



MANAGEMENT MINUTE

Is the Glass Half Empty, or is the Glass Half Full?

By Michael R. Fraser, PhD, Chief Executive Officer, AMCHP

The release of the Senate Finance Committee's draft legislation on health insurance reform last week included a major recognition of Title V's leadership role in improving our nation's maternal and child

health outcomes. The proposed new section for Title V-led home visitation programs certainly means more resources for state Title V programs and also more work. The reaction to this news was interesting: we didn't get much reaction at all. A potential new \$1.5 billion (yes, that is \$1,500,000,000) for state Title V programs to administer and over the past 24 hours we have heard from only a handful of folks about the implications of this new initiative for their states. That is, well, interesting.

What does this reaction say to those of us who are anxiously anticipating what this proposal may mean for state MCH programs? I am not sure. Perhaps the statement AMCHP sent out immediately upon receiving the proposal was so crystal clear that there was no need to respond, but I doubt it. Perhaps you are all reading the bill and hadn't gotten to the part where a new section for Title V is described – but if you are like me you searched "Title V" in Adobe Acrobat and found it almost instantly. Perhaps you are in sheer hysterics over the potential of having to conduct yet another set of needs assessments and meet new requirements to support years' worth of effort described in just a few short pages. More likely, however, you are a pragmatic set of MCH leaders waiting to see what actually happens, not just what could happen, and are reserving judgment for what is not just what could be. Makes sense to me. But what does that say about us?

I am a glass half full kind of guy but realize not everyone is like me in this way. If you read the bill with a half-full lens you see opportunity, resources, recognition, and leadership for Title V. If you read the bill with a half-empty lens you see hard work, chaos among stakeholders in your state, uncertainty, and lots of unanswered questions. Both are valid perspectives on what is in the bill. Both are justifiable approaches to analyzing what this all means for Title V. But the half full perspective sees opportunity and the half empty perspective sees problems. The reality is there will be both good and bad if the initiative survives the political process. But I just cannot stop smiling at the amazing opportunity this new investment may mean for Title V – an incredible testament to your work and the work that AMCHP and its partners have been doing over the past two years on your behalf in Washington.

So if you are a half full person share with me in the excitement and possibility of what this news means for our state and territorial MCH programs. If you are a half empty person temper that excitement with the realization of what this might actually mean for Title V – more work, new requirements, and yet another grant program to manage within your state or territory. What is absolutely true about the half full and half empty perspectives is that both are "right": there are blessings and curses in the proposed legislation. But please, don't let that stop us from enjoying the fact that Title V was chosen to lead this important new MCH effort for our country. And let's not pretend this will be easy either – being a leader is hard work and this program will take a lot to implement well. The states that I have seen are definitely up to the challenge and the results of this initiative will only help us realize our shared vision of healthy children, healthy families, and healthy communities. Let us know your reaction either now or later. We look forward to hearing from you.

LEGISLATIVE CORNER



AMCHP National Policy Update Call - Tuesday Sept. 22 at 3 p.m. EDT

MCH policy developments continue to move quickly in Washington. To answer your questions and get input to inform AMCHP's advocacy strategies, we will convene an all-member conference call Tuesday, September 22 at 3 p.m. (EDT). Click [here](#) to register for the call. We will discuss the latest details on health reform – including the Senate Finance Committee's health reform proposal to create a new section of Title V that would authorize \$1.5 billion over five years in new grants to states for maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting programs. Details on that proposal are on AMCHP's web site [here](#).

AMCHP is compiling a summary and analysis of key MCH-related provisions in this proposal. Additionally, the Kaiser Family Foundation has an excellent interactive side-by-side comparison of the leading comprehensive reform proposals across a number of key characteristics and plan components available [here](#).

HHS Announces \$650 Million Recovery Act Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative

HHS released details on the \$650 Million Recovery Act Community [Prevention and Wellness Initiative](#) September 17. These funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will be used to increase physical activity, improve nutrition, decrease obesity, and decrease smoking in U.S. communities. HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced a funding opportunity for communities and tribes to apply for \$373 million in cooperative agreements for the comprehensive public health initiative, Communities Putting Prevention to Work, to be led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The announcement indicates the remainder of the funds for this initiative will be made available in the coming weeks to states, territories, and organizations to support, extend and evaluate the reach and impact of the community projects.

