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MCH Funding Update

Congress returned to work on the unfinished Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 appropriations bills last week by wrapping the six incomplete bills into a single omnibus, which was passed by the House of Representatives on Thursday, December 10. The Senate passed the bill on Sunday, December 13.

The omnibus includes funding for the Title V Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant which is flat funded at its current level of \$662 million for Federal FY 2010. There are however a number of increases to specific programs that would raise the Maternal & Child Health Bureau's (MCHB) budget by \$10 million. For more details on the proposed funding, see AMCHP's latest [Legislative Alerts](#) as well as our updated chart of all MCH-related funding [here](#). AMCHP continues to monitor progress and will alert members as the FY 2010 process is finalized.

Senate Health Reform Debate Rolls On

The Senate spent the entire past week continuing to debate health reform, but made little progress on dispensing with a rapidly growing list of amendments. So far, the Senate has voted on only 16 amendments, approving six. Of the over 300 amendments filed as of December 11, AMCHP is tracking 23 that may have MCH implications. So far we have not identified any amendments that propose substantial changes to the Title V home visiting program or the Prevention and Public Health Fund. The most current list of filed amendments is available [here](#) although it is growing daily.

AMCHP is providing comments and signing letters of support for some MCH-related amendments when consistent with our health reform principles and in consultation with our Legislative and Health Care Finance Committee. It is unclear at this point how many amendments the Senate might consider before turning to try to finalize debate and move to a vote. We continue to engage in the debate and expect there will be much

breaking news to share in the weeks to come. As always, questions or suggestions for AMCHP's policy work can be directed to [Brent Ewig](#) or (202) 266-3041.



In Memoriam: Dr. Ed Thompson

AMCHP is saddened to report the passing of Ed Thompson, MD, MPH, Mississippi State Health Officer, after an extended bout of colon cancer. Dr. Thompson was a dedicated public health advocate who spent his career strengthening the practice of public health, including maternal and child health, in Mississippi and nationally.

Dr. Thompson was one of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials' longest serving members, spending a total of nearly 12 years as State Health Officer in Mississippi. Prior to becoming the State Health Officer, he served as the state's epidemiologist for a decade. Dr. Thompson also spent three years at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as Chief of Public Health Practice and as Deputy Director for Public Health Services.

"He was literally the face of public health in Mississippi and, in large measure, across the nation," said Dr. Randy Easterling, president of the Mississippi State Medical Association. "With a limited budget, he was able to take on all the health problems in the poorest state in the country. It took a real passion for the sickest of the sick and the poorest of the poor to accomplish that." This year, the National Association of Local Boards of Health recognized Thompson as the country's outstanding state health officer. The state Board of Health recently voted to recommend to lawmakers that the new state Public Health Lab be named after Thompson. AMCHP appreciates Dr. Thompson's leadership on public health issues and share our condolences with Dr. Thompson's family and many friends nationwide.



Register Now for AMCHP's Annual Conference!

Register today [online](#) to attend AMCHP's Annual Conference to convene on March 6-10, 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.

AMCHP March Board Meetings

The next AMCHP Board Meeting will be held during our Annual Conference on Saturday, March 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EDT) and on Wednesday, March 10 from 8 a.m. to Noon (EDT). Additional information will be provided in the coming weeks. Board members who will be attending should RSVP to [Nora Lam](#) or call (202) 775-0436.

AMCHP Business Meeting

All members, partners and staff are invited to attend a Business Meeting on Tuesday, March 9 from 8 to 9:15 a.m. during our Annual Conference.

Webinar on Health Reform and Women of Color

The Kaiser Family Foundation's next live Today's Topics In Health Disparities live webinar series will feature a discussion about "What Might Health Reform Mean for Women of Color?" on December 15 at 1 p.m. (EDT). The webinar will examine aspects of the current Senate and House health reform bills that particularly impact women of color. Women tend to be greater users of the health care system than men, have higher rates of some chronic illnesses, and have unique reproductive health care needs. To learn more, visit [here](#).

OEREP Call for Applications

The Office of Extramural Research, Education and Priority Populations (OEREP) seeks two Staff Service Fellows to serve as internal consultants to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) on topics pertaining to pediatric healthcare quality measures; and to develop, coordinate and communicate policies, procedures and priorities of AHRQ's research program for advancing and improving pediatric healthcare quality measures. These positions are located in the Division of Priority Populations which coordinates, supports, manages and conducts health services research on priority populations. These

are full time temporary positions not to exceed September 30, 2010. The deadline for applications is December 31. For complete details about the first staff service position, visit [here](#) and for the second position, visit [here](#). For more information on CHIPRA quality, visit [here](#).

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 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

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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 to have the best chance of review and inclusion in this supplement. Authors with potential papers should contact the [editor](#).

