



infant health

Content Development for Newborn Screening Clearinghouse

NICHQ is managing all content for a new comprehensive web-based clearinghouse

to raise awareness about the importance of newborn screening and help families navigate the screening process. In partnership with content expert Genetic Alliance, NICHQ is facilitating the development of up-to-date and state-specific web-content about newborn screening and its life-saving potential. Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Exploring State-Level Strategies to Improve Maternal Health and Birth Outcomes

Through site visits and interviews, NICHQ is studying four states' efforts to reduce preterm births and address disparities. NICHQ will develop a set of comprehensive case studies that explore and document systems and infrastructure that promote or hinder improvements in preterm births. Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Maternal and Child Health Environmental Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network

NICHQ is leading all CoIIN activities in this initiative, which aims to build state capacity to increase the number of infants and children who have access to a system of coordinated care to address their needs as a result of exposures to lead and decrease maternal and child morbidity and mortality associated with exposure to lead. Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau via the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs.

National Action Partnership to Promote Safe Sleep Improvement and Innovation Network

This national effort aims to make infant safe sleep and breastfeeding the national norm by activating champions of safe infant sleep and breastfeeding and aligning stakeholders to create and test "safety bundles" in multiple care settings. NICHQ is leading and facilitating the innovation network, which will improve the likelihood that infant caregivers and families receive consistent, evidence-based instruction about safe sleep and breastfeeding. Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

National Network of Perinatal Quality Collaboratives

During this five-year initiative, NICHQ is providing resources and expertise to 43 state-based perinatal quality collaboratives with the goal of deepening and accelerating improvement efforts for maternal and infant health outcomes. Funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

New York State Maternal and Child Health Collaboratives

In partnership with the New York State Department of Health, NICHQ is leading efforts to improve the care in New York's perinatal care centers through the development and implementation of promising interventions that address specific challenges in current systems of care. Funded by the New York State Department of Health.

Safe Sleep CoIIN to Reduce Infant Mortality

NICHQ is leading this initiative that uses evidence-based strategies and quality improvement methods to decrease the instances of sudden unexpected infant death (SUID) rates and reduce racial disparities in sleep-related deaths in four states: Arkansas, Mississippi, New York and Tennessee. Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

Supporting Healthy Start Performance Project

NICHQ and the National Healthy Start Association are providing a comprehensive capacity-building assistance training program for all Healthy Start programs. The training program includes technical assistance on high-priority topics, such as safe sleep, fatherhood and breastfeeding, and training for program staff on core competencies. Funded through a cooperative agreement with the Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

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early childhood

Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (ECCS CoIIN)

During this five-year initiative, NICHQ is

leading 12 state teams and 28 local communities in quality improvement and collaborative learning to improve early childhood systems, increase the number of 3-year-old children with age-appropriate developmental skills, and reduce the disparity in these skills among children. Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

Early Childhood Health Equity Landscape: Learning from Existing and Emerging Initiatives

NICHQ is working with Child Trends to assess, summarize, and catalogue multisector initiatives that support more effective and equitable early childhood systems. The project is systematically gathering, synthesizing, and publicly sharing insights and learnings, promising practices and progress, and challenges and opportunities to enhance state and local early childhood efforts. Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes: Developmental Impact of NICU Exposures

In support of studying the long-term effects of environmental exposures on children who are treated in neonatal intensive care units, NICHQ provides project management and data management and analysis for participating clinical sites. Funded by the National Institutes of Health via the Children's Hospital at Montefiore/Albert Einstein College of Medicine and the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

special health care needs and rare diseases



Disseminating Results: Missed Sickle Cell Disease Clinic Appointments and the Health Belief Model

Recent research from the Mid-South Clinical Data Research Network found that modifying components in the Health Belief Model may increase the number of sickle cell disease patients who attend recommended clinical appointments. NICHQ is disseminating these findings to a network of sickle cell disease stakeholders, including those from the HRSA-funded Sickle Cell Disease Treatment Demonstration Regional Collaborative Program, advocacy networks, professional organizations, and patient and family networks. Funded by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute.

Florida Children's Medical Services Learning and Action Network

By building the quality improvement capacity of specialty programs, this learning and action network will grow and support a high-quality system of care in Florida that serves all children and youth with special health care needs, regardless of insurance status and location. Funded by the State of Florida Department of Health.

Sickle Cell Disease Treatment Demonstration Regional Collaborative Program

During this three-year initiative, NICHQ works with five regional centers from across the country to improve coordination and service delivery for individuals living with sickle cell disease. As the coordinating center, NICHQ provides support on data collection, reporting and analysis. Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

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