



Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting

Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting supports pregnant women and families and helps at-risk parents of children from birth to kindergarten entry tap the resources and hone the skills they need to raise children who are physically, socially and emotionally healthy and ready to learn.

Upcoming Events

Overview of the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program for Healthy Start and MIECHV

Grantees: This webinar will introduce Healthy Start and MIECHV grantees to the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program and resources available through the program that are relevant to Healthy Start and MIECHV grantees. **Thursday, October 29, 2015; 2:00 PM EDT.** [Click Here to Register](#)

WEBINAR: Announcing the National Action Plan to Increase Safe Infant Sleep: The National Action Partnership to Promote Safe Sleep (NAPPSS) is pleased to announce the official release of the National Action Plan to Increase Safe Infant Sleep. Join us on **Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT** for a webinar hosted by HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau to learn how

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News and Updates

Redesign of the MIECHV Performance Measures Public Comment Period:

The 60-day public comment period on the redesign of the MIECHV performance measures is open through November 9th, 2015. The notice can be accessed at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-08/pdf/2015-22545.pdf>. Please contact paperwork@hrsa.gov to request a copy of the draft data collection instruments and to submit comments.

Open Enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplace Begins November 1:

Open enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplace begins November 1, 2015 and ends January 31, 2016. Visit healthcare.gov for the latest information on open enrollment and use materials at Marketplace.cms.gov to share with your community.

Primeros Pasos Blog Post - "The Home Visiting Program by the Obama Administration", written by HRSA Senior Advisor Carlos Cano:

How can a program create opportunities for women, infants, children, and families to thrive independent of their socio-economic status? In response to this question, in 2010, the United States Congress created the first national home visiting program for women and families expecting a baby and those with young children. The Obama Administration has implemented this Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (Home Visiting Program) which offers voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services for at-risk

your work on promoting safe sleep practices and breastfeeding fits into this national framework. [Click Here To Register](#)

Scientific Writing for Peer Reviewed Publications for Public Health Professionals:

A short course offered by the Learning Institute of the 143rd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association; **Saturday, October 31, 2015; 9:00 am to 5:00pm; Chicago, IL.** Registration is now open at: <http://www.apha.org/meetings/registration/>

Learning Institute Number 2011 - How to Evaluate Public Health Programs: A short course offered by the Learning Institute of the 143rd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association; **November 1, 2015; 8:00 am to 11:30 am; Chicago, IL.** Registration is open at: <http://www.apha.org/meetings/registration/>

Home Visiting and Early Learning in the News

[Early childhood brain development sets the stage for learning throughout life, experts say](#)

[We Already Know How to Close the Achievement Gap](#)

[New Moms on SI Graduate from Guiding Program](#)

pregnant women and parents with young children up to entry into kindergarten. [Read More](#)

HHS Launches National Center of Excellence for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation:

As a response to the pressing need for more preventive support for the early education system and the children and families it serves, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, in partnership with the Health Resources and Services Administration, and the Administration for Children and Families, launched the new National Center of Excellence in Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (IECMHC). The Center of Excellence (CoE), funded at about \$6 million over the next four years, is tasked with building strong, sustainable mental health consultation systems in States and tribal communities across the country through the development of state of the art tools and the delivery of training and technical assistance. IECMHC is a multi-level preventive intervention that teams mental health professionals with people who work with young children and their families. The model builds the capacity of teachers and families to promote social-emotional and behavioral development and has demonstrated impacts for improving children's social skills and adult-child relationships; reducing challenging behaviors, expulsions and suspensions; increasing family-school collaboration; increasing classroom quality; and reducing teacher stress, burnout, and turnover.

More Info: [White House Blog Post](#); [ACF Blog Post](#), [SAMHSA Blog Post](#)

Early Learning Language and Literacy Series Launched:

The Preschool Development and Expansion Grant Technical Assistance Program (PDG TA) announced their free new 14-module series on Early Language and Literacy. Designed to support the emerging language development of children, birth to five, national literacy experts offer presentations on the four instructional priorities: oral language, phonological awareness, vocabulary and alphabet knowledge and print awareness, as well as other topics. View the facilitator guide, module presentations and accompanying resources in the Quick Links section of the [PDG](#)

TA website or directly [here](#). For more information, contact: Sue Mitchell: Susan.Mitchell@aemcorp.com or Kathy Thornburg: Kathy.Thornburg@aemcorp.com.

Newly Launched T/TA System – Comprehensive Support for OCC and OHS Grantees: ACF announced the launch of a new, cross-sector Early Childhood Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) system. The new T/TA system will bring together resources from Head Start, child care, and health partners. The goals of the system are to get TA resources “closest to the ground” and to maximize the use of federal resources to better support those who provide early care and education to our youngest children and their families. By working with Regional, State, and Tribal leaders, the hope is to create more efficient and effective delivery vehicles that can provide program leaders and teaching staff with consistent, high quality resources based on the latest evidence-based practices. [More](#)

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