



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Chery Manon Espinal

202-843-9304, cmannonespinal@amchp.org

April 8, 2024

AMCHP Announces 2024 Award Winners

Washington, DC – The Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP) is pleased to announce the [winners of its 2024 AMCHP Annual Awards](#). The awards recognize maternal and child health (MCH) leaders for their outstanding contributions to the field and will be presented at the 2024 AMCHP Annual Conference, held April 13-16, 2024, in person at the Oakland Marriot City Center in Oakland, CA, and virtually through our virtual conference platform.

“We have the distinct honor of celebrating the remarkable achievements of MCH leaders this year at the 2024 AMCHP Annual Awards,” said Terrance E. Moore, Chief Executive Officer at AMCHP. “Their dedication and achievements are a source of inspiration and are truly exemplary of their pivotal role in enhancing maternal and child health. We applaud these 19 awardees for being trailblazers and setting the bar in this field through their continued impact and contributions.”

The 2024 AMCHP Annual Awards recipients include **Okunsola M. Amadou** (John MacQueen Lecture Award), **Margaret Major** (Excellence in State MCH Leadership Award), **Omare Jimmerson** (Vince Hutchins Leadership Award), **Tricia Brisbine** (Merle McPherson Family Leadership Award), and **Emily Cowen** (Ryan Colburn Scholarship Award).

Awardees for the Emerging MCH Professional category include **Nadine Depina Tavares** (Region I), **Genevieve Lalanne-Raymond** (Region II), **Cynthia deSa** (Region III), **Tiffane Evans** (Region IV), **Terra Depew** (Region V), **Sara Gorman** (Region VII), **Danielle Hoff** (Region VIII), **Windy Ly** (Region IX), and **Ness Verigin** (Region X).

This year’s edition of the AMCHP Annual Awards recognizes **Sigma Beta Xi Inc. Youth and Family Services** and the **Equity Initiative, Riverside University Health Systems – Public Health** in our new category, the Community Partnership Award. It also recognizes the **Arizona Health Start** (Health Equity Advancement Award), **Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids (SPARK) Kindergarten Readiness Program** (Best Practice Award), and **BirthMatters** (Partnership Award) as winners of the Innovation Hub Awards.

###

The Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP) is a national resource, partner, and advocate for state public health leaders who work and support state maternal and child health programs and others working to improve the health of women, children, youth, parents, families, and communities. AMCHP builds successful programs by disseminating best practices, advocating on behalf of our members in Washington, DC, providing technical assistance, convening leaders to share experiences and ideas, and advising states to reach our common goal of healthy children, healthy families, and healthy communities. For more information, visit www.amchp.org and follow AMCHP on [LinkedIn](#), [X \(Twitter\)](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Threads](#).

