



## LEGISLATIVE CORNER

### Banner Days for MCH

This past Wednesday, October 27 was a banner day for state maternal and child health. Those of you in Washington for the Maternal and Child Health Bureau's Federal/State Partnership Meeting heard first hand from HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. She spoke eloquently of her understanding of both the rich historical traditions of Title V MCH Programs in the New Deal of Franklin Roosevelt as well as its modern importance. Hearing an HHS Secretary speak about Title V in such supportive terms was inspiring. We also heard some good news Wednesday about the status of the Senate health reform bill melding process in a meeting with key Hill staffers working on prevention and MCH issues convened by the Trust for America's Health. The main focus was on the status of the Public Health and Prevention Investment Funds which they reported are still in each chambers melded bills. After many sighs of relief and steeling of resolve to protect these investments through final passage they asked staff about the status of other good pediatric benefit provisions from the HELP Committee bill and we were told "they are still in there." We still don't have specifics or final language, but the glimmer of insight was encouraging and worth passing along. Thanks to all who responded to AMCHP's Oct. 21 action alert asking for communications with policymakers about the importance of retaining the Prevention Fund and Home Visiting Program in any final reform legislation.

We now turn to awaiting the final legislative language on both the House and Senate bills and prepare to defend against any harmful amendments that might be offered during floor debate. [Please note: As this issue went to press, the House of Representatives is releasing their final health reform legislation. Check [AMCHP's Health Reform Resource hub](#) for links to summaries and analysis on what it means for state MCH programs.]

### Home Visiting

As previously communicated, we now have the Senate legislative language showing the details for the proposed Home Visiting program creating a new section 511 of Title V. The Senate version has several distinct differences from the House proposal in that the Senate builds upon the success of Title V programs (the House proposes the program be authorized in Title IV – Child Welfare). The Senate also proposed \$1.5 billion which is twice as much as the House proposal, and the Senate does not propose requiring any state match where the House proposal includes a small state match requirement. However, now that the Senate details are available, there are a number of issues we want to highlight, starting with the requirement that state Title V programs would need to submit a separate needs assessment within six months of the bill's passage. Other key provisions are highlighted in red in the summary of the Senate proposal available [here](#).



### Title V FY 2010 Appropriations

Congress voted to extend the current Continuing Resolution (CR) through December 18 in order to keep programs running, while they debate how to deal with the yet unfinished FY 2010 appropriations. Programs would continue to be funded at their FY 2009 levels through that time. While no final decision has been made, there is some thought that the Labor-HHS bill, containing funding for the Title V MCH Block Grant, may eventually be wrapped up in a "minibus" package in order to clear it and the other remaining bills by the end of the year. AMCHP is monitoring developments daily and will report to membership on any further actions as they occur. For additional information or questions please contact [Brent Ewig](#) or [Joshua Brown](#).



### 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](#).

### Next AMCHP All Member Health Reform Update Audioconference

Mark your calendar now for the next all-member Health Reform Update audioconference on Tuesday, November 10 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. (EDT). We will cover the latest developments and again seek your input for AMCHP's advocacy strategies. To register, click [here](#).

### AMCHP Webinar on What Are Title V Programs Doing to Address the "A" in MCAH?

AMCHP's webinar, "What are Title V Programs Doing to Address the "A" in MCAH?" will convene on November 12 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. (EDT) as part of AMCHP's Adolescent Health Information Series. Adolescence is a unique developmental period which involves significant physical, mental, social, and intellectual changes. As such, adolescence is a critical period bridging childhood and adulthood. Some of the changes young people experience on the journey to adulthood, such as an expanding social universe and identity development, can put young people at risk for negative health outcomes. This period, then, presents public health programs with opportunities to impact health promotion and prevention behaviors of young people. This webinar will feature two states' Maternal, Child (and) Adolescent Health (MCAH) efforts related to adolescent health. To register, visit [here](#). For more information, contact [Lissa Pressfield](#) or call (202) 266-3037.

### Register Now for AMCHP's 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](mailto:lynnporrazzo@conferencemanagers.com) or call AMCHP's Conference Department at (703) 964-1240.

### Webinar on Evaluating High-Risk Maternal and Newborn Home Visiting Program

The webinar, "Using Linked Data to Evaluate a High-Risk Maternal and Newborn Home Visiting Program," will convene on November 4, from 2 to 3 p.m. (EDT). The Massachusetts Early Intervention Partnerships Program (EIPP) is a high-risk maternal and newborn screening, assessment and service system that provides home-based intervention and connects vulnerable families to community services and health care. The presentation will describe the EIPP and present an evaluation of the program that used linked data from the Pregnancy to Early Life Longitudinal (PELL) Data System to examine perinatal outcomes for EIPP participants compared with non-participants. To participate, visit [here](#). Meeting ID: 98HZ8W. Attendee Entry Code: MCHPEIPart.



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 contributing 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.

### National Spina Bifida Program

In recognition of Spina Bifida Awareness Month, the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities has posted a feature article on CDC's home

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page about the National Spina Bifida Program. You can view the feature article in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#).

