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## LEGISLATIVE CORNER

**Stimulus Package includes \$87 Billion for Medicaid; \$1 Billion for Prevention** — On February 17 President Obama signed the \$789 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 into law. A summary of the health provisions included in the final package is available on AMCHP's [website](#). According to a First Focus analysis, the package provides approximately \$142 billion for America's children, including key funding for programs such as Medicaid, Head Start, school modernization and improvements to the Child Tax Credit.

While AMCHP remains disappointed that no funds were included for the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant, the \$87 billion included for Medicaid will help states maintain coverage of vulnerable populations, and the \$1 billion included for the Wellness fund is a welcome investment in prevention. The bill also extends moratoria on Medicaid regulations for targeted case management, provider taxes, and school-based administration and transportation services through June 30, 2009. The bill also adds a moratorium on the Medicaid regulation for hospital outpatient services through June 30, 2009.

Of the \$1 billion for prevention, the law directs that \$300 million is for the Section 317 Immunizations program; \$50 million is for prevention of healthcare associated infections; and \$650 million is for "Prevention and Wellness." Conference report language indicates the Prevention and Wellness funds are intended "to carry out evidence-based clinical and community-based prevention and wellness strategies and public health workforce development activities authorized by the Public Health Services Act, as determined by the Secretary, that deliver specific measurable health outcomes that address chronic and infectious disease rates, health disparities, preventable disabilities, and healthcare associated infections and which may be used for the Healthy Communities program administered HHS." Details on distribution of these funds have not been released, but we will share that information as it is made available.

## FY 09 Title V Appropriations Remain Unfinished

— The Congressional focus on passing economic stimulus legislation delayed the expected completion of a FY09 Omnibus Appropriations bill that includes funding for the Title V MCH Block Grant. Congress will need to address this unfinished business before the current Continuing Resolution expires on March 6. Additionally, details of the president's proposed budget for FY2010 — which are normally available in February — are now not expected until perhaps early April. We eagerly anticipate seeing what the new Administration proposes for Title V and other key MCH programs, and will report on that as information becomes available.



## GET INVOLVED



**AMCHP Business Meeting** — All members, partners and staff are invited to attend a business meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2009, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. during our Annual Conference in Washington, DC.

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



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

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

### **Webcast on Best Practices Home Safety —**

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau will host “Protecting Families at Home: Best Practices, New Products and Resources” webcast on March 4 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. (EST). To register for the Webcast, visit [here](#). For more information about the webcast, contact [Ellen Schmidt](#).

### **NRCOI Teleconference Series —**

The National Child Welfare Resource Center for Organizational Improvement (NRCOI)’s next teleconference series, “Experiences with Systems Change: Building Systems of Care,” will occur on March 5. This session will highlight the lessons learned through the Children’s Bureau grant program “Improving Child Welfare Outcomes through Systems of Care,” and explore two key principles: family involvement and interagency collaboration. To register, visit [here](#). To learn more, [email](#) or call 1-800-435-7543.

### **Call for Applications: Grants for Systems of Services for CYSHCN —**

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau is seeking applications for “The President’s New Freedom Initiative: State Implementation Grants for Systems of Services for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs.” The initiative will support up to six grants to assist State Title V Children with Special Health Care Needs programs, family organizations, providers and other partners to implement the six core outcomes of a system of services for children and youth with special health care needs. The guidance is available [here](#) or under [HRSA-09-159](#). The due date for all applications is March 6.

### **Call for Abstracts: National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing and Media**

— The CDC’s National Center for Health Marketing and the Office of Enterprise Communication is calling for abstracts for this conference to be held in Atlanta, GA on August 11-13. The deadline to submit an abstract is March 16. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **Webcast on Cyberbullying —**

Bullying prevention experts will discuss “Cyberbullying: Tools and Tips for Prevention and Intervention” during a Stop Bullying Now! Campaign webcast on April 22 from 3 to 4.30 p.m. (EST). To register for the webcast, visit [here](#). For more information about the webcast, contact [Nicolle Grayson](#).

### **ASK AN EXPERT**

Are services for autism covered under your Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program? Please email your responses to [Grace Williams](#).

## PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



### *General Maternal & Child Health*

**Resources on Poison Prevention —** HRSA has posted resources for National Poison Prevention Week, March 15-21. The resources include ideas for events and activities, fact sheets, information about how to partner with your local poison center, and planning tips to promote your events with media and community outreach. To view the resources, visit [here](#).



