



Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs

**Update for the Secretary's
Advisory Committee on
Infant Mortality**

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What is AMCHP?

The Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs is a national resource, partner and advocate for state public health leaders and others working to improve the health of women, children, youth and families, including those with special health care needs.

Mission and Vision

Mission

AMCHP supports state maternal and child health programs and provides national leadership on issues affecting women and children.

Vision

AMCHP envisions a society where healthy children and healthy families live in healthy communities.

AMCHP's Role in Improving Birth Outcomes?

- Advocating for MCH programs
- Communicating information
- Disseminating best practices
- Providing technical assistance
- Peer-to-peer sharing
- Forging partnerships

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- Implement health promotion efforts
- Ensure quality of care for all women and infants
- Improve maternal risk screening for all women of reproductive age
- Enhance service integration for women and infants
- Improve access to health care for women before, during and after pregnancy
- Develop data systems to understand and inform efforts
- Promote social equity

Innovation Station

Innovation Station - AMCHP's database of best practices

- Provides AMCHP website users with information on best practices in an easy-to-use, searchable format
- Encourages replication of best practices in other states through information sharing
- Provides useful resources about other organization's best practices programs as well as information about evaluation
- Includes a table of all infant mortality and preconception health-related practices



AMCHP The site can be found at: www.amchp.org/innovationstation

Health Reform to Improve Birth Outcomes for Women, Infants and Children

- **Preconception Health** – support state MCH programs and key partners to optimize the implementation of health care reform to address preconception health
- **Breastfeeding Promotion** – support state MCH leaders and key partners in optimizing recent advances and opportunities in breastfeeding promotion
- **Preterm Birth** - promote replication of state efforts to reduce the rate of preterm inductions and unnecessary c-sections
- **Life Course Indicators** - develop core Life Course Indicators using publically available data sources for use by state and local public health agencies

State Infant Mortality Collaborative Toolkit

Coming Soon!

- Partnership with CDC Division of Reproductive Health, March of Dimes
- Result of a five-state collaborative to pilot analytic strategies for investigating direct contributors to infant mortality
- Focus on three domains: data reporting, cause and timing of infant death, and maturity at birth/maturity-specific mortality.
- Develops standard approach for examining infant mortality



Taking the First Steps: Experiences of Six Community/State Teams Addressing Racism's Impacts on Infant Mortality

Team Profiles from the Infant Mortality and Racism Action Learning Collaborative, a project of the Partnership to Eliminate Disparities in Infant Mortality.

Best Babies Zone



Title V MCH Block Grant Funding Update

- FY13 Appropriations Process Underway
 - Senate LHHS bill \$640 million, \$1.4 million increase over FY12
 - House LHHS bill TBD
- Sequestration
 - Expect an 8-10% cut
- FY14 Intense Scrutiny Expected
 - Perceived duplication between the block grant and ACA

Healthy Children. Healthy Families. Healthy Communities.

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