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Planning for Uncertainty

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There is a certain part of my genetic composition that makes it an instinct for me to react violently to the unknown. I hate not knowing. I never liked surprises, even surprise birthday parties. I never liked not knowing

what do next — and yes, I am one of those people that has a list for everything — including one for how to spend my free time. Many of you are probably saying “lighten up Fraser!” but seriously there is something about me that just cannot stand uncertainty. Fortunately, however, my severe aversion to the “gray” zone in between the certainty of black and white is slowly waning.

AMCHP’s Board of Directors will meet this week to develop a new Strategic Plan for our organization. Talk about uncertainty! We are going into a process to plan for the next three years and there are fundamental changes taking place in maternal and child health about which no one knows the final outcome. Will we all have universal health care coverage? What is the role of state MCH programs if we do? What is the role of state MCH programs if we do not? Will we succeed in getting Congressional support for an increase in the Block Grant appropriations? What will happen if we do not? Will travel restrictions impinge upon our meeting activities? Will state budget cuts get worse? Will our members have jobs? Will our members want to join AMCHP? My goodness, the list of unknowns gets longer and longer as I think harder and harder about the future.

Given my aversion to uncertainty, I think it would be reasonable to ignore the possible outcomes and keep on doing things the way I have always done them. The Board has that choice. We could just change the years on the current Strategic Plan, re-print it, and call it a day. You and I both know that is the easy way out. And the easy way seldom leads to the results we really want. Though the

future is indeed unknown AMCHP’s Strategic Plan needs to be rigid enough to cover anticipated changes in the world and flexible enough to adapt to the reality that we will face in the coming three years. “Rigid flexibility” is a balance between the informed presumption that we can know and anticipate what AMCHP will face in the next three years and the aimless floating that could occur if we jettisoned our entire set of goals and just waited for things to happen to us. Strategic planning is exactly what it says it is: thinking about the future, thinking about where we want AMCHP to be, and planning how we will get there. Strategic plans are not contracts: they do not force the world to conform to our terms. Strategic plans are more than just hopes however – they have their basis in plausible futures and position us to respond to them.

I like strategic planning because it allows me to cope with potential unknowns, tempering my aversion to uncertainty. Despite not knowing the future we can indeed prepare for various scenarios about which we can be reasonably informed. If we treat the Plan as our road map to deal with uncertainty, and what we want to see happen despite the uncertainties inherent in our work, the Plan will be a very useful tool to guide AMCHP’s work moving forward. If we see it as a list of demands that we expect the future to bring us, it won’t be.

Shopping on E-Bay or Amazon.com for a crystal ball is one strategy that might help us deal with the uncertainty of MCH’s future. But the last time I checked none of those crystal balls really worked. AMCHP’s Strategic Plan is the next best thing. Bringing a little rigid flexibility into our thinking about uncertainty will help us position ourselves for a number of potential futures and strengthen our organization as we anticipate where we should and could be.

Yeah, I am sure part of my gradual acceptance of uncertainty certainly has to do with the aging process. As I get older I

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realize how much of our lives does indeed revolve around uncertainty and trying to come to terms with the unknown. But part of my growing acceptance of the unknown also has to do with the confidence that comes from having a strategic plan. Knowing that we have anticipated the future, or futures, and thought through how to respond is reassuring. I look forward to sharing the results of our work in the coming weeks as we live through one of the biggest periods of change ever for public health and health care in America. What will happen? Who knows? And that's ok with me.

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President Obama Signs the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act



On June 22 President Obama signed the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act into law. The President signed the bill into law during a Rose Garden ceremony and said that the legislation “will protect our kids and improve our public health.” The bill grants the FDA authority to: restrict tobacco advertising and promotions, especially to children; ban candy/fruit-flavored cigarettes; require tobacco companies to disclose the contents of tobacco products and research about the health effects of their products; and require larger, more effective health warnings on tobacco products. The bill also sets up the Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee to review the impact of the use of menthol in cigarettes on public health, including such use among children, African Americans, Hispanics, and other racial and ethnic minorities.