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AMCHP Annual Award Nominations and Call for Board of Directors

Help AMCHP Recognize Our MCH Leaders

AMCHP is currently soliciting nominations for our annual awards - the Vince Hutchins Leadership Award, the John C. MacQueen Lecture Award, and the McPherson Family Leadership award. Awards will be presented at the 2010 Annual Conference in Washington, DC, March 6-10. Submissions are due by September 30.

- The **Vince Hutchins Leadership Award** recognizes outstanding individuals, living or deceased, whose work has contributed to significant societal changes that have resulted in improvements in the health of American families and their various members. Last year's award was presented to Senator Edward M. Kennedy. To submit a nomination send a brief summary of the nominee's qualifications, supporting material and your contact information to [Nora Lam, Executive Assistant](#).
- The **John C. MacQueen Lecture Award** for Innovation in the Field of Maternal and Child Health is an annual lectureship award honoring one of its most distinguished members, John C. MacQueen, the former director of the Iowa Child Health Specialty Clinics, the state's program for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN). Last year's awardee was Dr. Magda Peck of the University of Nebraska Medical Center. To submit a nomination send a brief summary of the nominee's qualifications, supporting material and your contact information to [Nora Lam, Executive Assistant](#).
- Presented for the first time in 2008, the **Merle McPherson Family Leadership Award** was developed to honor Dr. Merle McPherson. Dr. McPherson retired from MCHB in January 2007. She has left a legacy of leadership and vision for how to create a new model of family-centered health care delivery for children and youth with special health care needs. She has also led the way to expand the family-centered care model for children with special health care needs internationally. In 2009, Ruth Walden of the New York State Department of Health received the McPherson Award. To submit a nomination, send

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a brief summary of the nominee's qualifications, supporting material, and your contact information to [Grace Williams, Program Manager](#).

For more information on the award criteria and submission, click [here](#).

Be a MCH Leader: Serve on the AMCHP Board!

AMCHP's Governance Committee is currently accepting nominations for 2010 AMCHP Board positions. These leadership positions guide, direct, inform and contribute to moving AMCHP's strategic directions and goals forward. Positions that will be open in the 2010 election include:

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Region I Director
- Region VI Director
- Region IX Director
- Region X Director

Volunteer leadership is critical to AMCHP's success. We hope that you will consider participating in the nominations process. More information about these positions, necessary qualifications and the nominations process may be found on the AMCHP website or by clicking [here](#). We ask that all nominations be forwarded to the Governance Committee by **September 30** to ensure ample time for the Committee to review all candidates' materials. Please note: Only named AMCHP delegates may be nominated to the Board. To verify your membership status, contact [Julio Arguello, Editorial & Member Services](#).

AMCHP to Host a Webinar on Worksite Wellness Programs for Women's Health

AMCHP will host a webinar on "Worksite Wellness Programs for Women's Health & MCH" on September 24 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. (EDT) as part of its Women's Health Information Series. Presenters will include Steve Ableman, MBA, CHE-Director, Worksite Wellness Programs, March of Dimes; Karen Hench, RN, MS- Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services, MCHB/HRSA/DHHS; and Kristina Helmer, Health Educator, Division of Health Protection and Promotion Sedgwick County Health Department. To register, please visit [here](#).

Call for Abstracts

The National Healthy Start Association is seeking abstract submissions for both poster and oral presentations that are research-focused, clinical-focused, or program-focused for their 2010 Annual Spring Conference. The deadline for abstracts is by October 23 at 5 p.m. (EDT). To submit an abstract, email SC2010@nationalhealthystart.org.

National Infant Mortality Awareness Month Events

The Office of Minority Health (OMH) has developed a webpage for National Infant Mortality Awareness Month events. To search for an event in your area, visit [here](#).

