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## **AMCHP Staff Member Mallory Cyr Recognized by the de Beaumont Foundation as a Leader in Public Health**

Washington, DC – The Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP) is delighted to share that our very own [Mallory Cyr](#) has been recognized as one of the [40 Under 40 in Public Health](#). The de Beaumont Foundation announced its 2023 honorees this morning after reviewing nominations from hundreds of leaders in public health.

In addition to Mallory, the program's honorees include epidemiologists, program managers, researchers, and policy analysts in state, local, and territorial health departments; colleges and universities; nonprofit organizations; and the private sector. The class was selected by a distinguished panel of public health professionals for their leadership and impact on their community's health.

"We are so proud of Mallory for this well-deserved recognition of her work and dedication to not only our organization, but public health as a whole," said Terrance E. Moore, Chief Executive Officer of AMCHP. "Mallory truly exemplifies the values of equity and inclusion we aim to uphold as leaders in maternal and child health."

Mallory is a disability justice leader and change agent who actively works to challenge our public health systems and shift narratives to be more accessible, equitable, and inclusive. She has made significant contributions to making disability justice a core component of public health education and programming. In 2021, Mallory received the Boston University School of Public Health 2021 Maternal and Child Health Alumni Award for designing a course, titled [Disability Justice through the Lifecourse: Programs, Policies, and Turning Advocacy into Action](#). Over the last few years, Mallory has applied her decades of professional and lived experience to several AMCHP projects focused on amplifying community voices, such as the [Building Resilience from Lived Experience](#) series, a collection of written and video testimonials from those impacted by public health emergencies.

"I was born with a rare disease, and my family was told I wouldn't live past the age of 2, so the fact that I'm even talking about turning 40 is pretty amazing," said Mallory Cyr, 40 Under 40 Public Health Honoree and Program Manager of Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) at AMCHP. "I was raised to never accept limitations that were placed on me based on a system that wasn't built for people like me. Growing up, it was always: how can we work together to creatively problem-solve to make sure I have an equitable experience, and for those who come after me? — and that's exactly what brought me to public health. I plan to continue to use my seat at the table to ask the hard questions. Who isn't at the table? If they can't get there, why not, and how can we change that?"

Join us in celebrating Mallory and all the 2023 honorees! For more information about the 40 Under 40 in Public Health visit [www.debeaumont.org/40Under40](http://www.debeaumont.org/40Under40).

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