



MCH TRAINING PROGRAM: MCH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

DIVISION OF RESEARCH, TRAINING, AND EDUCATION

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BUREAU OF THE HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

◇ Mission

In addition to supporting graduate training of maternal and child health (MCH) professionals, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) is committed to advancing the knowledge and skills of practicing MCH professionals. MCHB funds programs specifically focused on continuing education, including Collaborative Office Rounds (COR), Distance Learning (DL) programs, Knowledge to Practice (KP) and the MCH Leadership Skills Training Institute. MCH Professional Development grants address new and emerging issues in the field, using in person, distance-based, and blended (some in person and some distance) methods. ◇

◇ Purpose

◆ **COR** supports small discussion groups that meet at regular intervals over sustained periods of time to address the mental health aspects of pediatric care. The groups are jointly led by pediatricians and child psychiatrists, and participants include practitioners, fellows, and residents. Although they vary in a number of ways, all groups aim to improve the ability of primary care providers to address the day-to-day psychosocial issues of children, adolescents, and their families.

◆ **DL grants** provide effective and efficient means by which maternal and child health (MCH) professionals can enhance and advance their analytical, managerial, administrative, and clinical skills while continuing to meet their daily on-site responsibilities. Projects provide continuing education on diverse MCH topics to a regional and/or national audience.

◆ **KP** grants increase the leadership skills of MCH professionals by facilitating the timely transfer of new information, research findings, and technology related to MCH; and updating and improving the knowledge and skills of health and related professionals in programs serving mothers and children. These programs support the conduct of short-term, non-degree related courses, symposia, institutes, and distance learning strategies and/or development of curricula, guidelines, standards of practice, and educational tools/strategies intended to assure quality health care for the MCH population.

◆ **MCH Certificate Programs** enhance the skills of the existing public health workforce by using innovative strategies to address the special educational needs of health professionals who live in isolated geographic communities or are from underserved or underrepresented populations.

◆ **MCH Leadership Skills Training Institute** offers continuing education and training to increase leadership skills for key management personnel in state Title V MCH programs in the United States. These institutes integrate content material from both MCH and children with special health care needs programs and address leadership skills topics. ◇

◇ Program Profiles

◆ **COR:** In FY2009, MCHB funded 10 programs with total annual awards totaling \$150,000. The grant awards are \$15,000 per year. The next grant competition for COR is FY2011.

◆ **DL:** In FY2009, MCHB funded 6 programs at \$100,000 each. The next grant competition for Distance Learning is FY2010.



- ◆ **KP:** In FY2009, MCHB funded 6 programs, with total annual awards amounting to \$180,000. The grant awards are \$30,000 per year. The next grant competition is FY2010.
- ◆ **MCH Certificate:** In FY2009, MCHB funded 2 programs at \$180,000 per year. The next grant competition is FY2014.
- ◆ **MCH Leadership Skills Institute:** In FY2009, MCHB funded 1 program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, with an annual award of \$265,000 in the first year and \$360,000 in subsequent years. The next grant competition is FY2014.

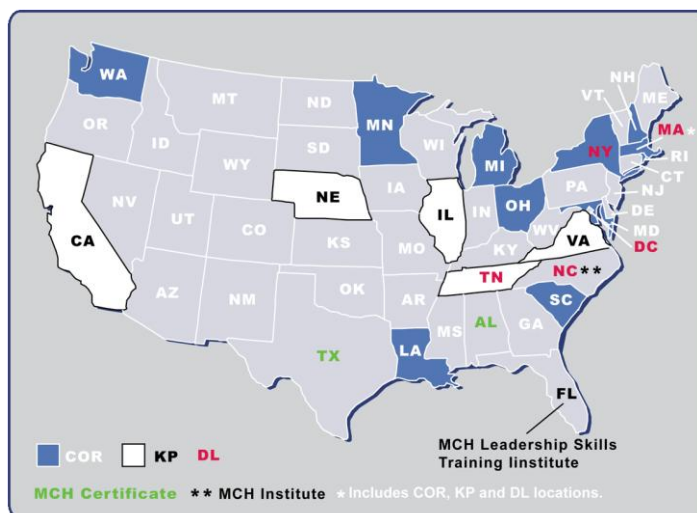
◆ Program Locations

COR

- ◆ **Maryland**, Johns Hopkins University
- ◆ **Massachusetts**, Children's Hospital, Boston
- ◆ **Michigan**, University of Michigan
- ◆ **Minnesota**, University of Minnesota
- ◆ **New Hampshire**, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
- ◆ **New York**, Columbia University
- ◆ **Ohio**, Children's Research Institute
- ◆ **Rhode Island**, Brown Medical School / Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island
- ◆ **South Carolina**, Medical University of South Carolina
- ◆ **Washington**, Children's Hospital – Seattle

DL

- ◆ **District of Columbia**, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- ◆ **Massachusetts**, Harvard College
- ◆ **New York**, New York Medical College
- ◆ **North Carolina**, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- ◆ **Tennessee**, University of Tennessee Health



KP

- ◆ **California**, University of California – Berkeley
- ◆ **Illinois**, University of Illinois at Chicago
- ◆ **Massachusetts**, Boston University
- ◆ **Nebraska**, University of Nebraska, Omaha
- ◆ **Tennessee**, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- ◆ **Virginia**, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond

MCH Certificate

- ◆ **Alabama**, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- ◆ **Texas**, University of Texas Health Sciences Center, Houston

MCH Institute

- ◆ **North Carolina**, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

For contact information and project abstracts:

COR: <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/training/projects.asp?program=3>

DL: <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/training/projects.asp?program=7>

KP: <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/training/projects.asp?program=5>

MCH Certificate: <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/training/projects.asp?program=2>

MCH Leadership Skills Institute: <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/training/projects.asp?program=10>



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Preliminary Findings from the AMCHP Workforce Development Survey, 2008, <http://www.amchp.org/MCH-Topics/O-Z/WorkforceDevelopment/Pages/Default.aspx> ◇

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