Call for Proposals

Partners Investing in Nursing's Future (PIN) is seeking proposals to create unique partnerships with local and regional grant making foundations to encourage sustained investment in nursing workforce solutions. PIN is a collaborative effort between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Northwest Health Foundation. The deadline for proposals is October 29. To learn more, 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 (<http://injuryprevention.bmj.com/ifora/>). All will undergo peer review. Submissions must be made before February 1, 2010 to have the best chance of review and inclusion in this supplement. Authors with potential papers should contact the [editor](#).

CDC Offers On-Demand Viewing of its Recent Webinar on Child Maltreatment Prevention

The webinar, "A Better Start: Child Maltreatment Prevention as a Public Health Priority," is now available for on-demand viewing. The webinar discussed the important role public health agencies can and do play in preventing child maltreatment; the body of research linking harmful childhood experiences with long-term quality of life and how public health agencies can prevent child maltreatment by using the concept of safe, stable and nurturing relationships. To view the webinar, visit [here](#).

Call for Materials

The National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center is looking for materials that highlight concepts of health literacy and oral health-related materials that integrate those concepts. Share your publications, such as brochures, fact sheets, curricula, policy statements, tool kits, manuals, and protocols, with OHRC for inclusion in their library. To submit materials in hard copy, send it to: Sarah Kolo, National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, Georgetown University, Box 571272 Washington, DC 20057-1272. Submit electronic materials via [e-mail](#). With either method, include citation information including the publication year, author(s), publisher name and place, and URL if appropriate. Also indicate whether hard copies are available, from whom and at what cost.

ASK AN EXPERT

Is your state using outcomes-based budgeting to determine program funding? Are you willing to share your experience with a fellow Title V Director? If so, please contact [Lauren Raskin Ramos](#).

ON YOUR BEHALF

Developing a Performance Measure on Women's Health

On Thursday, September 10, AMCHP members Shabbir Ahmad (CA), Lisa Davis (CT), Dick Nugent (AR), Melita Jordan (PA), Annette Phelps (FL), Valerie Ricker (ME), Nan Streeter (UT), and Joan Wightkin (LA), as well as AMCHP staff Lauren Raskin Ramos and other federal and national women's health experts participated in an MCHB sponsored meeting, "Exploring the Development of a National Women's Health Performance/Outcome Measure," to begin the discussion around what a performance or outcome measure focused on women's health could look like. Participants shared ideas on key issues for women's health, discussed potential existing data sources to support such surveillance, and identified important partners that should be included going forward. AMCHP will continue to be engaged in this process and share information with members as it is available.

General Maternal & Child Health

New Kaiser Reports And Video Examine Health Benefit Packages And Health Reform

The Kaiser Family Foundation has issued three new reports and a video that collectively examine the range of health care needs and costs that people face today against the backdrop of the scope of health coverage that may be available to them under health reform.

- Two of the reports — [Children and Health Care Reform: Assuring Coverage Meets Their Health Care Needs](#) and [Individuals With Special Needs and Health Reform: Adequacy of Health Insurance Coverage](#) — examine the needs of children and adults, respectively, focusing on those with low-to-moderate incomes and multiple health challenges. They find that even under a benefit package more generous than most offered in the private insurance market, individuals and families can face significant gaps in coverage and large out-of-pocket costs, especially if they have serious health conditions. The findings have implications for the health reform debate as policymakers consider minimum standards for coverage, required cost sharing amounts and limits on covered benefits in health plans, as well as the future role of Medicaid.
- Another report, [Oral Histories: Report from a Dental Fair for Uninsured Adults](#), and a companion video of the same title, profile patients attending a dental fair in rural Virginia to highlight the impact of lack of coverage for oral health services on adults. Although most of those seeking free care at the fair had jobs, few had dental coverage and most lacked any health insurance at all. Uninsured adults have vast oral care needs, and untreated dental problems can have serious health, employment and social consequences, highlighting the relationship between inadequate benefits and unmet health needs.

