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AMCHP Pushes for Zika Preparedness Funds

On Apr. 5, AMCHP joined with 67 leading maternal and child health and public health organizations leaders in Congress urging “in the strongest terms to immediately provide emergency supplemental funding to prepare for and respond to the Zika virus here in the United States. We also urge that Congress provide new funding rather than repurpose money from other high priority programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal agencies that ensure our health security and public health preparedness.” A copy of the letter is available [here](#). Additionally, AMCHP also included an ask for Zika funds during our annual hill day in conjunction with our recent annual conference. Any questions can be directed to Brent Ewig at bewig@amchp.org.

Hill Day Follow-Up

Thank you to everyone who participated in Hill visits while they were in town for the AMCHP annual conference. Personal contact with your elected officials and their staff is key to ensuring our messages are being received. This year advocates urged Congress to fund the Title V MCH Block Grant at \$650 million, support an emergency supplemental funding request to address the Zika virus, and join the new Congressional Caucus on Maternity Care. If you completed a visit and haven't done so already, please be sure to provide feedback via the conference evaluation survey and/or by contacting Amy Haddad directly at ahaddad@amchp.org.

Appropriations Action

Although we still anticipate that Congress will ultimately pass a continuing resolution to fund the government through after the elections, the Appropriations

Committees are already hard at work to set the bill writing process in motion! On April 14 the Senate announced its allocations for each of the subcommittee bills, and the Labor, Health & Human Services, and Education Subcommittee (where the Title V MCH Block Grant is housed) received a slight decrease in funding of 0.16% compared to last year. Considering the tough overall budget, it is important to note that the allocation could have been much worse, but nonetheless it will be important to continue outreach to Congress to ensure they recognize the value of continued investment in Title V and other programs of importance to the MCH community. We will continue keeping you informed as the House releases its allocations and the Senate gets to work on writing its bill.

Health Reform Implementation

CMS Releases New Guidance to Improve Access to Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives

On Apr. 10th the [Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#) (CMS) released an [Informational Bulletin](#) that describes emerging payment approaches several state Medicaid agencies have used to optimize access and use of [long-acting reversible contraception](#) (LARC). The bulletin notes that beyond preventing unplanned pregnancies, research indicates that effective contraception helps prevent poor birth spacing, thereby reducing the risk of low-weight and/or premature birth. Access to contraception can also be a major benefit to a woman's overall long-term physical and emotional well-being. By releasing the bulletin, CMS hopes that more states will adopt emerging payment approaches to increase access to this valuable and cost-saving

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contraceptive method.

CMS Finalizes Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Parity Rule

The [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#) (CMS) finalized a [rule](#) to strengthen access to mental health and substance use services for people with Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage, aligning with protections already required of private health plans. Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell noted, "The Affordable Care Act provided one of the largest expansions of mental health and substance use disorder coverage in a generation... Today's rule eliminates a barrier to coverage for the millions of Americans who for too long faced a system that treated behavioral health as an unequal priority. It represents a critical step in our effort to ensure that everyone has access to the care they need." The protections set forth in this final rule will [benefit](#) the over 23 million people enrolled in Medicaid managed care, Medicaid alternative benefit plans, and CHIP.

Upcoming Webinar from Families USA: The Role of Enrollment Assistants in Public Policy

Insurance navigators and enrollment assistants have important roles to play in educating public officials and advocating on behalf of health care consumers. [Families USA](#) is offering a webinar on Thursday, Apr. 28th from 2:00-3:00 PM EST with tips on how to educate public officials and others about the importance of outreach and enrollment in specific communities. This webinar will detail how assistants can use the [Public Policy Toolkit for Enrollment Assistants](#) and will feature speakers who have been successful in engaging in advocacy. Register [here](#).

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Telehealth and Autism Treatment, Training, and Systems Building

On **Apr. 20, 2016 from 2-3 pm EST**, AMCHP will host a webinar on that will provide an overview of policy issues related to telehealth-including, laws, regulations, and examples from the Autism CARES grantees on how they are using telehealth/medicine to increase access to behavioral health services and to provide parent

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coaching as an alternative to long waiting lists for services. Through its implementation of the Autism CARES legislation, HRSA-MCHB funds grantees to improve autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities (ASD/DD) service delivery and to enable all infants, children and adolescents who have, or are at risk for developing, ASD/DD to reach their full potential. Technologies, such as telehealth, telemedicine and m-Health, can be used to address gaps in access and can also play a key role in expanding availability of service delivery, building systems, and workforce training. To register, [click here](#).

