



**Association of Maternal and
Child Health Programs**
Moving Forward Together
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Who is AMCHP?

AMCHP 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.

AMCHP Mission and Vision

Mission: The mission of the Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs is to protect and promote the optimal health of women, children, and families.



Vision: AMCHP envisions a nation that values and invests in the health and wellbeing of all women, children, families, and communities.

Who are our members?

- State public health leaders
- High-level state government officials
- Directors of MCH programs (Title V directors)
- Directors of CSHCN programs
- Adolescent health coordinators
- Families
- Academic, advocacy and community-based family health professionals



State Public Health Autism Resource Center

- **Goal:** To help improve or develop systems of care for children and youth with autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disabilities (ASD/DD)
- **Target Audience:** State programs, particularly state Title V programs
- **Services:** Provide ongoing technical assistance, facilitate cross-state learning and develop resources

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Innovation in Care Integration for Children and Youth with ASD/DD Grants (Autism Community of Learners)

- Four state grants provided by HRSA to improve state-level systems of services to integrate care for children and youth with ASD/DD.
 - Improved access that leads to early diagnosis and entry into appropriate services
- Implement innovative, evidence-informed models
 - Family support and navigation
 - Shared resources
 - Health information technology (telehealth, m- health)
- Special emphasis on medically underserved populations

SPHARC: Technical Assistance Activities

- Support the Autism Community of Learners (DE, RI, WA, WI)
 - Monthly TA calls and group listserv
 - Peer-to-Peer Exchange Meeting
 - Mentorship TA Visits
- Conduct webinars and conference workshops/sessions to share best practices/lessons learned
- Coordinate with AUCD/ITAC on the Autism CARES meeting
- Facilitate state peer sharing and learning
- Develop resources and publications based on state needs and challenges

