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Time to Schedule Your Conference Hill Visits!

Now is the time to (re)schedule visits with your Senators and Representatives and this time AMCHP staff wants to make it easier on you – we will schedule the meetings for you! We encourage you to conduct your visits on **Thursday Apr. 7 or Friday Apr. 8**, however you may use any available time while you are in Washington, DC. Simply fill out [this form](#) and be sure to list any times on Thursday April 7 or Friday April 8 that you are *unavailable*. We will schedule the meetings for you and contact you as soon as possible with confirmation. As a reminder, background information to support Hill visits including copies of advocacy materials are posted [here](#). Please also join us on Thursday April 7 at 9:00am for our workshop on Advocacy in the Age of MCH Transformation to prepare you for your visits and get the latest information about what's going on in Congress! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Amy Haddad ahaddad@amchp.org or Brent Ewig bewig@amchp.org.

Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act Introduced in House

On Mar. 3, Rep. Eliot Engel (D-NY) and Rep. Steve Stivers (R-OH) introduced the bipartisan Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act. This bill seeks to improve the quality of maternity care for mothers and babies by identifying gaps in performance measures for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), direct development of maternity Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) surveys, and expand maternity care quality collaboratives. AMCHP is pleased to lend its support to this legislation.

Health Reform Implementation

20 Million People now Covered Under the Affordable Care Act

A new [report](#) published on Mar. 3rd indicates that an estimated 20 million people have gained health insurance coverage since the passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in 2010. The report includes those who have gained coverage under the Medicaid expansion and Health Insurance Marketplaces, as well as those newly enrolled in private insurance that allows young adults to stay on their parent's health insurance plans and requires plans to cover people with pre-existing health conditions. This report is limited to estimates of coverage gains for individuals 18-64 years of age that are attributable to the provisions of the ACA. Excluding children and seniors, the report finds that 11.5 percent of U.S. nonelderly adults were uninsured as of early 2016, based on data from the Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index.

Medicaid Informational Bulletin on Financing Options for Home Visiting

On Mar. 2nd, the Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services (CMCS) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) released a [joint informational bulletin](#) about resources and financing options for states to implement home visiting ([MIECHV](#)). The bulletin is intended to assist states in designing a benefit package to provide home visiting services for pregnant women and families with young children. It is also designed to help states explore a number of financing options through state and federal means. CMCS and HRSA encourage state agencies such as Medicaid, Maternal and Child Health programs (Title V), and others to use this information to improve access and service delivery

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for MIECHV beneficiaries.

HHS Expands Head Start Funding in Flint, MI

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently [announced](#) that Head Start and Early Head Start services will expand immediately in Flint, Michigan, to help children and families exposed to lead in the city's water supply. HHS will provide \$3.6 million in one-time emergency funding to support immediate actions that current Flint Head Start grantees can take to expand and enhance services for preschoolers. This funding provision is [the latest](#) action taken by federal agencies to support the [state and local response](#) to the Flint water

CMS Approves Michigan's 1115 Demonstration Waiver Application to Extend Medicaid Coverage and Services to Flint Residents Impacted by Lead Exposure

In recognition of the public health crisis in Flint, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved a [waiver application](#) to extend Medicaid coverage to Flint-area residents impacted by lead exposure. HHS has made it clear that all children and pregnant women exposed to lead in their water in Flint should have access to the services they need.

Approximately 15,000 additional children and pregnant women will be eligible for Medicaid coverage and 30,000 current Medicaid beneficiaries in the area will be eligible for expanded services under this new waiver agreement.

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Join AMCHP for the 2016 March for Babies Campaign

Once again, AMCHP is supporting our partners at the March of Dimes by raising funds and participating in the Maryland-National Capital Area March for Babies on **May 7, 2016** at Nationals Park in Washington, DC! Last year, the AMCHP team raised over \$2,000 for stronger and healthier babies. This year our fundraising goal is **\$3,000**. If you participated in last year's fundraiser, [click here](#). Please sign in with your username and password and click to confirm your participation in the AMCHP Steps for Babies Team (re-enrolling for the previous year's team will be the automatic choice), and confirm your personal information and insert your fundraising goal. For new

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participants, visit the [AMCHP Steps for Babies](#) webpage and click on the link labeled "Join this Team". Please fill in your personal information and goal, and submit. Once you are done, you are now a member of our team. You may edit your personal page and begin fundraising!

