



Council on Community Pediatrics

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### Opportunities

#### **Grant Opportunity: Addressing Asthma from a Public Health Perspective**

*from CityMatCH NewsBriefs, March 18, 2009*

CDC's Procurement and Grants Office has published a program announcement entitled, "Addressing Asthma from a Public Health Perspective." Approximately \$17,500,000 will be available to fund 26 to 61 awards. The purpose is to develop program capacity to address asthma from a public health perspective to bring about: (1) a focus on asthma-related activity within states; (2) an increased understanding of asthma-related data and its application to program planning and evaluation through the development of an ongoing asthma surveillance system; (3) an increased recognition, within the public health structure of states, of the potential to use a public health approach to reduce the burden of asthma; (4) linkages of state health agencies to other agencies and organizations addressing asthma in the population; and (5) implementation of interventions to achieve positive health impacts, such as reducing the number of deaths, hospitalizations, emergency department visits, school or work days missed, and limitations on activity due to asthma. The estimated funding date is September 1, 2009. For complete program details, please see the full announcement on the CDC website at: [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

### Reports, Articles, Web Sites

#### **AAP Issues FAQs on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

The American Academy of Pediatrics has developed a series of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to address the Health Information Technology-related components of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). These FAQs are now available on the AAP Member Center at <http://www.aap.org/moc> (login required). Many of the details of the ARRA legislation will need to be addressed through the regulatory process. As these details emerge, the AAP will continue to provide



information on the opportunities available to our members. In the meantime, questions can be directed to Beki Marshall, Manager, Health Information Technology Initiatives, at [bmarshall@aap.org](mailto:bmarshall@aap.org).

## **Brief Examines Increase in Teen Births**

*from Child Trends Newsletter, March 18, 2009*

The National Center for Health Statistics just released new data showing that the teen birth rate increased again in 2007. This is the second increase in a row after a 14-year decline. A Child Trends research brief, *Teen Births: Examining the Recent Increase*, explores whether the data reflect a short-term blip or a true reversal in the decline of the U.S. teen birth rate. It also considers potential explanations for the uptick in teen births, and raises data and research gaps that must be filled to inform public and private prevention efforts. To read the brief visit

[http://www.childtrends.org/Files/Child\\_Trends\\_2009\\_03\\_13\\_FS\\_TeenBirthRate.pdf](http://www.childtrends.org/Files/Child_Trends_2009_03_13_FS_TeenBirthRate.pdf).

## **Series of Briefs Focus on Disparities in Child Health**

*from CityMatCH NewsBriefs, March 18, 2009*

*Trends in Child Health, 1997-2006: Assessing Black-White Disparities* highlights differences in health outcomes among black children and white children and then examines how child health indicators vary by sociodemographic characteristics. The issue brief, the first in a series produced by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies with support from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, is based on an analysis of data from the National Health Interview Survey for the years 1997 through 2006. The brief presents findings for non-Hispanic white children and non-Hispanic black children under age 18 on the following health indicators: low birthweight, health status (as evaluated by a family member), recent unmet oral health needs, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder diagnosis, lifetime asthma diagnosis, learning disability diagnosis, and activity limitation. For each health indicator, in each year between 1997 and 2006, comparisons are made first between children of the two racial groups as a whole; then, black children and white children in families with characteristics corresponding to nine sociodemographic variables are compared. The brief concludes with a discussion of gaps in health indicators between black children and white children by sociodemographic subgroup, and the influence of specific sociodemographic variables (educational attainment, poverty, health insurance) on health indicators. The brief is available at:

[http://www.jointcenter.org/publications\\_recent\\_publications/health/trends\\_in\\_child\\_health\\_1997\\_2006\\_assessing\\_black\\_white\\_disparities](http://www.jointcenter.org/publications_recent_publications/health/trends_in_child_health_1997_2006_assessing_black_white_disparities).

