June is Men’s Health Month

Addressing the health needs of men and boys is important to building strong families and communities. In particular, it is important to recognize the role that fathers play in supporting well-being for children, adolescents, and families. Men’s health month raises awareness of preventable health issues impacting men and boys and encourages early treatment. Visit [http://www.menshealthmonth.org/](http://www.menshealthmonth.org/) to learn more.

At AMCHP, we want to highlight the work that MCH professionals are doing to support fatherhood and men’s health across the nation. **Check out the Innovation Station Practices below to learn more:**

- **Boy’s Health Advocacy Program**, South Dakota (Promising Practice, 2015)
  A program designed to increase access to health care services, improve family life, and increase academic success for at-risk boys ages 4-17.

- **Using Barbershops to Teach Period of PURPLE Crying/Infant Development**, Oklahoma (Cutting-Edge Practice, 2018)
  A pilot project to increase the number of African American men in the Tulsa, Oklahoma area who recognize infant crying as normal development, have reasonable expectations for crying episodes, and can share this knowledge with others.

**Do you see a practice that you would like to replicate in your area?** Get in touch with the project contact to learn about their challenges, successes, and how you can adapt the practice to fit your needs. If you decide to replicate all or part of the practice, visit our [website](http://www.menshealthmonth.org/) to find out about opportunities to fund this work.
Are you also working to address men’s health, fatherhood, or other MCH Issues? We have very few practices in this area and are looking for more! Share your practice with Innovation Station to receive recognition, help others learn from your great work, and make a difference in MCH. Learn more about AMCHP’s practice categories and submission process here.

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