Strengthen the Evidence Base: Communities of Practice (CoP)

Come and join AMCHP's Strengthen the Evidence Base: Communities of Practice (CoP)! The CoPs are broken down by population domain including Child Health, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN), Cross-cutting/Life-course, and Women's/Maternal Health. The purpose of the CoPs is to provide a space for peer sharing and learning, which could include topics ranging from Evidence Based Strategy Measures (ESM) development to implementation of your plan. As a participant, we encourage active contributions within the CoPs by responding to discussion questions, posting your own questions and resources, and engaging with other participants. To sign up, [click here](#). For questions or additional assistance, please contact Krista Granger at kgranger@amchp.org or Sarah Beth McLellan at smclellan@amchp.org.

DHPE Leap Webinar Series: Lupus and Pregnancy

The Directors of Health Promotion and Education will be hosting a webinar on Lupus and pregnancy on **Mar. 16, 2016 from 11 am-12 pm EST**. The webinar's learning objectives include explaining the relationship between lupus and pregnancy; discussing the signs and symptoms of lupus in pregnant women; and exploring how support systems, including family, friends, and the community can enhance the quality of life of pregnant lupus patients. [Click here](#) to register.

Flint and Lead: The Water-Public Health Connection

APHA and the American Water Works Association will be hosting a webinar on **Mar. 16, 2016 from 1:00-2:30 pm EST** to discuss the water crisis in Flint, MI. The recent reports of elevated blood lead levels in children living in Flint has placed a national spotlight on the role of drinking water in lead exposure. As the events continue to evolve, important questions are being raised about changes in drinking water chemistry, what can be done to control lead exposure through drinking water, and how local water utilities and the public health community can

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work together. This webinar will be an interactive discussion about the current state of science related to the health risks posed by lead and the value of engaging the water systems sector. To register, [click here](#).

Zika Preparedness and Response: A Public Health and Legal Perspective

The CDC's Public Health Law Program, the Partnership for Public Health Law, the Network for Public Health Law, the American Bar Association Health Law Section, and the American Health Lawyers Association will be hosting a webinar on **Mar. 18, 2016 at 1 pm EST** to discuss the role of law and policy in Zika preparedness and response efforts. Speakers will provide an overview of the public health problem posed by Zika, including disease characteristic basics and current guidance for healthcare providers, the domestic legal framework for addressing the virus, and highlight ways to coordinate health care and public health legal preparedness efforts. To register, [click here](#).

National Call for Applications

The National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health at Prevent Blindness (NCCVEH) and the National Institute for Children's Health Quality (NICHQ) are issuing a call for applications to public health professionals, early educators, community vision programs, eye care professionals, primary health care provider groups, and family advocates to join the quality improvement collaborative, "Improving Children's Vision:

Systems, Stakeholders & Support". The mission is to improve the systems supporting children's vision and eye health in a minimum of five carefully selected states. The results will be comprehensive and coordinated approaches to children's vision and eye health and a reduced prevalence of vision problems in hard-to-reach populations. All teams interested in participating must submit applications [online](#) by **Apr. 25, 2016 by 5 pm EST**. An online "office hours" webinar will be conducted by NCCVEH and NICHQ on **Mar. 29, 2016 from 11 am-12 pm EST** to provide additional information on the application process. To register, [click here](#).

Safe Kids Worldwide 2016 Annual Heatstroke Town Hall Meeting

Safe Kids Worldwide will be hosting a webinar on **Mar. 29, 2016 from 2-3 pm EST** to raise awareness about the threat of heatstroke. In 2010, the U.S. had the highest number of deaths for heatstroke. Since then, coalitions, organizations, government agencies, advocates, and all citizens have rallied together to raise awareness through social media, press conferences, outreach to stakeholders, and by word of mouth. Due to the combined effort of stakeholders, 2015 was the year of the lowest number of heatstroke death in children. This year, Safe Kids Worldwide plans to continue the momentum by partnering with national stakeholders, engaging the national media, working with partners to help amplify the message and sharing best practices from the field, as well as empowering by-standers to call 911 whenever they see an unattended child in a car. The webinar will give an overview of the 2016 Safe Kids Worldwide Heatstroke Campaign, as well as presentations from the field on successful outreach initiatives that can be implemented in various communities. To register, [click here](#).