Children's Health

MCH Library Updates its CYSHCN Knowledge Path

The Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Library at Georgetown University has updated its knowledge path of resources for children and youth with special health care needs. It offers a selection of current, high-quality resources that analyze data, describe effective programs, and report on policy and research aimed at developing systems of care that are family-centered, community-based, coordinated, and culturally competent. To learn more, visit [here](#).

GWU Releases New Brief on Building Mental Health Services for Children and Youth

The brief, "Partnering with Parents to Support Immigrant and Refugee Children at School," published by the Center for Health and Health Care in Schools at George Washington University (GWU), outlines programs that engage schools, communities and community organizations to build effective and easily-accessible mental health services for children and youth. It also addresses such issues as the impact of the immigrant and refugee experience and offering school-based mental health services. To download the brief, visit [here](#).

New Report on Local Government Actions to Prevent Childhood Obesity

The report, "Local Government Actions to Prevent Childhood Obesity," published by the Institute of Medicine, provides practical action steps and strategies to curb or prevent childhood obesity. The report is a guide for city, town, county or state level government officials in the fight against childhood obesity. To download the report, visit [here](#).

Adolescent Health

Journal Supplement on Adolescent Obesity Prevention

This supplement to the September 2009 issue of the *Journal of Adolescent Health* highlights recent findings that illustrate the breadth and depth of research related to adolescent obesity prevention and its relevance for informing policy changes. To learn more, visit [here](#).

New Report on Uninsured Young Adults

The report, "Rite of Passage? Why Young Adults Become Uninsured and How New Policies Can Help, 2009 Update," published by the Commonwealth Fund, reports on how health reform proposals now before Congress could help bring health coverage to the more than 13 million uninsured young adults who lack it. To download the report, visit [here](#).

Report on the Role of Local Health Departments in Addressing Teen Pregnancy

The report, "Meeting the Needs of Pregnant and Parenting Teens: Local Health Department Programs and Services," published by the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) with support from the Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau, discusses the importance of addressing the special needs of pregnant and parenting adolescents to improve their own and their children's health and life outcomes. To download the report, visit [here](#).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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](#).

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](#).

RWJF Scholars in Health Policy Research Call for Applications

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research program helps to develop a new generation of creative health policy thinkers and researchers within the disciplines of economics, political science and sociology. Each year the program selects up to nine highly qualified individuals for two-year fellowships at one of three nationally prominent universities with the expectation that they will make important research contributions to future health policy in the United States. The deadline for all applications is October 21. 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!



HHS Announces \$13.4 Million in Financial Assistance to Support Nurses

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) announced the release of \$13.4 million for loan repayments to nurses who agree to practice in facilities with critical shortages and for schools of nursing to provide loans to students who will become nurse faculty. The funds were made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), signed Feb. 17, 2009, by President Obama. The awards come from two programs administered by HHS' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA): the [Nurse Education Loan Repayment Program](#) (\$8.1 million) and the [Nurse Faculty Loan Program](#) (\$5.3 million).

HRSA Funding Opportunity for Healthy Start Initiative: Eliminating Racial/Ethnic Disparities

Deadline: **September 30**

Under this program, grants will be awarded to address significant disparities in perinatal health indicators: Eliminating Disparities In Perinatal Health focuses on disparities among Hispanics, Americans Indians, African Americans, Alaska Natives, Asian\Pacific Islanders, Immigrant Populations, or differences occurring by education, income, disability, or living in rural-isolated areas by enhancing a community's service system. Communities must provide a scope of project services that will cover pregnancy and interconceptional phases for women and infants residing in the proposed project area. Services are to be given to both mother and infant for two years following delivery to promote longer interconceptional periods and prevent relapses of unhealthy risk behaviors. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding for Eliminating Racial/Ethnic Disparities

Deadline: **October 1**

Grants will be awarded to address significant disparities in perinatal health indicators, including disparities among Hispanics, Americans Indians, African Americans, Alaska Natives, Asian\Pacific Islanders, Immigrant populations, or differences occurring by education, income, disability, or living in rural-isolated areas by enhancing a community's service system. Communities must provide a scope of project services that will cover pregnancy and interconceptional phases for women and infants residing in the proposed project area. Services are to be given to both mother and infant for two years following delivery to promote longer interconceptional

