



AMCHP 2019 Federal Policy Agenda

AMCHP will play a leadership role to:

- **Fund the Title V MCH Services Block Grant** at \$698 million for FY2020 to improve the health of all women, children, and families, including those with special health care needs, and to strengthen state and national system capacity to assess and address the health needs of children and families.
- **Protect funding for critical Prevention and Public Health** priorities, including **Emergency Preparedness** for maternal and child health populations.
- Advance policies to promote **Safe Motherhood** by improving capacity to **address maternal mortality and morbidity** with an end goal of improving overall maternal health.
- Promote the alignment of efforts to **address Substance Use, including opioids, marijuana, alcohol, tobacco and nicotine**, with a focus on the impact on the well-being and care of pregnant women, newborns, and children (such as infant plans of safe care).

AMCHP will play a partnership role to:

- Address Autism and other developmental disabilities by promoting expanded screening and supporting reauthorization of the **Autism Cares Act** – emphasizing the active involvement of state Title V programs.
- Support the reauthorization of funding for expiring sections of the Title V Statute: **Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) and Family to Family Information Centers**.
- Advocate for reauthorization of the **Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act**.
- Support national efforts to reduce **Infant Mortality**.
- Promote policies to address the prevention and mitigation of **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) and Toxic Stress**.
- Support national efforts **to expand Paid Medical and Parental Leave policies**.
- Advocate for efforts addressing **Environmental Threats** to children's health.
- Strengthen efforts to ensure **Medical Homes** for all children, especially those with special health care needs.
- Support policies that promote comprehensive approaches to **Obesity**, with emphasis on childhood obesity.
- Expand access to **Preconception Care and Family Planning Services**, including efforts to ensure access to comprehensive health care services, supports and efforts to promote intended pregnancies and healthy births.
- Support and expand funding for **Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)**.
- Advocate for **Funding of the Preventive Health Services Block Grant**.
- Support comprehensive approaches to **Chronic Disease Prevention** in women, children and adolescents.
- Support efforts to **Promote Safe Communities and Prevent Childhood Injuries**, including full funding to support core injury prevention programs in all states.