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## PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES CONT.

### **SAMHSA Kits Promote Community-Based Mental Health Practices**

— The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is offering a new Assertive Community Treatment Knowledge Informing Transformation (ACT KIT). This “kit” is designed to help mental health caregivers provide a broad range of mental health services in community settings that are well-suited to families. To learn more, visit [here](#).

## *Women’s Health*

### **MCH Resources on Depression During and After Pregnancy**

— The MCH Library at Georgetown University offers a selection of current, high-quality resources about the prevalence and incidence of perinatal depression; identification and treatment; impact on the health and well-being of new mothers and their infants; and implications for service delivery. The knowledge path is aimed at health professionals, policymakers, program administrators, and researchers. A separate section presents resources for women experiencing perinatal depression and their families. To view the resources, visit [here](#).

## *Children’s Health*

### **New March of Dimes Report on Newborn Screening for Life-Threatening Disorders**

— All 50 states and the District of Columbia now require that every baby be screened for 21 or more of the 29 serious genetic or functional disorders on the uniform panel recommended by the American College of Medical Genetics (ACMG) and endorsed by the March of Dimes. If diagnosed early, these disorders can be successfully managed or treated to prevent death, disability, or other severe consequences such as mental retardation. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **U.S. Fetal Mortality Rate by Period of Gestation**

— In 2005, the fetal mortality rate in the United States was 6.2 fetal deaths of >20 weeks’ gestation per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths. From 1990 to 2003, the rate declined 17% because of a decrease in late fetal deaths (>28 weeks’ gestation); the fetal mortality rate for 20-27 weeks’ gestation did not decline. From 2003 to 2005, the rate did not decline for either gestational age grouping. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **Report Evaluates Colorado Trust’s Bullying Prevention Initiative**

— The report, *Build Trust, End Bullying, Improve Learning: Evaluation of the Colorado Trust’s Bullying Prevention Initiative*, describes findings from surveys, focus groups, and case studies on the program’s impact on beliefs and behaviors; key elements of prevention; and the link between bullying and test scores. The authors highlight the role of adult intervention. To download the report, visit [here](#).

## *Adolescent Health*

### **Brief on Promising Teen Fatherhood Programs**

— The brief, *Promising Teen Fatherhood Programs: Initial Evidence Lessons from Evidence-Based Research*, published by the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse and authored by Child Trends, identifies 10 common features of “model” and “promising” programs for teen fathers. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

### **Report on Developing Physically Active Girls**

— The report, *Developing Physically Active Girls: An Evidence-based Multidisciplinary Approach*, published by the University of Minnesota Tucker Center reviews some of the best practices, approaches and programs that are helping to address the physical activity needs of the current generation of girls and young women. To learn more, visit [here](#).



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## FUNDING



### Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN

Deadline: **March 6**

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau has just released an announcement for the State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN. The grants hope to support implementation of inclusive community-based systems of services through six performance measures. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### State MCH Early Childhood Comprehensive System Implementation Grants

Deadline: **March 11**

The purpose of the State Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems program is to ensure school readiness by creating a seamless system of early childhood services for all children. Evolving out of the state focused efforts has been a Work Group composed of representatives of federal programs that provide funding for services for children and their families at the state and local levels. Through this work group federal agencies are helping to improve access to services on the state and local levels by supporting state-level multi-agency teams in the development of early childhood comprehensive systems and coordinating their funding and technical assistance activities. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### Grants to States to Support Oral Health Workforce Activities

Deadline: **April 1**

Health Resources & Services Administration grants are available to states to improve the accessibility of the oral health workforce for underserved geographic areas and populations. Section 340F defines a designated shortage area as “an area, population group, or facility that is designated by the Secretary as a dental health professional shortage area under section 332 or designated by the applicable state as having a dental health manpower shortage.” To learn more, visit [here](#).