In-App Session Evaluation Reminder

As a user of the 2016 AMCHP Annual Conference app, you have access to electronic session evaluations for the sessions listed below. If you attended any of these sessions, please take a moment to complete the session evaluations in the app. The session evaluations will be available until **Friday, April 22, 2016**.

- A1: The Future Will Not Implement Itself: Building Implementation Capacity to Realize the Promise of Evidence-based Practice
- A2: Using National Systems Standards to Improve Leadership Capacity of Systems that Service CYSHCN and Their Families
- B2: Leveraging Existing Partnerships, Models, and Resources to Advance Data-Driven Improvement in MCH National and State Outcomes and Performance Measures
- F1: A State Assessment Tool for Mapping the Landscape of Health Transformation
- G8: The Application of Life Course Indicators to Improve Health Outcomes-Examples from Three State Health Departments
- I8: State and Community Approaches to Improve Breastfeeding Rates and Support

On the home screen of the app, scroll to the Surveys tab. When this opens, click on session surveys. All of the available session evaluations will be listed. Please click on each session you attended to complete the session evaluations. When you have answered the questions, click Submit. For additional questions and assistance, please contact Alexandra Harris at aharris@amchp.org.

WSSDOM Series

AMCHP is pleased to present a new MCH Workforce Development Solutions Series Domain (WSSDOM). This

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new series will provide a platform for AMCHP members to learn more about successful workforce development solutions to address issues such as staffing, organizational design, accreditation, and work process re-design (e.g., due to health transformation), share innovations, and identify best practices. The MCH WSSDOM series consist of 45-minute live interactive webinars. The next topic is listed below:

- **Resiliency: Tips and Tricks on How to Keep Staff Morale High**

Success of an organization/department depends on the employees who work there. The morale among staff must be high to have outstanding staff performance.

Sometimes when organizational changes occur, the morale can decrease. Dr. Kris Risley, Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago will provide tips and tricks to keep staff morale high by using appreciative inquiry and positive questions to bring out the best of the organization/department/team on **May 12, 2016 from 1-2 pm EST**. Dr. Risley will also discuss the importance of emotional intelligence and the impact you have on your organization/department. Click [here](#) to register.

Strengthen the Evidence Base: Communities of Practice (CoP)

Come and join AMCHP's Strengthen the Evidence Base: Communities of Practice (CoP)! The CoPs are grouped 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.

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. [Click here](#) to support our team in reaching our 2016 fundraising goal of \$3,000.

Continuing Education for CME, CNE, CUE, CECH, and CPH

Continuing Education for the AMCHP Annual Conference 2016 is available through the CDC Training and Continuing Education Online system (CDC TCEO). Online evaluations must be completed by **May 16, 2016** to receive credit for continuing education or a certificate of completion. [Click here](#) for instructions on the evaluation process.

Maternal and Child Health Life Course Network Webinars

The Maternal and Child Health Life Course Research Network will host two upcoming webinars:

- **Approaches to Community Access, Participation, and Engagement for Children with Developmental Disabilities and their Families** will take place **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](#).
- **TADPOHLS: Enabling Integrative Longitudinal Studies of Positive Health** will take place on **May 9 2016 from 5-6 pm EST** and feature Dr. Margaret Kern. 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

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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](#).

Upcoming Webinar Series

Join Child Trends and other partners of the National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance for a webinar series focused on evaluating quality initiatives, especially those related to the Child Care and Development Fund. Topics include evaluation basics, data collection and analysis, as well as evaluation timing and reporting.

- Session 2 of the series will take place on **Apr. 21, 2016 from 3-4:30 pm EST**. This webinar will provide an overview of data collection options and a tool for mapping available data sources. Presenters will also help states and territories identify specific data elements for analysis. [Click here](#) to register.
- Session 3 of the series will take place on **Jun. 2, 2016 from 3-4:30 pm EST**. This webinar will discuss the timing of data analysis, dissemination strategies and the messaging of evaluating findings, as well as ways to examine the infrastructure needed to support evaluation findings over the long term. [Click here](#) to register.

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**.

Addressing Lead Exposure in Our Communities

The American Public Health Association (APHA) will host a webinar on **Apr. 26, 2016 from 1-2 pm EST**. This webinar will provide information about lead exposure, focus on community solutions to lead exposure, and provide tools for preventing lead exposure in the home. Healthy homes interventions will be highlighted and there will be ample opportunity for discussion. 1 CPH continuing credit is available for individuals who register and attend the live webinar. To register, [click here](#).