House of Representatives Releases Discussion Draft of Health Reform Bill

On June 19 the three committees of jurisdiction over health in the House - Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, and Education and Labor Committees – released a discussion draft health reform bill. A single bill based on the discussion draft will proceed through three different committees on its way to a House floor vote slated for late July (subject to change). Key provisions of the discussion draft include insurance coverage and affordability, controlling health care costs, workforce investments, and prevention and wellness. Details of the draft and summary documents can be found

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on the Energy and Commerce [website](#). AMCHP is currently analyzing the draft and will have highlights of provisions that would particularly impact women, infants, children, adolescents, children with special health care needs, and state MCH programs. Please visit our AMCHP health reform resources [webpage](#) for updated information.

AMCHP Issues Legislative Alert on MCH Funding

AMCHP recently issued a [Legislative Alert](#) to inform members that right now is a critical time to support increased funding for the Title V MCH Block Grant in FY 2010. Congress will be on recess from June 29 through July 4, with many members returning home for the break. This presents a critical opportunity to make contact with your elected representative to make them aware of the importance of the MCH Block Grant and the programs that it funds.

On July 8, the Senate and House of Representatives will begin to mark up bills which include funding for the MCH Block Grant. While the President's 2010 Budget proposed level funding for the MCH Block Grant, Congressional staff has indicated that any increases in funding to the MCH Block Grant will be dependent on hearing directly from state and local constituents about why increased funding is needed.

Click [here](#) to see AMCHP's latest *Legislative Alert*, get tips on how to advocate for the MCH Block Grant and to see a list of key Congressional members responsible for proposing funding for FY 2010.

ASK AN EXPERT

Do you know about the Maternal and Child Health Leadership Competencies? Do you use them to develop and train staff? To hire individuals? Or in other ways? AMCHP wants to hear from the field and how you are using the competency framework within your organization or programs. Please share your activities with [Librada Estrada](#) by July 10, 2009.

To find out what skills MCH Leaders should be developing or if you would like more information about the MCH Leadership Competencies, please visit the program [website](#).



Submit Your Best Practice!

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

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

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

Webinar on How to Resonate with LGBQ Youth about Sexual Health Issues

The National Stakeholders Collaborative will present a webinar, "Awareness, Inclusion, and Prevention: How to Resonate with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Questioning (LGBQ) Youth about Sexual Health Issues," on July 6 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. (EDT). To register, visit [here](#).

HRTW Call on the Social Security Administration's Ticket to Work Program

Healthy & Ready to Work National Resource Center (HRTW) will host a call, "Ticket to Work: Roles for Public Health and Health Care Providers," on July 15 from 3 to 4 p.m. (EDT). The call will provide a framework to directors and transition coordinators of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs programs, health care providers, social workers, family and youth leaders, and educators to use the Social Security Administration's Ticket to Work program to promote employment of young people with special needs and maintain/improve their health. To register for the call, visit [here](#).

ASTHO's Request for Quotes on MCH Promising Practices

ASTHO's MCH Project is looking for a contractor to see if the Title V Info System can be used to objectively or passively find short-term or intermediate indicators that could be linked to potential promising practices in states. The deadline for submissions is July 22. To download a copy of the request for quotes, visit [here](#).

Call for Abstracts for the National Conference on Blood Disorders in Public Health

The Conference Planning Committee for the National Conference on Blood Disorders in Public Health is seeking abstracts to be considered for presentation at the conference. The committee encourages interested individuals or organizations to submit abstracts that address specific issues, approaches or strategies that contribute to the prevention of complications experienced by people with blood disorders. Priority preference will be given to abstracts that demonstrate the application of public health strategies to promote the health and/or improve outcomes of people with blood disorders. The deadline for all abstracts is August 9. For more information about submission guidelines or to submit an abstract, visit [here](#).

ON YOUR BEHALF

On Thursday, June 18, AMCHP's CEO Mike Fraser attended a welcome event for CDC's core public health partners to meet Dr. Thomas Frieden, CDC's new Director at CDC's Washington office. Dr. Frieden shared his priorities for CDC and for public health, which include the following:

- Strengthening science
- Further strengthening state and local partnerships
- Better addressing non-communicable diseases
- Global health
- Financial recovery

With regard to coordinating CDC's investments in child health, Dr. Frieden noted that adolescent pregnancy prevention is a key area and one where evidenced-based interventions are not always used. He also discussed tobacco and obesity prevention. Dr. Frieden also emphasized his desire to work closely with public health partners.