The Occupational (Im)Possibilities in a Segregated Neighborhood: A Matter of Justice in LCHD

The Maternal and Child Health Life Course Research Network will be holding a webinar hosted by Dr. Jyothi Gupta on **Mar. 30, 2016 from 12-1 pm EST**. Dr. Gupta's research interests focuses on the influence of participation on health and well-being of diverse groups, and issues of social injustice that impact participation. This webinar will focus on her experience in applying the Life Course Health Development (LCHD) model to one of

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her community partner sites in rural Mississippi.

Using the Community Guide for Community Health Improvement

The Public Health Foundation and the Association for Community Health Improvement will be holding a webinar on **Mar. 30, 2016 from 1-2 pm EST** focused on [The Guide to Community Health Preventative Services](#) and how it can support community health improvement efforts. During the webinar, participants will learn more about The Community Guide findings to help take action and implement community health improvement activities in collaboration with health departments and other community partners. To register, [click here](#).

Informatics Training Opportunity for Current Department of Health Employees

The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) is now accepting applications for the Informatics-Training in Place Program (I-TIPP) until **Apr. 1, 2016**. I-TIPP is an innovative approach to bring relevant on-the-job training to the existing workforce while they are employed at a health department. This program is designed for individuals with an interest in gaining more training and experience in public health informatics. This one-year applied training program will provide an overview on various public health informatics topics with particular emphasis on meaningful use, surveillance system improvement, and antimicrobial resistance. All applications must include a letter of support from the applicant's state health officer, state epidemiologist, or local health officer. Agencies may submit up to three applications for consideration and up to 22 fellows will be selected to participate in the 2016-2017 cohort. [Click here](#) to apply. For additional questions and information, please contact Jessica Pittman at jpittman@cste.org or Amanda Masters at amasters@cste.org, or call 770-458-3811.

Be Recognized at the NACCHO Annual Conference

The NACCHO Annual Conference will take place Jul. 19-21, 2016 in Phoenix, AZ and will be the largest gathering of local health department leaders and other public health professionals in the U.S. This year NACCHO will be awarding local health departments. The Local Health Department of the Year Award recognizes and honors

the outstanding accomplishments of all local health departments across the country, regardless of size, for their innovation, creativity, and impact on the community. Only active NACCHO members are eligible to apply for this award. The Maurice "Mo" Mullet Lifetime Achievement Award honors local public health officials for noteworthy service that reflects Mullet's commitment, vigor, and leadership. The recipient of this award will demonstrate achievements such as leadership among local health departments shown by energetic volunteer service to NACCHO, significant contributions to the field of public health practice as a thoughtful leader and NACCHO representative, as well as commitment, skill, and effort. Applications for both awards will be accepted until **Apr. 8, 2016**. To apply or submit a nomination, login into "MyNACCHO" and select NACCHO Applications. For more information, [click here](#).

Approaches to the Community Access, Participation, and Engagement for Children with Developmental Disabilities and their Families

The Maternal and Child Health Life Course Research Network will be hosting a webinar on **Apr. 20, 2016 from 12-1 pm EST**. The webinar will highlight and provide examples of community accessibility initiatives that serve to create opportunities for a diverse population of children with developmental disabilities and their families. To register, [click here](#).

Genetics and ASD Webinar

The Autism Intervention Research Network on Physical Health and the Autism Treatment Network will be hosting a webinar on **Apr. 27, 2016 from 2-3 pm EST** to discuss genetics and Autism Spectrum Disorder. To register, [click here](#).

National MCH Epidemiology Awards

CityMatCH is now accepting nominations for the Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Award to be recognized at the 2016 CityMatCH Leadership and MCH Epidemiology Conference. The purpose of the awards is to recognize individuals, teams, and leaders of institutions for making significant contributions to one or more aspects of epidemiology with the aim of improving health of women, children, and families advancing public health knowledge through applied research, improving public health practice through effective use of data and epidemiology training in the field, and enhancing the

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political will to support practice and advance knowledge through effective use of data, epidemiology, and applied research. Various award categories are open and nominations will be accepted until **Apr. 30, 2016 at 11:59 pm PST**. For more information, [click here](#).

