Innovation Station
AMCHP’s Database of Best Practices

AMCHP’s Best Practice Program
As part of its commitment to serve as a national resource for members and to support state efforts to build successful MCH programs, AMCHP collects, reviews and disseminates emerging, promising and best practices from public health programs across the United States so that effective models can be shared and replicated among the MCH community. Read on to learn more about this program!

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Are you curious about how states are addressing the needs of the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) population? Do you want to know more about programs that tackle preconception health or infant mortality? AMCHP’s new searchable database - Innovation Station - is an online resource for finding emerging, promising and best practices in MCH across the United States. Here you will also find useful links to other best practice databases and resources to help you evaluate your own public health programs. There is also an interactive map that shows the states that have successfully submitted programs to AMCHP.

To learn more about promising and effective programs in MCH, visit AMCHP’s new online searchable database of emerging, promising and best practices, Innovation Station at www.amchp.org/innovationstation.

What is a “Best Practice”? AMCHP defines “best practices” as a continuum of practices, programs and policies that range from emerging practices that are innovative and have plans to evaluate, to promising practices that can demonstrate effectiveness, to those that have been extensively evaluated, peer-reviewed and proven effective "best practices." A best practice could focus on the health of women, adolescents, young children, families, or children and youth with special health care needs. Best practice focus areas include preconception care, mental health, data and assessment, financing, program and system integration, workforce development, injury prevention, emergency preparedness, family involvement, or other public health issues.

How are Best Practices Selected?
The Best Practices Review Panel, composed of AMCHP members, partners, and other experts in the public health field will review submissions and determine if a practice meets the designated criteria. While applications are accepted throughout the year, typically, submissions are reviewed twice per year by the review panel.

Why Submit a Best Practice?
- Share successes with your peers. You have an opportunity to highlight a successful program and share challenges and lessons learned with your peers, as well as policy makers and public health advocates.
- Enhance the MCH field by providing a collection of promising or evidence-based practices.
- Contribute to program replication. Serve as a resource for states that seek to gain ideas for implementing new programs.
- Receive national recognition. Best practices will be included in the online database and may be featured in Pulse. In addition, each year, selected submissions will be highlighted and awarded at AMCHP’s Annual Conference and given a registration fee waiver for the following year’s conference.
- Get expert feedback. Your submission will be reviewed by subject matter experts who can offer suggestions to improve program and evaluation and move emerging and promising programs to a best practice.

Submit Your Best Practice Today!
Best practices submissions are accepted on a rolling basis. To complete an online application form, please visit: www.amchp.org/bestpractices.

For more information about best practices, or to contribute to our growing database, Innovation Station, visit: www.amchp.org/bestpractices.
Innovation Station Programs

ALASKA
- Childhood Understanding Behaviors Survey (CUBS)
- Medical Emergency Preparedness Pediatrics (MEP-P)

ARIZONA
- Baby Steps to Breastfeeding Success
- Empower Program
- Internatal Care Program
- Women Together for Health

CALIFORNIA
- Birth and Beyond California
- First Five Kit for Parenting

COLORADO
- Healthy Teeth Happy Babies
- Prenatal Plus Program

CONNECTICUT
- Home By One

FLORIDA
- Partners in Care: Together Kids
- Youth and Young Adult Transition: Children’s Medical Service
- CMS Kids Network-Medical Foster Care
- Body And Soul
- Florida Newborn Screening Results
- Tampa Bay Doula Program
- The JJ Way Model of Maternity Care

GEORGIA
- Reproductive Health Assessment After Disaster Toolkit

ILLINOIS
- La Vida Sana, La Vida Feliz

KENTUCKY
- Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait

MASSACHUSETTS
- Healthy Weight for Women
- Touching Hearts and Minds

MINNESOTA
- Tribal Court Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Program
- Community Connections Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
- Superior Babies Program

MISSISSIPPI
- Mississippi Interpregnancy Care Project

MISSOURI
- Back to Sleep Training for Nurses
- Missouri Model For Brief Smoking Cessation

NEBRASKA
- Baby Blossoms Collaborative- Now and Beyond

NEW JERSEY
- Parent Leadership Development

NEW MEXICO
- Get Healthy Together

NEW YORK
- Health-e-Access Telemedicine

OHIO
- Every Child Succeeds

OKLAHOMA
- Healthy Women, Healthy Futures

OREGON
- Oregon Care COOrdination (CaCoon) Program
- Oregon Youth Transition Program

RHODE ISLAND
- Dare to Dream Youth Initiative
- Environmental Health Training for Nurses
- Pediatric Practice Enhancement Project (PPEP)

SOUTH CAROLINA
- PASOs Program

SOUTH DAKOTA
- Boy’s Health Advocacy Program

UTAH
- Power Your Life Preconception Campaign
- Utah Clicks
- Zero Fatalities

VIRGINIA
- Breastfeeding training.org
- Partners in Pregnancy

WASHINGTON
- Parent Child Assistance Program

WISCONSIN
- Women’s Health Now and Beyond Pregnancy