



## LEGISLATIVE CORNER

### Health Reform Legislation Advances on Capitol Hill – AMCHP Launches New Webpage for Health Reform Resources

Last week the Senate HELP Committee continued amending the Affordable Health Choices Act. AMCHP's summary of MCH provisions in the Senate HELP Committee Bill is available [here](#). A legislative proposal from the Senate Finance Committee is expected soon, and the House Energy & Commerce, Ways & Means and Education and Labor Committees' [Discussion Draft](#) on Health Care Reform was released June 19, 2009. Each of these Committees is expected to continue consideration of health reform legislation in the weeks ahead, with the goal of passing a bill sometime in late summer or early fall.

All of these resources and more are available on the recently launched AMCHP Health Reform Resources webpage available [here](#). As AMCHP monitors the health reform efforts daily, we continue to advocate for the needs of women, children and families. For more information on AMCHP's health reform advocacy contact [Brent Ewig](#) or call (202) 775-0436.

### HHS Rescinds Medicaid Regulations, Including Targeted Case Management

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced on June 29 that the Administration will rescind all or part of three Medicaid regulations that were previously issued and delay the enforcement of a fourth regulation. The affected regulations include previously proposed policies that would have restricted beneficiary access to case management services; would have eliminated reimbursement for school-based administrative costs and costs of transportation to and from schools; and would have limited the outpatient hospital and clinic service benefit for Medicaid beneficiaries to the scope of services recognized as an outpatient hospital service under Medicare.

CMS is also delaying until June 30, 2010, the enforcement of portions of a regulation that clarified limitations on health care related tax programs so they can determine whether states need additional clarification or guidance. Each of these rules, in whole or in part, had been subject to Congressional moratoria set to expire on July 1, 2009. Additional details are available [here](#).



### House Marks Up Initial Labor HHS Appropriations Bill

On Friday July 10 the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health, and Human Services began consideration of the annual funding bill that includes the Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant. We issued an [AMCHP Action Alert](#) on June 18, 2009 asking all AMCHP members, friends and partners who are able to contact members of Congress in advance of this mark up to underscore the importance of additional resources for state MCH programs. While no details are available at press time, we will soon have an early indication if our message about increasing the MCH Block Grant is getting through. The Senate Appropriations Committee is expected to begin consideration of their health appropriations bill soon, with final passage expected sometime this fall. For more information on AMCHP's Title V Appropriations advocacy contact [Joshua Brown](#) or call (202) 775-0436.

## GET INVOLVED



### 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 emerging to

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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.

### **HRTW to Host a 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 Information 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](#).

### **PHAB is seeking a Beta Test Evaluator**

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) seeks a qualified evaluation contractor to: (1) design and conduct a process evaluation of the beta test and evaluate costs and time; (2) gather real time data; (3) analyze data and draw conclusions; and (4) submit interim and final reports of findings and recommendations for improvements on a phased

basis to PHAB. PHAB has issued a request for proposals for the evaluation of the beta test. In order to be considered for this project, applicants must be able to demonstrate significant experience with the conduct of program evaluation in general, and beta testing and other formative evaluation techniques, specifically. Those with knowledge of accreditation are encouraged to apply. Knowledge of governmental public health departments is desired. Proposals for the evaluation of the beta test must be received by PHAB no later than 5 p.m. (EDT) on July 31. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **PHAB Call for Applicants to Test its Accreditation Program**

PHAB will implement a beta test of its accreditation program with health departments starting in the fall of 2009. The public health departments that participate in the beta test process will play a critical role in shaping and refining the accreditation program before the national launch in 2011. Throughout the beta test process, participating health departments will have the opportunity to receive hands-on technical assistance from national public health organizations, collaborate with and learn from other health departments by sharing knowledge and best practices, attend trainings, and engage in quality improvement practices that aim to advance the quality and performance of their services. Applications from health departments must be received by PHAB no later than 5:30 p.m. (EDT) on August 14. To learn more, visit [here](#).

### **National Child Passenger Safety Board Call for Applications**

The National Child Passenger Safety Board has announced that the membership application process for the 2010 Board is now open. Applications must be received by mail no later than 5 p.m. (CDT) July 31. The Board was established to provide program direction and technical guidance to states, communities and organizations as a means to maintain a credible, standardized child passenger training and certification program. For additional information and to download application forms, 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.

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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](#).