TADPOHLS: Enabling Integrative Longitudinal Studies of Positive Health

The Maternal and Life Course Research Network will be holding a webinar featuring Dr. Margaret Kern on **May 3, 2016 from 4-5 pm EST**. Dr. Kern and her colleagues developed TADPOHLS (The Anatomy of Developmental Predictors of Healthy Lives Study), a database that categorizes items and constructs from 25 prospective longitudinal studies that have followed participants from adolescence into adulthood. This webinar will present the database and coding typology, and illustrate how the database can be used to integrate multiple studies at the item level to examine adolescent predictors of adult health outcomes. To register, [click here](#).

2016 Breastfeeding Summit: Call for Abstracts

Reaching our Sisters Everywhere, Inc. (ROSE) is currently accepting abstract and poster applications for the 5th Annual Breastfeeding Summit, which will take place on Jul. 28 and 29, 2016 in New Orleans, LA. Applications must be received by **May 16, 2016 by 5 pm EST** in order to be considered. All submissions should address breastfeeding, lactation issues, and concerns in vulnerable communities. To apply, [click here](#). Additional information on poster and abstracts requirements can be found [here](#).

Zika Virus: Information and Resources

AMCHP is closely monitoring news and information related to the Zika virus disease. Resources, links, and information about developments in current outbreak, including prevention, symptoms, and treatment, and material for travelers and pregnant women will be shared on [AMCHP's website](#). For more information visit the [CDC Zika Virus webpage](#) or [ASTHO's Zika webpage](#), which includes links to State Department resources.

Registration for the 2016 Season of TeamSTEPPS Master Trainer Online Course Now Open

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ) TeamSTEPPS training curriculum is available online as an accredited continuing education program, allowing health care providers and staff to become certified as Master TeamSTEPPS Trainers through a web-based course. TeamSTEPPS is an evidence based approach to improve teamwork and communication among health care professionals. Health professionals certified as TeamSTEPPS Master Trainers are prepared to guide training and implementation in various settings. The course is free, but participants must [establish an account](#), create a team, submit a draft change plan, and upload a letter of commitment prior to receiving an enrollment code. To learn more, [click here](#).

Heart Health 4 Moms: Recruiting Mothers for a Research Study

NACCHO is working with the Preeclampsia Foundation and Brigham & Women's Hospital to recruit new mothers with a pregnancy complicated by preeclampsia into an online research study, Heart Health 4 Moms (HH4M). The study focuses on introducing healthy behaviors to mothers with preeclampsia to improve their long-term health. To learn more, [click here](#).

PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES



General & Maternal Child Health

Opioid Use in the U.S.: An Urgent Public Health Crisis

This archived webinar for the National Institute for Health Care Management featured innovative efforts to reverse opioid abuse trends including payer collaboration with providers and pharmacies to improve access to appropriate pain care, federal actions to reform prescribing practices and expand access to medication-assisted treatment for addiction, interventions to reduce

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drug abuse among pregnant women and to improve treatment for babies born dependent, and strategies for raising awareness of the risks associated with painkiller addiction. To access the webinar, [click here](#).

New Prevention Status Reports

The CDC has recently released a new iteration of the Prevention Status Reports (PSRs). These CDC reports highlight the status of public health policies and practices designed to address 10 public health problems in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Problems include alcohol-related harms; food safety; healthcare-associated infections; heart disease and stroke; HIV; motor vehicle injuries; nutrition; physical activity and obesity; prescription drug overdose; teen pregnancy; and tobacco use. These reports enable public health professionals, community leaders, and policy makers to better understand their state's status and identify areas for improvement. To access the PSRs, [click here](#). For questions and comments about the Teen Pregnancy PSR, please contact Maria Rivera at wux6@cdc.gov

Incorporating Nutrition into the Title V MCH Services Block Grant National Performance Measures

Since its original authorization in 1935, Title V of the Social Security Act has been amended several times to reflect an ongoing commitment to improving the health and well-being of our Nation's mothers, children, and their families. The most recent revision was released in October 2014. This revision included a transformed national performance measurement system that is intended to show more clearly the contributions of Title V programs in impacting health outcomes. Nutrition strategies can impact most National Performance Measures (NPM) at the Evidence-based or -informed Strategy Measure level. This document lists the revised NPMs and suggests nutrition related ESMs. To access this resource, [click here](#).

