CONFERENCE INVITATION LETTER

Dear State Health Agency Leader,

On behalf of the Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP) and its local, state, and national partners, it is my pleasure to invite the youth and young adult leaders involved with your MCH efforts to attend the upcoming AMCHP Annual Conference, to be held in San Antonio, Texas, March 9-12, 2019. The theme is Investments in MCH: Families and the MCH Workforce.

Each year, AMCHP’s annual conference brings together more than 800 leaders, researchers, and practitioners to share the latest ideas, evidence and best practices in maternal and child health, including topics on adolescents and young adults. At the 2017 and 2018 conferences, we had significant contingents of young people attend and share their expertise and MCH-related experiences, including through participation as presenters in workshops and in a plenary panel discussion about male engagement in MCH. We plan to continue a prominent focus on youth and young adults through the conference programming, and the participation of youth from your program will contribute to that focus.

Adolescence and young adulthood is a critical stage of human development. Knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors molded during this period continue to endure well into adulthood and can be influential in one’s health and well-being. Often, however, youth are not involved, integrated, or prioritized when it comes to the various policies and programs that impact this population. We are committed to providing a space and audience so that their perspective is recognized and integrated in MCH priorities. The AMCHP Annual Conference is the only national conference designed specifically to support the needs of state MCH professionals and serves as a critical investment in the ongoing professional development of your MCH and CYSHCN staff. This includes working with youth and young adult stakeholders, as well as shaping these young people into the MCH leaders of tomorrow.

AMCHP invites youth to participate in key conference activities, such as networking opportunities with other young people and AMCHP leaders, concurrent workshops and poster sessions, and plenaries featuring presentations by national leaders in maternal and child health. There is a discounted registration rate of $420 for youth and young adults (including students) for the entire conference, as well as a rate of $235 for partial (e.g. one-day) registration. Please consider making the investment to send representatives from your state to the conference. We firmly believe that the return on that investment will come in the form of increased capacity in youth engagement and leadership development within your program, to help improve the health and well-being of children and families in your state. I hope you will support this opportunity for youth and young adults to participate in what will be an exceptional event.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me.
Most sincerely,

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