Genetics and ASD Webinar

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

Playground Safety: Having Fun and Staying Safe

The National Program for Playground Safety (NPPS) will host a webinar on **Apr. 27, 2016 from 3-4 pm EST** to highlight Playground Safety Week. NPPS will share information related to advocating for SAFE (Supervision, Age Appropriate, Fall Surfacing, Equipment Maintenance) inclusive and high quality play areas that support child development and reduce unintentional childhood injuries. An overview of playground injuries will be shared, along with a description of the agencies and organizations that have issued recognized guidelines and standards that address safety. To register, [click here](#). Please note that space is limited for this webinar.

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 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

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until **Apr. 30, 2016 at 11:59 pm PST**. For more information, [click here](#).

Secondary Use of Electronic Health Data for Child Health Research: Opportunities and Challenges Webinar

EnRICH (Research Innovations & Challenges) will be hosting a webinar on **May 5, 2016 from 1:30-2:30 pm EST**. The learning objectives for this webinar include understanding the types of data readily available in electronic health records (EHRs) that support child health research activities; recognizing the challenges with cleaning and organizing electronic health data before statistical analyses can be performed; and gaining a practical understanding of how researchers working with the American Academy of Pediatrics are using data from an EHR “supernetwork” to conduct cutting-edge research. To register, click [here](#).

Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity

Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity is a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) national program. The program supports research on environmental and policy strategies with strong potential to promote healthy eating among children to prevent childhood obesity, especially among groups at the highest risk for obesity: black, Latino, American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, and children who live in lower-income communities (urban, suburban, and/or rural). Findings are expected to advance RWJF's efforts to help all children achieve a healthy weight, promote health equity, and build a culture of health. This is a call for proposals that includes two types of awards aimed at providing advocates, decision-makers, and policymakers, with evidence to reverse the childhood obesity epidemic. These awards include Round 10 grants and RWJF's New Connections grants awarded through the Healthy Eating Research program. The first round of proposals will be accepted until **May 11, 2016 at 3 pm EST**. For additional deadline dates and more information, 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 29th, 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](#).

Continuing Education Course

The University of Minnesota's School of Public Health will host the National Maternal Nutrition Intensive Course from **Jul. 27-29, 2016** in Minneapolis, MN. The purpose of this course is to enable the learner to describe ways that appropriate nutrition services can improve pregnancy outcomes, describe the effect of maternal eating behaviors on birth outcomes and infant health status and development, as well as identify characteristics of model programs and counseling approaches for maternal and nutritional health. This continuing education program is designed for dietitians, nutritionists, certified nurse midwives, registered nurses and nurse practitioners, physicians, and public health professionals who serve preconceptional, pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women. To register, click [here](#). For additional questions and information, please contact Chris Carlstrom at carls020@umn.edu or 612-624-3029.

Share Your Story!

The Well-Woman Project seeks to understand the things that affect your health and your ability to seek and receive care, especially for preventative health checkups, or other doctor visits. If you would like to share your story on the barriers to access healthcare or what it means to be a healthy, tell the Well-Woman Project for a chance to win a \$50 gift card. [Click here](#) to share your story online or call the toll-free message line, 844-221-1893. For additional ideas on topics to include in your story, [click here](#).



PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES

Workforce Development

How to Use Administrative Data and Other Sources to Evaluate What is Working

Child Trends and other partners of The National Center on Childhood Quality Assurance hosted a webinar that provided an introduction to evaluation planning and will offer a template to guide State's efforts. To access the archived PowerPoint and webinar recording, [click here](#).

Title V Information System Web Reports is Now Available

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau is pleased to announce that TVIS (Title V Information System) is now available to the public. The website has been redesigned to reflect the new reporting requirements contained in the 2015 Application/Annual Report Guidance and help communicate to the public how Title V programs are impacting health outcomes and improving accountability. TVIS presents the Title V data in charts, graphs and tabular reports and now provides you the ability to download the charts and data for your own use. Grantees and partners can also view state block grant narratives, Title V contact information, information on the national performance measures, and more. To access the website, [click here](#).