MCH Navigator Training Bundles and Topics

The MCH Navigator has developed MCH Bundles, trainings on key MCH and leadership topics, Training Spotlights, in-depth portals to training on specific issues of importance to public health professionals, Training Briefs, and short lists of learning opportunities on MCH topics. To access this resource, [click here](#).

Women's & Infant Health

Incarcerated and Pregnant: Promoting the Health of Mothers and Babies

The University of Minnesota's Center for Leadership Education in Maternal and Child Public Health has co-created *Incarcerated and Pregnant: Promoting the Health of Mothers and Babies*. This short video discusses the effects of prison and jail environments on pregnant women, and innovative efforts supporting the health of women and their babies. The video also highlights research and practice insights on supporting health and well-being of mothers and their children affected by incarceration. For more information and additional resources on this topic, including the publication *Incarceration and Public Health* and to access the video, [click here](#).

Child & Adolescent Health

Adolescent Health Observance Quick-Guides

The University of Minnesota's Center for Leadership Education in Maternal and Child Public Health and the Minnesota State Adolescent Health Resource Center created "Quick-Guides" to take advantage of 26 specific national health observances to promote adolescent health, especially when using social media. To access the guide, [click here](#). A [brief training](#) on how to use the guide is also available.

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- On Feb. 27th, AMCHP hosted an in-person meeting of the Newborn Screening Contingency Plan Advisory Committee in St. Louis, MO. AMCHP staff Lacy Fehrenbach, Kate Taft, and Cori Floyd facilitated group discussions on recommended updates to the existing 2010 Newborn Screening Contingency Plan (CONPLAN). The national plan aims to provide guidance to states in developing their respective contingency plans so that in the case of emergencies, critical resources and continuity of newborn screening services are available to newborns and their families. The meeting was

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successful in making direct edits to the CONPLAN and developing action steps for completing the plan's update. In June, AMCHP and the Advisory Committee will submit a final product to CDC and HRSA for review and publication. To view the existing CONPLAN, [click here](#).

- On Mar. 10, Lacy Fehrenbach and Lori Tremmel Freeman, with the help of Christina Ratleff and Megan Phillippi, participated in a quarterly call of the Infant Mortality CoIN Strategic Partner Committee. This committee provides ongoing oversight and feedback on the strategic approach taken to achieve results for the Infant Mortality Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network and guides the vision and develop the strategy to meet project objectives based on knowledge of the external environment; relationships with organizations, states, and other key stakeholders; and experience in relevant content areas. Agenda topics included an overview of IM CoIN progress to date; highlights and key observations from Virtual Learning Session 3; an overview of MCHB's proposal for an IM CoIN extension; partner Year 3 IM CoIN activities/updates and other partner work on infant mortality/birth outcomes; opportunities for further collaboration and to support states capacity to build data; CDC & MOD presentations; brainstorming of strategies on strengthening state IM CoIN team linkages with existing state perinatal quality collaboratives; how we can further build data capacity as a national collaborative with a focus on Medicaid and Vital Statistics; how can we overcome existing barriers in order to build data capacity among states that need assistance; and supports that can be provided to state leadership in order to promote greater data capacity in states.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Director of Programs Position at AMCHP

AMCHP is currently seeking a Director of Programs. This position is accountable for resourcing, implementing, and evaluating all activities related to AMCHP's programmatic work. The Director provides leadership and operational management support for all AMCHP's strategic goals and objectives. This includes increasing the capacity of states and territories to use evidence to drive policy and program design to improve outcomes and health equity;

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contributing to the development of a flexible and skilled MCH workforce; increasing the alignment of resources and the delivery of MCH programs at the federal and state levels; supporting the Policy Team's work to increase investment in MCH; fostering a culture of excellence and professional growth across the program team; liaising with relevant national leaders and representing AMCHP on coalitions and groups; developing funds and a staff team for programmatic efforts to support all work in the portfolio; and supporting or leading special initiatives for the organization. This position requires extensive knowledge of the U.S. health system, public health theory and practice, MCH issues, life course theory, and national, state, and local health programs that serve women, children, and families. An advanced degree with a minimum of 10 years of directly related experience and at least 5 years of supervisory experience required. A Bachelor's degree with 15 years of experience that is directly related can be substituted for an advanced degree. For more information, [click here](#).