### **CDC's Go Out and Play Toolkit is Now Available**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "Learn the Signs. Act Early." campaign has created the "Go Out and Play! Kit" for child care and early education providers. The kit includes developmentally appropriate games and activities for children three through five years of age. This free kit also contains information about monitoring developmental milestones, ideas for making outdoor activities successful, and tips for talking to parents when a developmental delay is suspected. In addition, the kit includes a special pullout section with interactive activities to share with parents for at-home play. To download the kit, visit [here](#).

### **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](#).

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](#).

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### **H1N1 Meeting**

AMCHP participated in a meeting convened by the U.S. Department of Education and Department of Health and Human Services on Monday, June 29, to discuss state planning and preparation for potential school closures due to H1N1 this fall. Education and health officials are anticipating the potential for the rapid spread of H1N1 starting in early fall and expect the virus to disproportionately infect young people. If mass vaccinations are indicated, CDC anticipates mid-October distribution to states and recommending all children under 18 years old receive the two dose course of vaccine. The US Department of Education and the CDC will be instituting a school closure surveillance system that is expected to start operating in August.

Officials at the meeting suggested that state MCH programs discuss the potential for school closures and mass vaccination campaigns with their public health preparedness and health care partners. In addition, community mitigation strategies including social distancing may be required to reduce the spread of disease. Special considerations for pregnant women, women who are nursing, and children and youth with special health care needs are not part of many states' overall pandemic influenza plans. MCH programs can provide technical assistance and expertise to state plans and assure that the needs of MCH populations are included in planning efforts that are taking place now in preparation for this fall.

If you have not yet been invited to participate in planning meetings with your state public health preparedness directors to discuss the issues related to H1N1, vaccination and considerations for MCH populations, you may want to contact your state preparedness director as soon as possible to identify resources and strategies MCH programs can contribute to state planning efforts. AMCHP will continue to update and add to our resource [webpage](#) on H1N1.

AMCHP is also participating in several meetings this summer with other public health groups and federal officials to begin a more concerted effort to assure that MCH populations are included in state planning efforts and the needs of women, children and families are including in local, state and federal guidance. If you have specific suggestions for how AMCHP can support your work, please do not hesitate to contact [Michael Fraser](#) at your convenience.



### **General Maternal and Child Health**

#### **MCH Library's Infant Mortality and Pregnancy Loss Knowledge Path**

The Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Library at Georgetown University has issued a new edition to its Infant Mortality and Pregnancy Loss Knowledge Path. The updated site contains information on websites, publications, databases, electronic newsletters and online discussion forums. Separate sections present resources about factors that contribute to infant mortality and pregnancy loss: birth defects, injuries, low birthweight and prematurity and safe sleep environment. To access the site, visit [here](#).

#### **National Academy for State Health Policy Releases New Paper on Medical Homes**

The paper, "Building Medical Homes in State Medicaid and CHIP Programs," published by the National Academy for State Health Policy provides in coordination with the Patient Centered Primary Care Collaborative and with the support of the Commonwealth Fund, provides information for policymakers to use to improve Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries' access to high performing medical homes. To download the study, visit [here](#).

#### **New Employer Toolkit on Investing in Workplace Breastfeeding Programs**

The National Business Group on Health has released a new toolkit, "Investing in Workplace Breastfeeding Programs and Policies: An Employer's Toolkit," which covers the essential information employers need to understand about the components of breastfeeding programs, getting started and measuring success. Valuable resources include breastfeeding program options, employer case studies and materials for employees. To download a copy of the toolkit, visit [here](#).

### **Women's Health**

#### **New Canadian Study on the Treatment of H1N1 in Women**

The study, "Safety of Neuraminidase Inhibitors Against Novel Influenza A (H1N1) in Pregnant and Breastfeeding Women," that will be published in the July 7 edition of the Canadian Medical Association Journal, examines the safety of drugs used to treat the H1N1 influenza virus (swine flu). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently

recommends treatment with either oseltamivir or zanamavir against swine flu for people at high risk of complications, including pregnant women. The authors of the study performed a literature search to identify reports of the use of oseltamivir or zanamavir during pregnancy, lactation and breastfeeding. They concluded that, because of more data about its safety in pregnancy, the use of oseltamivir is preferred over zanamavir during pregnancy, and that both drugs are considered to be compatible with breastfeeding. To download the study, visit [here](#).