Women's & Infant Health

Exploring Topics within MCH

The University of Minnesota's Center for Leadership Education in Maternal and Child Public Health's newest volume of Healthy Generations "MCH Professionals Making a Difference for Families, Children, Youth, Women, and Priority Populations" is now available. [Healthy Generations](#) is published 2 to 3 times a year. Each issue focuses on a specific MCH theme and contains articles about current research, programs, policies, and resources. This is the first of a two-volume series, which covers a wide range of topics and features the expertise of the Center's alumni, who are local, national, and global experts on MCH. This issue can be viewed [here](#).

Child & Adolescent Health

New CDC Report: Prevalence and Characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder Among Children Aged 8 Years

The CDC/NCBDDD's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network released a [new report](#) on the prevalence and characteristics of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) among children. The report indicates the estimated percentage of children with ASD remains high, and highlights the need to promote early identification and comprehensive evaluation of all children with ASD, so that interventions can be initiated at the youngest age possible. This data – as well as support for state programs through implementation of the HRSA Autism CARES and CDC's *Learn the Signs. Act Early*. Initiatives – are key in helping state build comprehensive systems of care for children to ensure early identification, diagnosis, and connection to needed services and family supports. For more information, download the [full report](#) or a summary of the [key findings](#). AMCHP supports addressing ASD and other developmental disabilities by promoting expanded screening and early identification, and supporting implementation funding for the Autism CARES Act, as well as increased appropriations for the Title V MCH Block Grant to provide states and communities the tools and resources to address autism and other leading MCH issues. For more information about AMCHP work to support systems of care for children and youth with ASD/DD through its State Public Health Autism Resource Center (SPHARC), please [click here](#).

Special Supplement on ASD

April is Autism Awareness Month and *Pediatrics* has published a special supplement on **health care and medical treatment of children and adolescents with ASD** and other neurodevelopmental disorders. This issue is the second *Pediatrics* supplement from the MCHB's Autism Intervention Research Network on Physical Health and Autism Treatment Network. To access the publication, [click here](#).

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- On Mar. 18, Brent Ewig, AMCHP Director of Policy and Government Affairs participated in a meeting of

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the MCHB supported network of Pediatric Pulmonary Centers, providing an overview of the status of SPRANS funding within Title V MCH Block Grant advocacy and the broader policy forces shaping MCH.

- On Apr. 4, Brent Ewig presented on a panel at the International Conference on Urban Health providing tips on advocacy for public health funding and programs.
- On Apr. 5, Brent Ewig was invited to provide a guest lecture to a class on Federal Policymaking at the George Washington University School of Public Health.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

AMCHP Searching for Associate Director of Epidemiology and Evaluation

The Associate Director of Epidemiology and Evaluation is accountable for the development, implementation and evaluation of program activities related to maternal and child health data and assessment through cooperative agreements and other funding sources. The Associate Director leads the Epidemiology and Evaluation Team and contributes to the advancement of MCH programs by building capacity, providing support, and enhancing the skills and competencies needed by MCH epidemiologists and data staff in states. This position leads the tracking, analysis, and reporting on federal and state programs impacting epidemiology capacity and plays a critical role in fund development for epidemiology, assessment, evaluation and quality improvement efforts. The position develops funds and a staff team for AMCHP's efforts related to evaluation, assessment, epidemiology, and quality improvement. The Associate Director develops and maintains partnerships with relevant federal agencies, funders, and other national organizations, coalitions and groups concerned with MCH epidemiology, assessment, evaluation and quality improvement. The Associate Director leads technical assistance efforts for the organization related to epidemiology, assessment, evaluation and quality improvement. This position reports to the Director of Programs. Qualified applicants must have a Master's degree in public health, maternal and child health, epidemiology, health policy, or other health related or human services field with 6-10 related, progressive in responsibility including at least 3-4 years of supervisory

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experience. Direct work in an MCH state/local public health agency or related non-profit organization preferred. For more information and to apply, [click here](#).

Department of Health and Human Services Seeking Public Health Analyst

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is the primary Federal agency for improving access to healthcare by strengthening the healthcare workforce, building healthy communities, and achieving health equity. This position is location in Rockville, MD. The major responsibilities and duties of a Public Health Analyst include assisting with the promotion of public health programs for underserved populations; planning, developing, monitoring, implementing, and evaluating content or projected public health programs to assess their success in achieving objectives for various initiatives; analyzing and evaluating the effectiveness of public health program operations; conducting studies and performing other analytic work related to planning, development, organization, administration, evaluation, and delivery of public health programs; and evaluating information and initiating research to validate existing policy and/or new programs or policies to help HRSA's Bureaus and Offices meet the goals set forth for their particular area. To apply, [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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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

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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 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](#).