General Maternal & Child Health

New Podcast on Preventing Preterm Birth

The Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) has released its new podcast on preterm birth, featuring Vivian Pinn, MD, ORWH Director at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Catherine Spong, MD, Chief of the Pregnancy and Perinatology Branch of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. The podcast covers what preterm birth is, why it's an important women's health topic, and the risk factors. The podcast encourages women to prepare for a healthy pregnancy before pregnancy occurs, by maintaining a healthy weight, eating a balanced diet, avoiding alcohol and tobacco smoke, getting up-to-date on immunizations and starting prenatal care early. To hear the podcast, visit [here](#). To download a transcript, visit [here](#).

OHRC's Oral Health Resource Bulletin

The bulletin, "Oral Health Resources Bulletin: Volume XXI," published by the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC), lists recent resources that are available for health professionals, program administrators, policymakers and educators. It includes sections on data, meetings, national programs, policy, professional education, tools, and training; public education, and state and local programs. To download the bulletin, visit [here](#).

MCH Library Resource Brief on Health IT

The brief, "Health Information Technology (Health IT) Resource Brief," produced by the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Library at Georgetown University, lists and describes federal agency and professional organization websites that focus on health IT or contain health IT-specific resources. Selected resources include news headlines; information on projects, programs, and initiatives; publications; tutorials; guidelines and certification; a glossary; discussion lists; and presentations. Search tips for accessing citations, abstracts, and full-text journal articles on MCH-related health IT are also included. To download, the brief, visit [here](#).

Women's Health

New HIV Prevention Report Among Young Women and Girls

The HIV Law Projects Center for Women & HIV Advocacy has released its latest report, "Better Late Than Never: HIV Prevention Among Young Women & Girls," which catalogues the myriad biological, cultural, and socioeconomic factors that have caused steadily rising rates of HIV among young women and girls, particularly young women of color. The report then offers an expansive series of recommendations to promote effective prevention efforts among this population. Recommendations are based in interventions with proven efficacy, and are premised in the importance of integrating HIV prevention with sexual and reproductive health care. To download a copy of the report, visit [here](#).

Kaiser Foundation Report on Women's Health Care Disparities

The report, "Putting Women's Health Care Disparities on the Map: Examining Racial and Ethnic Disparities at the State Level," published by The Kaiser Family Foundation, provides new information about how women fare at the state level by assessing the status of women in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. It presents data on 25 indicators of health, access to care, and the social factors that influence outcomes in each of these areas. To download the report, visit [here](#). To view state specific fact sheets, visit [here](#).

New Fact Sheet on Medicare's Role for Women

A new Kaiser Family Foundation fact sheet highlights Medicare's important role in providing health insurance coverage for older women and women with disabilities. Women are disproportionately low-income, with fewer resources and more chronic conditions than men, making Medicare a particularly critical source of retirement security. More than half (56%) of all Medicare beneficiaries are women; among those beneficiaries ages 85 and older, 70% are women, and many need long-term care services that are not covered by the program. The fact sheet provides new information about the health needs and income of women on Medicare, and their supplemental coverage, especially the role of Medicaid. It also discusses key issues for women on Medicare, such as gaps in coverage and rising out-of-pocket expenditures for medical care. To download the fact sheet, visit [here](#).

Children's Health

New CDC Initiative on Child Injury Prevention

“Protect the Ones You Love: Child Injuries Are Preventable” is a CDC initiative to raise parents’ awareness about the leading causes of child injury and how they can be prevented. The website offers free materials including fact sheets, CDC’s first report on child injury, state-based data, podcasts, e-cards, and more. To learn more, visit [here](#).

OHRC Report on Oral Health for CSHCN

The report, “Oral Health for Children with Special Health Care Needs: Priorities for Action—Recommendations from an MCHB Expert Meeting,” published by the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC), summarizes strategies and key partners for improving the oral health of children with special health care needs as well as the oral health care delivery system for this population in three priority areas: medical home and dental home interface, education and training, and financing. To download the report, visit [here](#).