#### **New Study on Prenatal Depression in Latinas in the U.S. and Mexico**

According to the authors of a study published in the July 2009 issue of the Maternal and Child Health Journal, much research has examined the prevalence of, and risk factors for, postpartum depression. However, prenatal depression (i.e., depression during pregnancy) can have different consequences for a woman's ability to care for herself and her infant. The article describes a study to compare the prevalence and risk factors associated with prenatal depressive symptoms among two understudied groups of women: Latinas in the U.S. and in Mexico. To read an abstract, visit [here](#).

### **Children's Health**

#### **AHRQ Launches Updated CHIPRA Site**

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality has launched an updated website for activities related to the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA). To learn more, visit [here](#).

#### **Child Trends Briefs on Out-of-School Time Programs**

Three new Child Trends briefs present research findings and effective strategies to implement high-quality out-of-school time programs. These briefs complete a six-part series on the drivers for implementing evidence-based practices in out-of-school time programs. To view the briefs, visit [here](#).

#### **Variation in Genes May Make Children More Vulnerable to Secondhand Smoke**

The study, "Variation in the GST mu Locus and Tobacco Smoke Exposure as Determinants of Childhood Lung Function," published in the April 2009 edition of the

American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, found that variations in several genes may make children more vulnerable to secondhand smoke. Researchers analyzed eight year's worth of lung function and genotyping data from more than 2,100 children. In particular, they examined glutathione-s transferase (GST) genes, which are known to be involved in antioxidant defense. Variation in several GST genes was found to be important, particularly for children of mothers who had smoked during pregnancy. While these genes may not alter lung development, the researchers said they may change the ability of the lungs to defend against damage caused by smoke. To download the study, visit [here](#).

### **Adolescent Health**

#### **National Health Trends for Adolescents and Young Adults**

The article, "Trends in Adolescent and Young Adult Health in the United States," published in the Journal of Adolescent Health, presents a profile of national health trends for adolescents and young adults (ages 10-24) and updates data from a 2006 review of young adult health. The data presented include trends on demographics, mortality, health-related behaviors, and healthcare access and utilization, as well as the most significant gender and racial/ethnic disparities. Although the data show some improvement, many concerns remain. Encouraging trends — such as decreases in rates of homicide, suicide, and some measures of reproductive health — appear to be leveling off or, in some cases, reversing (e.g., birth and gonorrhea rates). Large disparities, particularly by race/ethnicity and gender, persist in many areas. Access to quality healthcare services remains a challenge, especially during young adulthood. Policy and research recommendations to improve health during these critical periods in the lifespan are outlined. To read an abstract, visit [here](#).

#### **The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy Launches New Website**

SexReally.com is a new online destination for 20-somethings focused on relationships, love, sex, contraception, pregnancy, and related issues. Sponsored by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, the site is a place where young people can tell their stories and discuss relationships in an effort to reduce the rate of unplanned pregnancy. To learn more, visit [here](#).

#### **Report on HIV Testing Among High School Students**

In the United States, an estimated 1.1 million persons were living with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection in 2006, of whom an estimated 232,700 were undiagnosed and unaware they were HIV infected. To determine the extent to which adolescents are being tested for HIV, data from the 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey was analyzed. To see the report, visit [here](#).

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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#### **AMCHP Job Opening for a CYSHCN Program Manager**

This position is accountable for development, implementation and evaluation of program activities related to children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN), birth defects and developmental disabilities, and early childhood development. The Program Manager will assist in the tracking, analyzing, and reporting on national and state programs impacting CYSHCN, birth defects and disabilities and early childhood. The Program Manager will partner with relevant federal agencies such as the Maternal and Child Health Bureau and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other national organizations and groups concerned with CYSHCN and early childhood. This position reports to the Associate Director, Workforce Development and Leadership, Family Involvement. To read the full job description and to learn how to apply, visit [here](#).

#### **Healthy Parenting Health Communication and Conference Fellowship**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disability (NCBDDD), Division of Human Development and Disability, is seeking an individual to assist in multiple capacities to further the translation of CDC research and work in healthy parenting. This position is currently a one year fellowship with an expected start date of October 2009 and will be coordinated within the Child Development Studies Team (CDS) at NCBDDD. Interested individuals should forward their resume and cover letter by August 30 to: Camille Smith, Child Development Studies Team, Division of Human Development and Disability, National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, Centers for Disease

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Control & Prevention, MS E88, 1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30333 or [cas0@cdc.gov](mailto:cas0@cdc.gov) or call (404) 498-3007.

