Supporting State MCH Policy Innovation Program (MCH PIP)

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The Supporting State Maternal and Child Health Policy Innovation Program (MCH PIP) aims to support innovative state-level policy initiatives that improve access to quality health care for the MCH population. The MCH PIP supports the development of policy solutions, acceleration of state and local progress, and dissemination of MCH policy best practices and lessons learned.

The MCH PIP is designed to be flexible and is intended to address the priorities and needs at national, state, and local levels. Award recipients will convene cohorts of MCH stakeholders and support them in the development, implementation, and evaluation of policy initiatives in collaboration with their peers. Recipients may select project priorities and develop initiatives in response to emerging needs; they are also encouraged to include one or more of the following priorities:

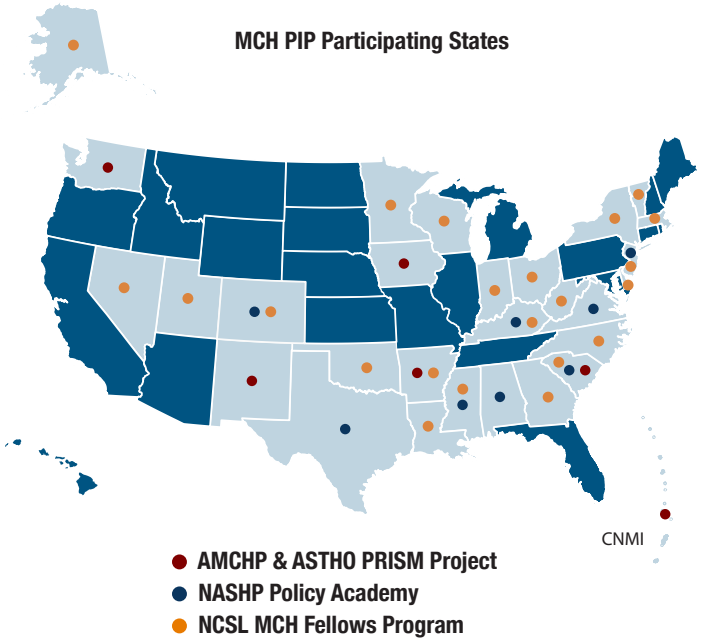
Mental Health | **Substance Abuse** | **Childhood Obesity**

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP) and Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

Promoting Innovation in State MCH Policymaking (PRISM) Project: AMCHP and **ASTHO** will bring together and work with state and territory teams, with diverse compositions, to build their capacity to develop and implement state and territory-level policy solutions that address substance misuse and mental health disorders in women.

AMCHP is a national advocate working to improve the health of women, children, youth, and families. **ASTHO** is the national nonprofit organization representing public health agencies in the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the District of Columbia, and over 100,000 public health professionals these agencies employ.



National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP)

Policy Academy: NASHP will conduct a Policy Academy composed of representatives from state Medicaid agencies, public health agencies, mental health/substance use agencies, and other state stakeholders. Participating states will develop policy initiatives in order to improve access to care for Medicaid-eligible pregnant and parenting women with or at risk of substance use disorders and/or mental health conditions through health care system transformation.

NASHP is a nonpartisan forum of policymakers throughout state governments, learning, leading and implementing innovative solutions to health policy challenges.

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Fellows Program: NCSL will support legislators and legislative staff who are experienced or emerging leaders on MCH related issues as they develop and implement policy options to address MCH priorities.

NCSL is a bipartisan organization founded to improve the quality and effectiveness of state legislatures; promote policy innovation and communication among state legislatures and ensure state legislatures a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system.

Learn more about our maternal and child health programs: https://mchb.hrsa.gov/maternal-child-health-initiatives/mchb-programs