



CNN Covers Title V & Update on National Mobilization

First some exciting breaking news: today CNN published an op-ed by past AMCHP President Dr. Deborah Klein Walker entitled “[Why is infant mortality still a U.S. problem?](#)” The piece highlights the important roles of the Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant and Healthy Start and calls for “the political will to fund both programs fully as well as support all services and policies we know help prevent infant deaths.” Thank you Debbie!

A week ago AMCHP, the National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association and National WIC Association invited you to participate in a coordinated National Mobilization for Women, Children and Families to flood Capitol Hill with messages opposing cuts to critical maternal and child health and women's health programs. We are pleased to report that your actions generated **2,723** emails to elected officials in addition to thousands of telephone calls. Thanks to all of you who took action!

As of today, it appears that Congress will not reach agreement on final funding levels for health programs for FY 2012 before the current continuing resolution (CR) expires on Nov. 18. Another CR is almost certain to allow more time for negotiations. Additionally, the Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (Super Committee) has just three weeks left before their deadline to present a plan for an additional \$1.2 trillion in savings over 10 years. **This means the window of opportunity to influence decisions that will impact funding levels for years to come is still open.**

Building on the momentum of last week, you can still take action! If you missed our alert last week or didn't have time to respond, we urge you to take a moment now to make a call and follow up with a personalized email to your elected officials. To call, simply dial (202) 224-3121 for the Capitol switchboard to reach members of your congressional delegation. (Click [here](#) if you need to find your representatives). Please share this simple message: **I urge my Senator/Representative to oppose any efforts to cut core programs for women, children and families, including the Title V MCH Block Grant and Home Visiting Program, WIC and Title X.** More details and link to our simple email template are available [here](#).

We are also grateful that the American Academy of Pediatrics included the Title V MCH Block Grant among the priorities they highlighted in an action alert to their membership on Oct. 26, and the March of Dimes highlighted the importance of Title V in an action alert issued in conjunction with their public affairs conference on Oct. 19. The APHA Friends of HRSA Coalition and National Assembly on School Based Health Care also shared the alert with their networks. This means that collectively an estimated 144,000 health professionals, families, and supporters were urged to join in support of Title V and other critical programs serving women, children and families. Thanks to all of you who shared our alert with additional friends and supporters!

Again, thank you for taking action to protect these critical programs. As a reminder, AMCHP urges you to take action only in accordance with your organization's rules on advocacy and does not use any federal funds for lobbying.