



AMCHP 2018 Federal Policy Agenda

Priority I – AMCHP will play a lead role in advocating to:

- **Fund the Title V MCH Services Block Grant** at \$660 million for FY2019 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 Zika Response and Critical Prevention and Public Health Priorities**, including funding for programs that are currently allocated through the Prevention and Public Health Fund.
- Advance policies to promote **Safe Motherhood** by improving capacity to **address Maternal Mortality and Morbidity**, particularly the establishment and expansion of maternal mortality review committees.

Priority II - AMCHP will actively work with key partners to:

- Support national efforts to reduce **Infant Mortality**.
- Promote 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).
- 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 restored funding for **Lead Poisoning Prevention** and related efforts addressing environmental threats to children's health.
- Advocate for implementation funding for the **Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act**.
- Address Autism and other developmental disabilities by promoting expanded screening and supporting implementation funding for the **Autism Cares Act** – emphasizing the active involvement of state Title V programs.
- 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 programs addressing the childhood obesity epidemic.
- 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)** that assists states in operating a comprehensive statewide program of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities, ages birth through age 2 years, and their families.

Priority III - AMCHP will monitor and support efforts, as time and resources allow, to:

- 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.