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RWJF Health and Society Scholars Funding for Post Doctoral Scholars

Deadline: **October 2**

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Health and Society Scholars program provides two years of support to postdoctoral scholars at all stages of their careers to build the nation's capacity for research and leadership to address the multiple determinants of population health and contribute to policy change. The program is based on the principle that progress in the field of population health depends upon multidisciplinary collaboration and exchange. Its goal is to improve health by training scholars to investigate the connections among biological, genetic, behavioral, environmental, economic and social determinants of health; and develop, evaluate and disseminate knowledge and interventions that integrate and act on these determinants to improve health. The program is intended to produce leaders who will change the questions asked, the methods employed to analyze problems and the range of solutions to reduce population health disparities and improve the health of all Americans. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for HIV Prevention Projects

Deadline: **October 5**

CDC's Procurement and Grants Office has approximately \$293 million available in fiscal year 2010 to fund 59 awards. The purpose of this FOA is to reduce transmission of HIV by supporting and improving the ability of public health departments to design, implement, and evaluate comprehensive HIV prevention programs. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CDC Funding for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention Projects for Community-Based Organizations

Deadline: **October 26**

CDC's Procurement and Grants Office has published a funding opportunity for approximately \$43,000,000 which will be available in fiscal year 2010 to fund 145 awards. The purpose is to develop and implement HIV Prevention Programs that provide HIV prevention services for members of racial/ethnic minority communities (e.g., African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos) in which there may be a high risk for HIV infection and for members of groups [i.e., men who have sex with men (MSM), injection drug users (IDUs), HIV-infected

persons] in which there may be a high risk for acquiring or transmitting HIV infection, regardless of race/ethnicity. Approximately \$1,800,000 may also be available for outcome monitoring activities. To learn more, visit [here](#).

PIN Funding to Address Nursing Workforce Shortage

Deadline: **October 29**

Partners Investing in Nursing's Future (PIN) is a collaborative effort between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Northwest Health Foundation to create unique partnerships with local and regional grant making foundations to encourage sustained investment in nursing workforce solutions. Funds provided through the program will support the capacity, involvement and leadership of local grant making foundations to advance nursing workforce solutions in their own communities. PIN will make funds available for up to 24 months to address nursing issues at the local and regional level, with a maximum award of \$250,000. Funding will be commensurate with the size and scope of the proposed activity and the experience of the applicant foundation with nursing issues. To learn more, visit [here](#).

NAF and Johnson & Johnson Funding for Women Affected by HIV/AIDS

Deadline: **November 2**

The National AIDS Fund (NAF) and Johnson & Johnson have announced a new grant through the GENERATIONS: Strengthening Women and Families Affected by HIV/AIDS program. This third grant round ("GEN III") will award six to eight grants to Community Based Organizations to create or adapt evidence-based HIV/AIDS prevention interventions that reduce the spread of HIV among at-risk women/girls. GEN III funds will be targeted toward geographic regions with high HIV/AIDS incidence and prevalence rates in women based on state or local epidemiology, and in areas with emerging epidemics. To learn more, visit [here](#).

HRSA Funding on Traumatic Brain Injury States Grant Program

Deadline: **November 2**

In July 1996, Congress enacted Public Law 104 166 to provide for the conduct of expanded studies and the establishment of innovative programs with respect to traumatic brain injury, TBI. Under the Law, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Maternal and Child Health Bureau is charged with implementing a State Grants Program, formerly called the TBI State

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Demonstration Grant Program, to improve access to health and other services for individuals with TBI and their families. The National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have also been delegated responsibilities in the areas of research, prevention and surveillance respectively. The Federal TBI Program was reauthorized as part of the Children's Health Act of 2008. Through this program States and Territories are eligible to receive two types of TBI Grants. This announcement solicits competitive applications for one type, State Implementation Partnership Grants. These grants are to be used by states to establish an infrastructure for the delivery of TBI related services and to improve the States ability to make system changes that will sustain the TBI service delivery infrastructure. To learn more, visit [here](#).