For questions regarding the posting, please contact Lara Robinson, [lpr0@cdc.gov](mailto:lpr0@cdc.gov) or call (404) 498-3822.

### 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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### 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

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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

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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](#).

### **2009 HIV Prevention for Female Adolescents/Youths at Greater Risk for Juvenile Delinquency**

Deadline: **July 27**

Grantees will develop and implement a new program funded by the Office of Public Health and Science, which provides realistic prevention education services focused on the intersection between juvenile delinquency and STD/HIV infection for female adolescents/youths. This program will specifically target female adolescents/youths aged 9-17 who are deemed at-risk for juvenile delinquency. This program will be evaluation- intensive and build capacity within communities to serve the needs of female adolescents/youths. For the purposes of this announcement female adolescents/youths will be referred to as girls. The purpose of this program is to increase HIV/STD prevention knowledge and reduce the risk of contracting HIV/STD among girls between the ages of 9-17 who are considered at-risk for juvenile delinquency using multi-level interventions and approaches. 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 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

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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](#).

### CHIPRA Outreach and Enrollment Grants Cycle I

Deadline: **August 6**

On February 4, 2009, the President signed into law the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA). CHIPRA reauthorizes the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) through Federal FY 2013, providing an additional \$35 billion in federal funds to enable States to maintain their current CHIP programs and increase enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP. CHIPRA includes a number of provisions increasing outreach funding and activities to enroll eligible, but uninsured children, in coverage with a particular focus on those who are the most difficult to reach. The provisions for the Outreach and Enrollment Grants are the subject of this solicitation. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will award a total of \$80 million during two or more award cycles to eligible entities to conduct targeted outreach, resulting in increased enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP of eligible but un-enrolled children. 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](#).

### 2010 Family Planning Services Funding for HRSA Region 1

Deadline: **September 1**

The Office of Public Health and Science is seeking applications from public and private nonprofit entities to establish and operate voluntary family planning services projects for HRSA Region 1 (New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Central Massachusetts),

which shall provide family planning services to all persons desiring such services, with priority for services to persons from low-income families. Family planning services include clinical family planning and related preventive health services; information, education, and counseling related to family planning; and, referral services as indicated. Applicants should use the Title X legislation, applicable regulations, Program Guidelines, legislative mandates, program priorities, and other key issues included in this announcement and in the application kit, to guide them in developing their applications. To learn more, visit [here](#).



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[Leadership, Legacy, and Community:](#)

[A Retreat to Advance Maternal and Child Health Scholarship and Practice](#)

July 20-22

Oakbrook, IL

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

July 23-25

San Francisco, CA

[Weight of the Nation – Obesity Prevention and Control](#)

July 27-29

Washington, DC

[2009 National Maternal Nutrition Intensive Course](#)

July 29-31

Minneapolis, MN

[World Breastfeeding Week 2009 -](#)

[Breastfeeding: A Vital Emergency Response](#)

[Are you ready?](#)

August 1-7

[Community Partnerships in Addressing Perinatal Mood](#)

[Disorders: Clinical and Integrative Perspectives](#)

August 4-7

Los Angeles, CA

[18th Annual Summer Institute for Public Health Practice](#)

August 10-14

Seattle, WA



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

August 11-13  
Atlanta, GA

[International Swine Flu Conference](#)

August 19-20  
Washington, DC

[CityMatCH 2009 Urban Maternal and Child Health Leadership Conference](#)

August 22-25  
New Orleans, LA

[10th National Conference on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention](#)

August 25-27  
New Orleans, LA

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

September 13-16  
Bethesda, MD

[2009 ASTHO Annual Meeting](#)

October 13-16  
Vienna, VA

[Strengthening Families Leadership Summit: Creating Opportunities in Challenging Times](#)

October 28-29  
Atlanta, GA

[15th Annual Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology \(MCH EPI\) Conference](#)

[Making Methods and Practice Matter for Women, Children and Families](#)

December 9-11  
Tampa, FL

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### SAVE THE DATE!

### AMCHP'S 2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE - "Moving Ahead Together: Celebrating the Legacy, Shaping the Future of MCH"

**March 6-10, 2010  
Gaylord National Convention Center  
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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.

[Click here to view the slides, transcripts and videos from the 2009 conference.](#) NOTE: You may need to download [RealPlayer](#) and/or [PowerPoint 2007 Viewer](#) to view the presentations.