### Healthy Start Leadership Training Institute

Deadline: **April 1**

The Health Resources & Services Administration has released a grant announcement, the purpose of which is to enhance Healthy Start Project Directors’ knowledge of their Healthy Start program’s capacity to address key maternal and child health care issues related to infant mortality and improving perinatal outcomes. Activities supported by this grant must include Healthy Start Project Directors and their staff responsible for designing and implementing health and social services for the vulnerable women and children served by Federal Healthy Start projects across the nation. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### Interventions for Youth and Young Adults with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Deadline: **April 9**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement issued by the CDC is to support innovative research to identify and evaluate components of a systematic intervention for youth and young adults (aged 16 to 25 years old) with a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and their families. This program is a directive within the Children’s Health Act of 2000 to develop and scientifically evaluate interventions for children and adolescents affected by Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) or other conditions resulting from prenatal alcohol exposure. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### Special Project Grants to WIC State

Deadline: **April 13**

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service expects to have approximately \$500,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2009 funds available for Special Project Grants to WIC state agencies. Grant funds will be available only to the 90 WIC state agencies responsible for administering WIC in the states, territories, and Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs). FY 2009 WIC Special Project Full Grants are open for consideration from all WIC-related program areas and may focus on either the general WIC population or specific segments of the WIC population. Grants should be used to help states develop, implement and evaluate new or innovative methods of service delivery to meet the changing needs of WIC participants. To learn more, visit [here](#).



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## FUNDING CONT.

### Funding Available for Male Involvement in Child Maltreatment Prevention Programs

Deadline: **Open**

The CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control solicits research applications that will help advance knowledge of effective strategies for engaging the participation of fathers and male caregivers in evidence-based parenting programs that may prevent child maltreatment. Specific proposals are being sought to take an evidence-based parenting program (that is, a program that has been evaluated using a randomized- or quasi-experimental design with evidence of positive effects on parenting and/or child behavior outcomes) and develop systematic adaptations to the delivery structure, content, and/or materials to target father or male caregiver involvement and engagement in the program. Furthermore, the applications should seek to conduct pilot evaluations of the effects of the adapted programs on participant involvement and engagement in the program; parenting behaviors and male caregiver-child relationships; and child behavior outcomes. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization Funding Alert

Deadline: **Open**

HCFO supports policy analysis, research, evaluation and demonstration projects that provide policy leaders timely information on health care policy and financing issues. This call for proposals is intended to support projects that 1) examine significant issues and interventions related to health care financing and organization and their effects on health care costs, quality and access; and 2) explore or test major new ways to finance and organize health care that have the potential to improve access to more affordable and higher quality health services. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### Health and Wellness

Deadline: **Ongoing**

PepsiCo Foundation's mission in Health and Wellness is

to advance and encourage healthy lifestyles and positive behavior change. Initiatives of particular interest are those which address one or more of the following focus areas: community activation, minority communities, school drop-out prevention, and health professionals. For more information, visit [here](#).

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

### Nominations for ELPH-Emerging Leaders in Public Health —

The Emerging Leaders in Public Health (ELPH) program prepares the next generation of committed public health leaders to manage and lead in times of uncertainty. This program prepares these leaders to expand their influence in their organizations and within their communities. The ELPH program is custom designed for public health (and related) professionals who want to improve their leadership skills for improved planning and decision-making and want to increase their professional network. The application deadline is March 31, 2009. To learn more, visit [here](#).

## CALENDAR



[2009 Mother-Friendly Childbirth Forum: One Voice for Mother-Friendly Care](#)

March 5-9  
San Diego, CA

[Eighth Annual Forum for Improving Children's Healthcare: Thrive Together](#)

March 9-12  
Grapevine, TX

[The Third International Conference on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder](#)

March 11-14  
Victoria, British Columbia, Canada



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## CALENDAR CONT.

[Empowering the Majority: Increasing Access to Family Planning National Conference](#)

April 26-29  
Bethesda, MD

[Health Forum and the American Hospital Association's 17th Annual Leadership Summit](#)

July 23-25  
San Francisco, CA

[Coalition for Juvenile Justice Annual National Conference and 25th Anniversary Celebration: Unlocking the Future of Juvenile Justice](#)

May 2-5  
Arlington, VA

[National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing and Media](#)

August 11-13  
Atlanta, GA

[National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy](#)

May 6, 2009

[American College of Nurse-Midwives 54th Annual Meeting & Exposition](#)

May 21-27  
Seattle, WA

[National WIC Association's Annual Conference](#)

May 24-27  
Nashville, TN

[36th Annual International Conference on Global Health: New Technologies + Proven Strategies = Health Communities](#)

May 26-30  
Washington, DC

[The Bill & Melinda Gates Institute's 7th Annual Summer Institute in Reproductive Health & Development](#)

June 1-12  
Baltimore, MD

[Second Annual MCH Leadership Retreat: Leadership, Legacy, and Community](#)

Chicago, IL  
July 20-22

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