### 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.

## PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES

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### General Maternal and Child Health

#### CDC's New Feature and Video on Disabilities

The article, "People with Disabilities Can Lead Long, Healthy Lives," provides information on improving the health and wellness of people with disabilities, tips on leading a healthy life, and for getting physically fit. The new video tells the story of Mark and his role as a person helping future health care providers improve their care of people with disabilities. To view the article and video, visit [here](#).

### Women's Health

#### New Study on the Value of Maternal Blood Biomarkers in Early Pregnancy

The study, "A Prospective Cohort Study of the Value of Maternal Plasma Concentrations of Angiogenic and Anti-angiogenic Factors in Early Pregnancy and Midtrimester

in the Identification of Patients Destined to Develop Preeclampsia," published by Informa Healthcare in The Journal of Maternal-Fetal & Neonatal Medicine, examines the value of maternal blood biomarkers that can change the way expectant mothers are cared for in prenatal clinics around the world. To download the study, visit [here](#).

### Children's Health

#### New Resource on the Health Information Technology (IT) for Children

The resource, "The Health IT for Children Toolbox," developed by the Health Resources and Services Administration, provides resources for a diverse group of stakeholders to support information technology in children's health promotion and disease prevention. To learn more, visit [here](#).

#### Article on Assessing Learning Problems in Children with ADHD

The article, "Identifying Learning Problems in Children Evaluated for ADHD: The Academic Performance Questionnaire," published by *Pediatrics*, examines the usefulness of the Academic Performance Questionnaire as an initial screening tool for assessing learning problems among children who present with symptoms of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) or other school problems. To read the abstract, visit [here](#).

#### Report on Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Children and Adults

To assess vaccination uptake among children and adults during the 2008--09 influenza season, CDC analyzed data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System in 19 states, which represent 43 percent of the United States population. This report summarizes the results of the analysis. To read the report, visit [here](#).

#### Report on Availability of Less Nutritious Food in Secondary Schools

Foods and beverages offered or sold in schools outside of U.S. Department of Agriculture school meal programs are not subject to federal nutrition standards and generally are of lower nutritional quality than foods and beverages served in the meal programs. To estimate

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changes in the percentage of schools in which students could not purchase less nutritious foods and beverages, CDC analyzed 2002--2008 survey data from its School Health Profiles for public secondary schools. This report summarizes the results of those analyses. To read report, visit [here](#).

### **MCH Library Releases Updated EPSDT Knowledge Path**

The knowledge path, "Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT)," produced by the Maternal and Child (MCH) Library at Georgetown University, contains information on websites, publications, distance learning resources, and databases. Guidelines for the frequency, timing, and content of health-promotion and disease-prevention services for infants, children, and adolescents are provided. Separate sections present resources for professionals (health professionals, program administrators, policymakers, and researchers) and for families. A special topics area lists resources about oral health services as part of the EPSDT benefit. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **New Brief on Improving Primary Care Services for Children**

The issue brief, "Strengthening Health Care for Children: Primary Care and the Medical Home, published by the National Business Group on Health's Center for Prevention and Health Services with support from the Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau, encourages employers to work to ensure that all children have a usual source of continuous and comprehensive care. Topics include current problems in health care for children, the importance of primary care, and potential models for improving health care services for children. The medical home and ways that employers can support it, as well as other employer strategies for improving primary care services for children, are discussed. To view the brief, visit [here](#).

## **Adolescent Health**

### **Article on the Bullying Behaviors in Our Nation's Adolescents**

The article, "School Bullying Among Adolescents in the United States: Physical, Verbal, Relational, and Cyber," published by the Journal of Adolescent Health, finds

that parents and friends are two important sources of social influences associated with adolescent bullying and victimization. This study explored gender, age, racial, and socioeconomic differences in prevalence of each form of bullying among adolescents in grades 6 through 10 and examined the roles of parental support and number of friends. To read the abstract, visit [here](#).

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### **AMCHP Partnering to Promote the Use of Evidence-based Approaches to Teen Pregnancy, HIV and STI Prevention**

In 2008, AMCHP partnered with the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) to apply for a one-time supplemental award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Division of Adolescent and School Health. AMCHP and NACCHO were awarded the funding which was designed to enhance state and local education and health agency partnerships to promote evidence-based approaches to teen pregnancy, HIV and STI prevention. Over the course of the year, AMCHP and NACCHO staff worked with a group of stakeholders, which included teen pregnancy prevention coalition and community representatives, in addition to state and local education and health agency staff, from Massachusetts,



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Minnesota and Pennsylvania to plan in-state trainings on evidence-based approaches along with future planning meetings. For additional information, please contact [Sharron Corle](#).

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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### **CDC Job Opening for the Director, 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 November 9. 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 November 9. 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.

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### **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:nichd@nih.gov).

### **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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### **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 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

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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](#).

### **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

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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, 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](#).

### **CDC Funding for Preventing Unintentional Childhood Injuries (R21)**

Deadline: **January 8, 2010**

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”



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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, 2010**

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](#).

### **Funding for Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholars**

Deadline: **February 2, 2010**

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](#).



## CALENDAR

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### [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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