AHRQ Funding Opportunity for Transforming Primary Care Practice

Deadline: **November 18**

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) solicits grant applications from organizations that propose systematic studies of on-going, successful efforts to transform the delivery of primary care in the U.S. The patient-centered medical home (PCMH) has been proposed by a broad coalition of providers, employers, insurers and others as a model for improving primary care in the U.S., and numerous health care systems and medical groups are currently attempting to transform their primary care practices into PCMHs. These attempts go beyond incremental quality improvement activities and aim toward whole practice redesign. The research funded through this announcement will first validate that healthcare quality, as reflected in quantifiable changes in process and outcome measures, has in fact improved subsequent to practice transformation into a PCMH. Investigators will then study in detail how the transformation occurred and its impact on costs of care and actual patient and provider experiences/satisfaction. In addition, investigators will study the organizational and contextual factors within practices that have influenced the success of these efforts. AHRQ is interested in research that will identify, describe and disseminate the best methods for transforming the structure, characteristics and function of primary care so that practices can improve quality, reduce costs, and better satisfy the needs of patients and families. To learn more, visit [here](#).

NIH Funding for the Role of Human-Animal Interaction in Child Health and Development (R01)

Deadline: **November 19**

The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) is soliciting Research Project Grant (R01) applications from institutions/ organizations that propose to study the impact of human-animal interaction (HAI) on children's health and development and to test the efficacy of therapeutic uses of HAI with children. In 2008 NICHD and The WALTHAM Centre for Pet Nutrition, a division of Mars, Inc., entered into a public-private partnership to explore the interaction between humans and animals. The partnership encourages research on HAI, especially as it relates to child development, health and the therapeutic use of animals with children and adolescents. This shared interest resulted in The WALTHAM Centre donating funds to NICHD to enhance NICHD's ability to support research in this field. The purpose of this FOA is to build an empirical research base on how children perceive, relate to and think about animals; how pets in the home impact children's social and emotional development and health (e.g. allergies, the immune system, asthma, mitigation of obesity); and whether and under what conditions therapeutic uses of animals is safe and effective. Mechanism of Support. To learn more, visit [here](#).

American Recovery Reinvestment Act of 2009 Communities Putting Prevention to Work

Deadline: **December 1**

CDC's Procurement and Grants Office has published a funding opportunity announcement entitled, "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Communities Putting Prevention to Work". Approximately \$373 million will be available in fiscal year 2009 to fund thirty to forty awards. The purpose of this FOA is to create healthier communities through sustainable, proven, population-based approaches such as broad-based policy, systems, organizational and environmental changes in communities and schools. To learn more, visit [here](#).

CALENDAR CONT.



[2009 Global Youth Enterprise Conference](#)

September 29-30
Washington, DC

[Investing in Family Support Conference](#)

October 4-6
Scottsdale, AZ

[National Academy for State Health Policy \(NASHP\) 22nd Annual Conference](#)

October 5-7
Long Beach, CA

[March of Dimes Symposium on Quality Improvement to Prevent Prematurity](#)

October 8-9
Arlington, VA

[Family Violence Prevention Fund National Conference](#)

October 8-10
New Orleans, LA

[2009 ASTHO Annual Meeting](#)

October 13-16
Vienna, VA

[2009 Healthy People 2020 Public Meetings](#)

October 22
Kansas City, KS

[2009 Youth Intervention Conference](#)

October 27-28
St. Paul, MN

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

October 28-29
Atlanta, GA

[2009 Healthy People 2020 Public Meetings](#)

November 7
Philadelphia, PA

[APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition: Water and Public Health](#)

November 7-10
Philadelphia, PA

[2009 Healthy People 2020 Public Meetings](#)

November 20
Seattle, WA

[The Office of Special Education Programs' 2009 National Early Childhood Conference](#)

December 7-9
Arlington, VA

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

December 9-11
Tampa, FL

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
National Harbor, MD**

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.