New Brief on Food Insecurity and Children's Health

The brief, “Even Very Low Levels of Food Insecurity Found to Harm Children’s Health,” published by Children’s HealthWatch, finds that the 2.6 million children under five living in “marginally food secure” households are at a greater risk for health and developmental problems than previously thought. While officially “food secure,” these children are more likely to be in fair or poor health, have been hospitalized since birth and be at risk for developmental delays than children in fully food secure households. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

New Brief on the Mental Health Needs of Low-Income CSHCN

The brief, “Mental Health Needs of Low-Income Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN),” summarizes a study that compared the prevalence of mental health problems among CSHCN to family perceptions of mental health needs. The issue brief focuses on what was learned from a Child Health Insurance Research Initiative (CHIRI) survey of families of CSHCN enrolled in Medicaid receiving services in

six primary health care clinics in an urban Midwestern city. Family perceptions of their child’s mental health needs were compared with the results of the Child Behavior Checklist, a standardized tool that uses parent report to assess emotional, behavioral, and social problems in children. Data on the percentage of health and mental health problems in CSHCN in Medicaid and family perception and need for mental health treatment by age are provided. To download a copy of the brief, visit [here](#).

Adolescent Health

HIV/AIDS Fact Sheet on Young Men

The fact sheet, “HIV/AIDS and Young Men Who Have Sex with Men,” published by the CDC’s Division of Adolescent and School Health, finds that the burden of HIV infection falls disproportionately on certain groups of young people, including young men who have sex with men (YMSM) and youth of color. To download the fact sheet, visit [here](#).

New Brief on Promising Practices in 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](#).

Study Emphasizes Need for Tailored Sex Ed Programs

The study, “Trends in Sexual Experience, Contraceptive Use, and Teenage Childbearing: 1992–2002,” published by the *Journal of Adolescent Health*, has found that improved family environments and changing partner characteristics explain improvements in reproductive health outcomes between 1992 and 2002. The authors note that the recent rise in the teen birth rate demonstrates the importance of tailoring programs to diverse teen populations and accounting for the ways family, individual, and relationship environments influence a teen’s decisions about sex. To view the study, visit [here](#).



Family Connection Discretionary Grants

Deadline: **July 6**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Children's Bureau, has announced the availability of competitive grant funds authorized by the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008. The purpose of this funding is to help children who are in or are at-risk of entering into foster care reconnect with family members by developing and implementing grant programs in the areas of kinship navigator programs; programs utilizing intensive family-finding efforts to locate biological family and reestablish relationships; programs utilizing family group decision-making meetings; or residential family treatment programs. Under this Program Announcement applicants will submit proposals for one, or any combination of, the aforementioned four inter-related grant program areas, which comprise elements of a strong system of services to support family connections. Applicants must clearly state for which of these four program areas, or which combination of program areas, they are applying, and must justify their selection of program area(s) in terms of documented needs associated with specified project goals and objectives. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Deadline: **July 6**

The demonstration program will continue the coordination of services between the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and community health centers to improve the prevention, identification, and support of individuals with fetal alcohol syndrome. In addition, funds have been included to engage and include maternal child health sites in this demonstration. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for the ARRA Partnerships to Address Immunization Training and Information Needs of Health Department Staff, Coalitions, Nurses, and Medical Residents

Deadline: **July 6**

Funds are available from the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for financial assistance to create new immunization partnerships to address unmet needs. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Strengthening Communities Fund State, Local and Tribal Capacity Building Grant

Deadline: **July 7**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS) is seeking applications to award 48 grants to state, local and tribal governments to build their capacity to provide nonprofit organizations with capacity building training and technical assistance. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Effective Follow-up in Newborn Screening

Deadline: **July 15**

HRSA is seeking applications for activities authorized under Section 1109 of the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2008, Improved Newborn and Child Screening for Heritable Disorders. The activities for this initiative focus on the use of electronic health information exchange, to improve the newborn screening system, with attention to both short and long term follow up. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Congenital Conditions Funding

Deadline: **July 15**

The purpose of the Prenatal and Postnatal Diagnosed Conditions awareness program is to provide information and support services to families receiving a diagnosis for Down syndrome, spina bifida, dwarfism, or other prenatally or postnatally diagnosed conditions. The grantee will work with support groups and health professionals in the collection and dissemination of current science based information and to coordinate the provision of supportive services to parents who receive a positive diagnosis prenatally, at birth, or up to one year after the affected child's birth. These services may include the expansion and further development of national and local peer-support programs. Competitive grants may be made to states and territories, localities, and non-governmental organizations with expertise in these conditions. The purpose of this funding opportunity is for family support groups to work with health professionals, state genetic services programs and Health Resources and Services Administration, (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) funded projects on a set of activities leading to increased awareness and education for families (including potential adoptive parents) regarding general knowledge of prenatally/postnatally diagnosed conditions. To learn more, visit [here](#).