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Seeking Title V Block Grant Specialist

This position is responsible for leading the coordination of Title V MCH Block Grants/Programs within the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)/Office of Family and Community Health Services (OFCHS). This involves responsibility for the oversight of Title V core funding allocated to local health departments throughout the state. In addition, this position also serves as a lead in the coordination of Title V MCH Block Grant strategic planning and application of reporting activities. The individual in this position provides recommendations to the Director of OFCHS on programmatic policies and resource allocation; oversees needs assessment activities and strategic planning activities for the Title V Block Grant Program; oversees the preparation of applications (including budget and work plans) and progress/statistical reports for Title V; and assures compliance with federal and state reporting requirements. This position is located in Baltimore, MD. For more information, [click here](#).

AMCHP CAREER CENTER

The Career Center is the premiere online job board for individuals seeking employment in MCH 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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Communities Addressing Childhood Trauma (ACT)

Deadline: *Apr. 18, 2016*

The Department of Health and Human Services is now accepting applications for Communities Addressing Childhood Trauma (ACT). Communities ACT seeks to address unhealthy behaviors in minority youth and provide them with opportunities to learn coping skills and gain experiences that contribute to more positive lifestyles and enhance their capacity to make healthier life choices. ACT projects will demonstrate the effectiveness of a highly innovative and multi-partnership collaborative approach, incorporating culturally and linguistically appropriate services. For more information, [click here](#).

Improving the Health of People with Mobility Limitations and Intellectual Disabilities through State-based Public Health Programs

Deadline: *Apr. 19, 2016*

The CDC and National Birth Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities invites eligible states, territories, and tribal governments that work with individuals with mobility limitations and intellectual disabilities to submit grant applications for this funding opportunity. This opportunity will support a new 5 year initiative to improve the health and quality of life among people with mobility limitations and/or ID through adaptation and implementation of evidence-based strategies. This will provide funding to develop and strengthen internal capacity and health-related disability programs to: improve knowledge and awareness about the usefulness and effectiveness of programmatic, policy, systems and environmental changes for people with select functional disability types; and support applicant to plan, implement, evaluate, and disseminate non-research

activities aimed at promoting inclusion and accessibility and reducing health disparities between people with and without disabilities. For further information, [click here](#).

Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics Research Network Program

Deadline: *Apr. 26, 2016*

HRSA is announcing a new funding opportunity that will establish and maintain a national scientific and clinical research network that will promote and coordinate research activities in departmental, behavioral, and psychosocial aspects in pediatric care to improve clinical services, health, and related outcomes for children and adolescents with autism, as well as other developmental disabilities. The Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics Research Network supports the design and implementation of interdisciplinary research studies that focus on transition of research practice; provide the mentoring environment to train a new generation of developmental behavioral researchers, and foster the implementation of multi-site research studies. For more information, [click here](#).

Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network Coordination Center (ECCS CoIIN CC)

Deadline: *Apr. 29, 2016*

This funding opportunity is presented by HRSA. The ECCS CoIIN CC's purpose is to manage, coordinate, and execute a CoIIN approach to assist the recipients of the ECCS Impact grant funding goals of reducing health disparities by enhancing early childhood systems building and coordination, and demonstrating improved outcomes in population-based children's developmental health, family well-being, and indicators during the period of this cooperative agreement. For more information, [click here](#).