## **New Report Reveals Growing Extent of Child Homelessness**

*from CityMatCH NewsBriefs, March 18, 2009*

*America's Youngest Outcasts: State Report Card on Child Homelessness*, a new report from the National Center on Family Homelessness, documents the growing extent of child homelessness, describes the plight of these children, profiles and ranks the states, and proposes solutions. According to Ellen L. Bassuk, M.D., president of the National Center on Family Homelessness, "Our report underlines the need for every state - as well as the Obama Administration and Congress - to provide equal opportunities for all American children to grow and thrive in the safety and security of their own homes."

For more information, go to: <http://www.familyhomelessness.org/>

## **New Publication Looks at Dental Care in Children**

*from CityMatCH NewsBriefs, March 18, 2009*

The recently published *C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health* asked parents with children aged 3-17 years about dental care and dental health concerns for their children. The report found nearly 90 percent of children with dental insurance receive regular dental care, while only 58 percent of children with no dental insurance receive regular dental care. In addition, nearly one-quarter of parents report "costs too much" as a big problem in getting dental care for their children. To view report, go to: [http://health.med.umich.edu/home\\_npch.cfm?id=325](http://health.med.umich.edu/home_npch.cfm?id=325)



## **Workshop Summary Explores How to Achieve More Equitable Health Care Outcomes**

*from MCH Alert, March 20, 2009*

*Toward Health Equity and Patient-Centeredness: Integrating Health Literacy, Disparities Reduction, and Quality Improvement* summarizes presentations and discussion of a workshop held on May 12, 2008, to examine the role of quality improvement in improving health literacy and reducing racial and ethnic disparities, as well as geographic disparities. The report, published by the National Academy of Sciences, presents a vision for integrating disparities reduction, health literacy, and quality improvement to achieve better outcomes and the foundation for integration of these three areas. Other topics include integration at the practitioner level; policy issues of integration; types of measures that could be developed to understand the contributions of health literacy and disparities reduction to improved quality; how efforts at integration could be evaluated; and issues of financing, education, and training. The workshop agenda and participant list are included as appendices. The report is available at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12502](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12502) (download requires sign-in).

## **Tools & Resources**

### **MCH Leadership Training Module Focuses on Organizational Change**

*from CityMatCH NewsBriefs, March 18, 2009*

*MCH Leadership Skills Development Series: Organizational Change* explores issues related to leading and responding to change in an organization. The module is the fifth in a series produced by the Women's and Children's Health Policy Center at Johns Hopkins University with support from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. The module comprises the following components: activities, mini lectures, interviews, self-assessment, individual leadership development planning, and general and group discussion. Topics include the roles of behavior and emotion in resistance to organizational change, strategies for assessing and influencing an organization's readiness for change, and critical steps in creating and maintaining a successful change effort. This and other modules in the series are available at: <http://www.jhsph.edu/wchpc/MCHLDS>.

### **New AAP Breastfeeding Web Site Now Live**

The new Breastfeeding Web site is now Live at: [www.aap.org/breastfeeding](http://www.aap.org/breastfeeding). From this new site, you can also link to the newly released breastfeeding residency curriculum, developed by the AAP with funding from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration. The curriculum site can be found at: <http://www.aap.org/breastfeeding/curriculum/>.

## **Conferences, Seminars, Teleconferences, Webinars**

### **Recording Posted: Partnering to Address Mental Health Concerns in Early Education and Child Care Webinar**

Thank you to those of you who participated in the American Academy of Pediatric's Webinar: *Partnering to Address Mental Health Concerns in Early Education and Child Care*.

If you were unable to attend the event, the recording has been posted at

<http://www.aap.org/mentalhealth/mh9et.html>, along with the PowerPoint and a complete resource list. We hope you find these helpful! If you have any questions, please contact Renee Jarrett ([rjarrett@aap.org](mailto:rjarrett@aap.org)) or Aldina Hovde ([ahovde@aap.org](mailto:ahovde@aap.org)).