National Organizations that Serve Minority Communities Initiative to Share Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Eliminate Health Disparities with Local Affiliates & Chapters (MNOs REACH-US)

Deadline: **July 16**

The CDC has announced the availability of FY 2009 funds to support national minority organizations to 1) disseminate evidence-based strategies, tools and best practices to their local affiliates and chapters; and 2) to provide capacity-building technical assistance to local affiliates and chapters to address the growing health disparities among their constituents. The MNOs will work with affiliates or chapters to address specific health disparity areas by supporting the implementation of proven or promising interventions in specific populations. Each MNO will build capacity in communities by working with local affiliates and chapters to share the knowledge, skills, and organizational structure needed for effective leadership and implementation of a health disparities program at the local level. The MNOS will be expected to work with currently funded REACH CEEDs to identify strategies that work locally and highly encouraged to collaborate with the REACH Coalition to disseminate effective interventions. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Evaluation of Current Practices in Reporting Gynecologic Cytology Test Results and Cytology Proficiency Testing

Deadline: **July 20**

CDC's Procurement and Grants Office has a funding opportunity to develop an inventory of current practices in gynecologic cytology laboratories to attempt to standardize procedures for quality improvement. Approximately \$100,000 will be available in fiscal year 2009 to fund one award. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Curbing HIV/AIDS Transmission Among High Risk Minority Youth and Adolescents (CHAT) by Utilizing a Peer-to-Peer Outreach Model and New Application Technologies

Deadline: **July 20**

As the lead agency to improve and protect the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will eliminate health disparities, the Office of Minority Health, through the mechanism of the CHAT Program, seeks to improve the

HIV/AIDS health outcomes of high risk minority youth by supporting community-based efforts to increase HIV/AIDS prevention/education efforts, testing, counseling and referrals. It is expected that applicants will ensure that their efforts will enhance current efforts and expand established capacity by federal agencies, and public and private youth service providers to engage youth who are currently in alternative education settings, alternative living arrangements ordered by the courts; and juvenile detention facilities. This project will also encourage partnerships among traditional services providers targeting high risk adolescents, such as substance abuse prevention centers for youth; foster care agencies working with youth; youth serving organizations; youth runaway shelters; and peer-to-peer education programs. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HHS Funding for Projects of National Significance - Family Support Training

Deadline: **July 21**

The Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 funds to award grants to develop training materials and provide training to families of children with disabilities. This funding opportunity will provide and promote leadership training by and for families of children with disabilities, as described in Section 202(b)(2) of the Families of Children with Disabilities Support Act of 2000. Such training shall be designed to increase access to and availability of family support services and must address policy development, implementation and evaluation of family support services for families of children with disabilities. This funding opportunity will be open to national non-profit organizations with demonstrated capacity at the state and local levels to foster and provide direct services to families of children with disabilities. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Support Systems for Rural Homeless Youth: A Collaborative State and Local Demonstration

Deadline: **August 3**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for a five-year Demonstration project targeted

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to young people ages 16-21, in rural areas (including Tribal lands and other rural Native communities) who are approaching independence and young adulthood, but have few or no connections to a supportive, family structure or community. This collaborative Demonstration project, funding States to work with local community-based organizations, is intended to influence policies, programs and practices that affect the design and delivery of services to runaway and homeless youth in Transitional Living Programs (TLP), as well as to homeless youth aging out of State child welfare systems and into Independent Living Programs (ILP). The Children's Bureau of the Administration for Children and Families will provide technical assistance to support the collaborative engagement of ILP grantees in the project. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA MCH Research Grants

Deadline: **September 1**

The Maternal and Child Health Research Program will award grants to support applied research relating to maternal and child health services, which show promise of substantial contribution to the advancement of the current knowledge pool. Findings of this research should result in health and health services improvements in states and communities. Research proposals should address critical MCH questions such as public health systems and infrastructure, health disparities, quality of care, and promoting the health of MCH populations. To learn more, visit [here](#).

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](#).

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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Washington, DC

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August 22-25
New Orleans, LA

[Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality 2009 Annual Conference](#)

September 13-16
Bethesda, MD

[2009 ASTHO Annual Meeting](#)

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Vienna, VA

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December 9-11
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**March 6-10, 2010
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The 2010 AMCHP Conference will bring together leaders in maternal and child health, public health practitioners and family advocates. Join us for sessions led by researchers, federal officials, advocates, families, healthcare providers and directors of state programs.

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