding opportunity to support (1) the development, implementation, expansion, and evaluation of state population-based birth defects surveillance systems; (2) the development and implementation of population-based programs to prevent birth defects; (3) the development and implementation or expansion of activities, including referral to services, to improve the access of children with birth defects to health services and early intervention programs; and (4) the evaluation of the effectiveness of the referral activities and the impact on the affected children and families.. To learn more, visit [here](#).

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

Deadline: **January 8**

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

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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](#).

CDC Funding for Preventing Unintentional Childhood Injuries (R21)

Deadline: **January 8**

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages research that will build the scientific base for the prevention of unintentional injuries to children, 0 to 19 years. It is meant to engage professionals from a wide spectrum of disciplines in epidemiology, community medicine, clinical pediatrics, pediatric psychology, child development, public policy, public health law, and behavioral and social sciences. This FOA addresses "Healthy People 2010" priority area(s) of injury and violence prevention and the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control's (NCIPC) research agenda, and is in alignment with NCIPC performance goal(s) to increase the capacity of injury prevention and control programs. It also supports CDC's performance goals of prevention research involving sustainable and transferable community-based interventions. The R21 grant mechanism is intended to encourage exploratory/developmental research by providing support for the early and conceptual stages of project development. These studies should break new ground or extend previous discoveries toward new directions or applications. Studies may be high risk high reward that may lead to a breakthrough in a particular area, or result in novel techniques, methodologies, models or applications that will impact biomedical, behavioral, or clinical research and practice. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Funding to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Targeted Areas of Need - Local Recovery Oriented Systems of Care

Deadline: **January 14**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment is accepting applications for fiscal year 2010 Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Targeted Areas of Need – Local Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (TCE - Local ROSC). This program is designed to foster the development and utilization of local recovery-oriented systems of care to address gaps in treatment capacity by supporting person-centered and self-directed approaches for substance abuse (including alcohol and drug) treatment and recovery services in communities with serious drug problems. The purpose of this program is to expand the community's ability to provide integrated and comprehensive community-based responses to a targeted, well-documented substance abuse treatment capacity problem and/or improve the quality and intensity of services. The focus is on providing support for local organizations, including grass-roots, faith- and community-based treatment programs, and recovery community organizations, that can link services critical to the population of focus and deliver them in a manner consistent with the principles of recovery-oriented systems of care. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CMS Funding Available for Enrolling American Indian, Alaska Native Kids in Health Care

Deadline: **January 15**

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius has just announced the availability of up to \$10 million in grants to help reach American Indian and Alaska Native children who qualify for, but are not yet enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Applications are due by January 15, 2010, and the grants will be awarded on April 15. Grants will be available to the Indian Health Service, Tribes and Tribal organizations operating a health program, and Urban Indian organizations operating a health program. To learn more, visit [here](#).

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Funding for Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholars

Deadline: **February 2**

The goal of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Nurse Faculty Scholars program is to develop the next generation of national leaders in academic nursing through career development awards for outstanding junior nursing faculty. The program aims to strengthen the academic productivity and overall excellence of nursing schools by providing mentorship, leadership training and salary and research support to young faculty. RWJF will select up to 12 awards of up to \$350,000 each over three years. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Projects to Deliver Peer-to-Peer Recovery Support Services

Deadline: **February 10**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) announces the availability of FY 2010 funds for grants to deliver peer-to-peer recovery support services that help prevent relapse and promote sustained recovery from alcohol and drug use disorders. Successful applicants will provide peer-to-peer recovery support services that are responsive to community needs and strengths, and will carry out a performance assessment of these services. RCSP is intended to support peer leaders from the recovery community in providing recovery support services to people in recovery and their family members, and to foster the growth of communities of recovery that will help individuals and families, achieve and sustain long-term recovery. Recovery Community Services Program (RCSP) grants are authorized under section 509 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. This announcement addresses Healthy People 2010 focus area 26 (Substance Abuse). To learn more, visit [here](#).

CALENDAR



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

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