Maternal and Child Health Workforce Development Center Program

Deadline: *May 5, 2016*

HRSA presents a funding opportunity for the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Workforce Development Center Program. The purpose of the MCH Workforce Development Center Program is to support workforce development for State Title V program leaders and staff to meet current public health MCH policy and programmatic imperatives around health transformation, including ongoing transformation of the Title V Block Grant and continued implementation of health reform at

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the state and national levels. The MCH Workforce Development Center will focus on systems integration; change management and adaptive leadership; and evidence-based decision making. The awardee will be responsible for coordinating and implementing a national training strategy to address all three key issues within the Center's purview. For more information, [click here](#).

HHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention NCIPC: Core State Violence and Injury Prevention Program

Deadline: *May 8, 2016*

The overall purpose of this funding is to: 1) decrease and prevent injury and violence related morbidity and mortality and 2) increase sustainability of injury prevention programs and practices. This will be achieved through support to State Health Departments (SHDs) in the implementation, evaluation and dissemination of programs, practices, and policies with the best available evidence. To learn more, [click here](#).

Bridging the Word Gap Research Network

Deadline: *May 9, 2016*

This funding opportunity will establish and maintain a national interdisciplinary research network designed to reduce the vocabulary word gap between children from low-SES families as compared to children from higher-SES families. The research network will foster scientific collaboration, with a focus on research designed to develop and test interventions to improve early language exposure, vocabulary acquisition, and language development for children from lower socio-economic status (SES) backgrounds, including Dual Language Learners (DLLs). For more information, [click here](#).

Innovation in Care Integration for Children and Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Other Developmental Disabilities

Deadline: *May 10, 2016*

This announcement from HRSA calls for applications for a funding opportunity that supports the implementation of innovative, evidence-informed strategies to integrate care at a system-level within a state for children and youth with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other developmental disabilities (DD), with special emphasis on medically underserved populations. The target population for this program is all children and youth within a state at risk/or diagnosed with ASD or DD. Awardees will implement innovative, informed models of family support

and navigation, shared resources, and telehealth and/or telemedicine health information technologies. To learn more, [click here](#).

Strategic Approaches to Improving Access to Quality Health Care for Children and Youth with Epilepsy

Deadline: *May 12, 2016*

HRSA presents this funding opportunity to facilitate the delivery of quality health care for children and youth with epilepsy (CYE) by implementing evidence-based and innovative models of telehealth and/or telemedicine using health information technologies; implementing the Got Transition Six Core Elements Framework to help you successfully transition from pediatrics to the adult system of health care; and facilitating outreach and education regarding epilepsy among pertinent stakeholders. The goal of this initiative is to utilize quality improvement methods and measure outcomes to improve access to coordinated and comprehensive quality care for CYE, with an emphasis on populations experiencing health disparities and CYE residing in underserved and/or rural communities. For further information, [click here](#).

Life Course Research Network

Deadline: *May 17, 2016*

HRSA is now accepting funding applications for the Life Course Research Network (LCRN). The life course theory posits the multiple determinants, such as healthcare, nutrition, stress and supports, and environmental exposures as critical drivers for MCH outcomes. The LCRN is designed to accelerate the translation of the life course theory to MCH practice and policy, as well as to foster its rapid adoption into clinical and public health settings through systems integration and collaboration among entities interested in improving MCH outcomes. The cooperative agreement will establish and maintain an interdisciplinary, multi-site research network. For more information, [click here](#).

Coordinating Center for Strategic Approaches to Improving Access to Quality Health Care for Children and Youth with Epilepsy

Deadline: *May 17, 2016*

The purpose of this award is to provide support and technical assistance to grantees receiving funding from HRSA/MCHB through the Strategic Approaches to Improving Access to Quality Health Care for Children and

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and Youth with Epilepsy announcement. The awardee is expected to conduct ongoing assessments and evaluations of the grantees' outcomes and objectives, including data collecting analysis, and timely provision of performance improvement data feedback to the grantees. For more information, [click here](#).

2016 Children's Healthy Weight Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (CoIIN)

Deadline: *May 17, 2016*

The purpose of this program is to increase the proportion of children and young adults ages birth to 21 years old who fall within a healthy weight range by supporting states to adopt evidence-based or evidence-informed policies and practices related to nutrition, physical activity, and breastfeeding that support healthy weight behaviors. The Children's Healthy Weight CoIIN will support implementation of the Title V Block Grant Transformation by supporting states' efforts to address the new National Performance Measures (NPMs) by accelerating improvement and innovation in integrating and translating evidence-based or evidence-informed strategies into practice through collaborative learning in order to achieve the greatest impact at state level. The Children's Healthy Weight CoIIN will align with and synergize with other MCHB investments, including Healthy Start, Home Visiting, and Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems to support states in areas related to nutrition, physical activity, and breastfeeding, and will build on lessons learned from MCHB Pediatric Obesity Mini CoIIN. For more information, [click here](#).