MCH Public Health Leadership Institute Call for Applications

The Maternal and Child Health Public Health Leadership Institute is currently accepting applications for an exciting year-long leadership development program. Three onsite residential retreats combined with ongoing executive coaching and a robust, customizable distance-skill building component provides continuous learning and skill enhancement throughout the experience. Learn how to motivate and engage others, manage difficult conversations, negotiate, communicate during crisis, create a compelling vision, apply critical thinking skills among many other skills. Application deadline is February 15. For more information contact mchphli@unc.edu or [Claudia Fernandez@unc.edu](mailto:Claudia_Fernandez@unc.edu).

Call for Applications

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is seeking applicants for its Clinical Scholars program which fosters the development of physicians who will lead the transformation of Americans' health and health care. These future leaders will conduct innovative research and work with communities, organizations, practitioners and policy-makers to address issues essential to the health and well-being of all Americans. The Clinical Scholars program generally involves two years of study with generous time for research. Interested scholars will be considered for a

limited number of opportunities for a third year of support. The deadline to apply is February 26. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Call for Feedback

The Disability and Health team at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is in the process of improving its website. This improvement project includes the development of an online interactive database application to store and display data about people with disabilities compared to those without disabilities across a variety of health topics. As part of this preliminary work on this project, they are conducting a survey to find out your information needs, what features would be useful to you, and how this tool can be most effective and user-friendly. The survey deadline is March 31. For more information, contact [Marcia Miller](#). To complete the survey, visit [here](#).



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. If you have any questions about the process, contact [Darlisha Williams](#) at (202) 266-3057.



General Maternal and Child Health

MCH Library Issues New Online Resource Brief on Immunizations

The brief, “Immunizations: Resource Brief,” produced by the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Library at Georgetown University, lists and describes federal agency, professional organization, and advocacy websites containing electronic publications that provide information on child, adolescent, and adult vaccinations and immunizations, including materials in non-English languages, policy statements, recommendations and reports. Audio and video files, blogs, news, photos, research tools, and statistics are also presented. Selected topics include vaccine-preventable diseases; how vaccines work, types of vaccines, and availability; the benefits and risks of the most common vaccines; immunizations for specific populations; and clinical trials, immunization laws, and registries. Information on state and local resources and links to a bibliography of materials and an annotated list of organizations on immunizations and vaccines developed by the MCH Library are also provided. To learn more, visit [here](#).

AAP Posts Holiday Safety Tips

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) offers tips to ensure that children have a safe holiday season. Topics include guidelines for safe use of lights, decorations and trees, including how to check the freshness of a live Christmas tree. Toy safety tips address the importance of age-appropriate gifts and the need to avoid items with small parts for children under age three. To learn more, visit [here](#).

OHRC Offers New Distance Learning Curricula

The National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC) posted seven distance learning curricula with the TrainingFinder Real-time Affiliate Integrated Network (TRAIN.org). All of the curricula are free and can be taken for a completion certificate through TRAIN.org. The completion certificates may be recognized by your state; check your state’s licensing requirements. To learn more, visit [here](#).

The Kaiser Family Foundation has Updated Issue Briefs on the Health Reform Debate:

- [Health Reform: Implications for Women’s Access to Coverage and Care](#) now reflects the latest developments in the Congressional debate surrounding abortion and mammography coverage. This brief also provides a broader look at key issues for women, including access to health insurance coverage, health care affordability, scope of benefits and long-term care.
- [Health Insurance Coverage for Older Adults: Implications of a Medicare Buy-In](#) provides an updated profile of the more than 4 million uninsured people between ages 55 and 64 and examines historical proposals to allow uninsured older adults to purchase Medicare coverage – a concept that has recently reemerged as a potential element of the Senate health reform plan.
- [Immigrants’ Health Coverage and Health Reform: Key Questions and Answers](#) provides an overview of key questions related to immigrants’ health coverage and health reform, including how immigrants receive health coverage and how many of the uninsured are non-citizen immigrants.

Women’s Health

AHRQ Releases Two New Guides on Induced Labor

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has produced two free, evidence-based research summary guides to help women and their health care providers understand the potential pros and cons of choosing induced labor:

- [Thinking About Inducing Your Labor: A Guide for Pregnant Women](#), explains induced labor – the use of medicine or other methods to get labor started – while offering women reasons why they may or may not want to choose the procedure over waiting for traditional childbirth.

- A companion guide for clinician, [Elective Induction of Labor: Safety and Risks](#), includes a summary of the clinical evidence on the safety of elective induction of labor versus waiting, and also offers information about maternal and fetal outcomes with elective induction.

Free print copies are also available by calling the AHRQ Publications Clearinghouse at (800) 358-9295.

