AMCHP 2020 Federal Policy Agenda

AMCHP will play a leadership role to:

• Fund the Title V MCH Services Block Grant at $715 million for FY2021 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 efforts to address the unmet mental health needs of pregnant and parenting women, children and adolescents, and prevent the use of harmful substances (including opioids, methamphetamine, marijuana, alcohol and tobacco), through interventions such as infant plans of safe care and integrated behavioral health.

AMCHP will play a partnership role to:

• Support monitoring for signs of behavioral and developmental disorders in all stages of a child’s life from birth through age 18 years, including by expanding the scope of CDC’s “Learn the Signs. Act Early.” program.

• Support efforts to Promote Safe Communities and Prevent Childhood Injuries, including full funding to support core injury prevention programs in all states.

• Support the reauthorization of funding for Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP).

• 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.