NIH Initiative to Maximize Research Education in Genomics Diversity Action Plan

Deadline: *Sept. 6, 2016*

NIH presents this funding opportunity to facilitate the training of individuals at all career levels (the undergraduate, graduate, post baccalaureate, postdoctoral and faculty levels) from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in scientific disciplines relevant to genomics to enable them to pursue genomics research that spans all areas of interest to National Human Genome Research Institute later in their careers. To learn more, [click here](#).

Improving the Coordination and Documentation of Enrollment into Early Intervention for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children through Parent Engagement

Deadline: *Sept. 30, 2016*

The Disability Research and Dissemination Center is presenting a funding opportunity to help increase parental/public awareness about the importance and benefits of signing a release to share early intervention information (information release) with the state EHDI programs, as well as engaging and supporting families in the intervention process. For more information, [click here](#).

Using Existing Early Intervention Data to Assess Outcomes among Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

Deadline: *Sept. 30, 2016*

The Disability Research and Dissemination Center is presenting a funding opportunity to assess the outcomes of deaf or hard of hearing (DHH) children identified through state early intervention (EDHI) programs by using existing intervention and educational data sets. For more information, [click here](#).

Exploratory and Developmental Grant to Improve Health Care Quality through HIT

Deadline: *Nov. 16, 2016*

The purpose of this grant is to fund exploratory and developmental research grants that will contribute to the evidence base of how health information technology (HIT) improves health care quality. This funding opportunity supports the use of a wide variety of research designs in order to generate information regarding the design and development, implementation, use, or impact of health IT on quality. For more information, [click here](#).

Reducing Health Disparities among Minority and Underserved Children

Deadline: *Jan. 7, 2017*

This initiative encourages research that targets the reduction of health disparities among children. Specific targeted areas of research include bio behavioral studies that incorporate multiple factors that influence child health disparities such as biological (e.g., genetics, cellular, organ systems), lifestyle factors, environmental (e.g., physical and family environments) social (e.g., peers), economic, institutional, and cultural and family influences; studies that target the specific health promotion needs of children with a known health condition and/or disability; and studies that test and evaluate the comparative effectiveness of health promotion interventions conducted in traditional and nontraditional settings. For more information, [click here](#) (R01) or [here](#) (R21).



Chronic Illness Self-Management in Children and Adolescents

Deadline: *Jan. 7, 2017*

The purpose of this announcement is to encourage research to improve self-management and quality of life in children and adolescents with chronic conditions. Managing a chronic condition is an unremitting responsibility for children and their families. Children with a chronic condition and their families have a long-term responsibility for self-management. For more information, [click here](#) (R01) or [here](#) (R21).

Understanding Factors in Infancy and Early Childhood That Influence Obesity Development

Deadline: *Feb. 5, 2017*

This funding announcement invites Research Project Grant (R01) applications from institutions/organizations which propose to characterize or identify factors in early childhood (birth-24 months) that may increase or mitigate risk for obesity and/or excessive weight gain and/or to fill methodological research gaps relevant to the understanding of risk for development of obesity in children. For more information, [click here](#).

Maternal Nutrition and Pre-pregnancy Obesity: Effects on Mothers, Infants and Children

Deadline: *May 7, 2018*

This announcement encourages applications to improve health outcomes for women, infants and children, by stimulating interdisciplinary research focused on maternal nutrition and pre-pregnancy obesity. Maternal health significantly impacts not only the mother but also the intrauterine environment, and subsequently fetal development and the health of the newborn. For more information, [click here](#).

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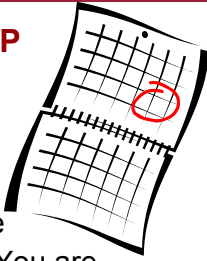
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