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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

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](#).

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program States/Territories Part B Supplemental Grant Program

Deadline: *May 17, 2016*

The purpose of this program is to supplement the HIV care and treatment services provided by the States/Territories through the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part B (RWHAP) and AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Base funds. The amount of funding is determined by the applicant's ability to demonstrate the need in the State/Territory based on an objective and quantified basis. The RWHAP Part B Supplemental funding is used to assist States and Territories in developing and/or enhancing access to comprehensive continuum of high quality care and treatment services for low-income individuals and families living with HIV. For more information, [click here](#).

Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program-Innovation Awards

Deadline: *May 17, 2016*

The purpose of this HRSA funding opportunity is to fund the development, implementation, and evaluation of innovations of Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) awardees that strengthen and improve the delivery of MIECHV-funded coordinated and comprehensive high quality voluntary early childhood home visiting services to eligible families. The goals of the MIECHV program are to: strengthen and improve the programs and activities carried out under Title V of the Social Security Act; improve coordination of services for at-risk communities; and identify and provide comprehensive services to improve outcomes for eligible families who reside in at-risk communities. For more information, [click here](#).

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Maternal and Child Health Measurement Research Network

Deadline: *May 27, 2016*

The purpose of this HRSA funding opportunity is to support a forum that will create a national agenda for health measurement research by producing an evolving compendium of available high quality measures of MCH, and by identifying gaps in existing measures for future development purposes. The goals of the research network is to establish a research network comprised of interdisciplinary experts who represent the MCH lifespan and who are active in the measurements of health and well-being of MCH populations; to formulate a national research agenda with regard to existing and needed health measurements for MCH populations with high relevance to MCHB programs; To collaborate in the development, validation, and implementation of new MCH health measures that address identified gaps, using external and private funding sources; and to translate and apply Network findings into a variety of practices, policies, and processes. For more information, [click here](#).

Newborn Screening Implementation Program Regarding Conditions Added to the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP)

Deadline: *May 27, 2016*

The goal of this HRSA funding opportunity is to increase the number of newborns receiving early treatment for Pompe disease, Mucopolysaccharidosis I (MPS I), and X-linked Adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD) by: fostering the integration of and building capacity for newborn screening for these conditions; increasing the number of NBS laboratory scientists and short-term follow-up personnel with knowledge and skill in conducting newborn screening and short-term follow-up for Pompe disease, MPS 1, and X-ALD; providing training, education, and sharing of information via a national meeting for the public health community; supporting primary health care providers through education and resources, with special attention to cases with later onset of symptoms; and engaging families in the development and dissemination of educational materials and support mechanisms that are culturally sensitive and family-centric for families who have an infant identified through NBS. For more information, [click here](#).

Preventing Teen Dating and Youth Violence by Addressing Shared Risk and Protective Factors

Deadline: *Jun. 6, 2016*

The purpose of this HRSA opportunity is to assist in funding local health departments in communities with demonstrated high rates of violence to implement the best available strategies to prevent youth violence and teen dating violence. As a result of the program, communities will decrease the burden of youth violence and teen dating violence, and address shared risk and protective factors for multiple forms of violence. 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 careers 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

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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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[YTH Live](#) (the youth+tech+health conference)

Apr. 24-26, 2016
San Francisco, CA

[Building a Healthier Future 2016 Summit](#)

May 18-20, 2016
Washington, DC

[CSTE Annual Conference](#)

Jun. 19-23, 2016
Anchorage, AK

[NACCHO Annual Conference](#)

Jul. 19-21, 2016
Phoenix, AZ

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[ROSE 5th Annual Breastfeeding Summit](#)

Jul. 28-29, 2016
New Orleans, LA

[Public Health Informatics Conference](#)

Aug. 21-24, 2016
Atlanta, GA

[20th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect](#)

Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2016
Washington, DC

[CityMatCH Leadership and MCH Epidemiology Conference](#)

Sept. 14-16, 2016
Philadelphia, PA

[Congenital Cytomegalovirus Public Health and Policy Conference](#)

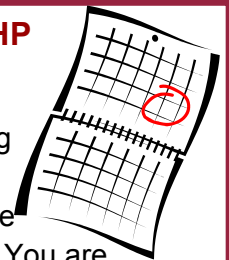
Sept. 25-27, 2016
Austin, TX

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