NOHPC Issues New Brief on Dental Coverage for Pregnant Women

The policy brief, “Medicaid Coverage of Dental Care for Pregnant Women,” published by the National Oral Health Policy Center (NOHPC), examines state Medicaid dental coverage for pregnant women and confirms that it is inadequate overall. While states may elect adult dental coverage, few have specifically targeted a dental benefit for pregnant women. This brief is intended to assist states in identifying how they can provide dental coverage for low-income pregnant women. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

CHLP Releases First Legal and Medical Guide on HIV and Pregnancy

The guide, “HIV and Pregnancy: Medical and Legal Considerations for Women and Their Advocates,” published by the Center for HIV Law and Policy (CHLP), makes it clear that persistent beliefs among medical, social service and justice system professionals that women with HIV should avoid childbearing are unsupported by medical science or the law. According to the report, “informed patients with a supportive health care environment have better health outcomes and healthier offspring—yet women living with HIV frequently encounter patronizing attitudes and negative judgments, particularly when considering pregnancy. Although transmission of HIV from women to their newborns was a significant problem in the first decade of the AIDS epidemic, more recent medical advances, and the discovery that administering antiretroviral medications can dramatically reduce the risk of mother-to-child transmission, has nearly eliminated perinatal transmission in the United States.” To download the report, visit [here](#).

Children’s Health

Special Issue of *Pediatrics* Devoted to Analyses from the 2005-2006 National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs

A just-released special issue of *Pediatrics* contains 15 articles whose new findings result from closer examination of data collected by the 2005-2006 National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs. The articles focus on timely epidemiologic and public health issues at the national and state levels that highlight elements affecting this population. Included in the supplement are studies on the well-being of the health care environment for children with special health care needs (CSHCN), oral health care and Medicaid, school and community services for children with autism spectrum disorder, unmet health care needs among CSHCN with neurological conditions, and geographic disparities in access to a medical home. The 2005-2006 National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs is the largest ever done on the health of this population, with a sample size of parents or guardians of more than 40,000 children in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. It was funded and developed by HRSA’s MCHB and the National Center for Health Statistics at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. To view the survey online, visit [here](#). The articles can also be accessed online, [here](#).

New Brief Compares Infant Mortality Rates Between the U.S. and Europe

The brief, “Behind International Rankings of Infant Mortality: How the United States Compares with Europe,” published by the National Center for Health Statistics, examines factors that determine the infant mortality rate and different countries’ requirements for reporting a live birth to assess the possible effect on infant mortality data. Contents include key findings; figures, tables, and graphs; definitions; and data source and methods. Data on infant mortality rates, reporting requirements, gestational age-specific mortality rates, and the percentage of preterm births for the United States and selected European countries are presented and discussed. The authors also compare infant mortality rates for the United States and Sweden and the U.S. infant mortality rate standardized for Sweden’s gestational age distribution. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

New Study on the Impact of Preterm and Low Birth Weight on Motor Development

The study, "Motor Development in Very Preterm and Very Low-Birth-Weight Children From Birth to Adolescence," published by the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, investigates the relationship between very preterm birth and very low birth weight (VLBW) on a child's motor development. The study authors reviewed the databases EMBASE, PubMed and Web of Knowledge to search for English-language, peer-reviewed articles published between January 1992 and August 2009. Forty-one articles were identified, including 9,653 children. In comparison with peers who were born full term, very preterm and VLBW had lower scores on tests of motor skills, including some deficits that continued during elementary school and early adolescence. To read the abstract, visit [here](#).

ON YOUR BEHALF

On December 8, AMCHP, represented by Michelle Alletto, attended a meeting with the President's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) along with several women's health groups to discuss women's health priorities, particularly related to women's health research. The group of organizations attending included the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Society for Maternal Fetal-Medicine, March of Dimes, Society for Women's Health Research, and the American Society of Reproductive Medicine. OMB staff that work with NIH, CDC, and HRSA heard from AMCHP and others regarding areas of under-funded research at each stage of a woman's life from beginning to end. AMCHP specifically mentioned two areas determined to be a priority by our members including post-partum care coordination for high-risk women and contraception utilization.

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](#).

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, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For more information, email [Paul Errett](#).

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](#).

Public Health Prevention Service Fellowship

Every year, the Public Health Prevention Service (PHPS) selects 25 highly qualified individuals to become prevention specialists at the CDC. This challenging and rewarding three-year experience at CDC (first year) and state and local health public health agencies (second and third years) provides training and experience in areas such as program management, epidemiology, surveillance, emergency response, program evaluation and health communication. Prevention specialists engage in a variety of activities including seminars, evaluation projects, conferences, and field experiences designed to provide them with essential public health management and leadership skills. All online applications are due by February 15 for class beginning in October. To learn more about PHPS, 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!

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 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

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(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](#).

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. Recovery Community Services Program (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. RCSP grants are authorized under section

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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](#).

CDC Funding for Enhancing Public Health Surveillance of Autism Spectrum Disorders and Other Developmental Disabilities through the Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network

Deadline: **February 22**

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to enhance the capacity of currently operational surveillance programs (whether funded by CDC or other sources) to implement or enhance a population-based, multiple-source surveillance program for autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and other developmental disabilities among children who are eight years of age, such that they may participate as a member of the Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network. Approximately \$4,750,000 will be available in fiscal year 2010 to fund 10 awards. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CALENDAR



[The Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children \(ACHDNC\) Meeting](#)

January 21-22
Washington, DC

[23rd Annual Rural Health Care Leadership Conference](#)

February 7-10
Phoenix, AZ

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