

Dear Leader of the State/Jurisdiction Health Agency,

On behalf of the Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP) and its local, state, and national partners, we greatly appreciate your role in the upcoming AMCHP Annual Conference. We encourage you to consider inviting and providing financial support to youth and young adult leaders (including students), family leaders, community-based organizations (CBOs), community-rooted partners, Indigenous People and Indigenous-led organizations, and Tribal Governments involved with your Maternal and Child Health (MCH) efforts to attend the conference. *Indigenous Peoples recognizes the diversity of ethnic communities whose ancestry descends from the earliest original inhabitants of the United States [and territories], in contrast to groups that have been forcibly enslaved and transported; settled; occupied and/or colonized these same spaces.* We would like to thank Janelle Palacios of Salish & Kootenai Tribe and CEO of Encoded 4 Story for her thought partnership, creation, and collaboration developing this statement with members of AMCHP's CBO Conference Support Workgroup. The event will take place from March 15th – 18th, 2025, in Washington, DC, and will support in-person attendance.

AMCHP is dedicated to embodying the Jemez principles of democratic organizing, emphasizing "nothing about us without us." We believe that the unique perspectives of community members, family leaders, youth, and young adults are often not fully integrated or prioritized in the various policies and programs that affect their peers and families. Therefore, we are committed to providing a platform for their voices to be heard and integrated into MCH priorities. Each year, the AMCHP conference brings together over 1,000 MCH leaders, researchers, and practitioners to share the latest ideas, evidence, and wisdom in maternal and child health. The presence of these individuals with their unique perspectives not only enriches the conference but also provides invaluable insights for us to learn from and apply in our work, which emphasizes "nothing about us without us."

Our AMCHP 2025 theme, "Partnering for Impact," highlights our collective commitment to improving our world, where people have equitable access, equitable outcomes, and the opportunity to thrive. This theme demonstrates our purposeful partnerships and emphasizes the results we aim to achieve. Our collective work together matters because of what we hope to accomplish. We are intentional in our partnerships to change the status quo, challenge harmful narratives, and address the gaps in MCH outcomes. Inviting and providing financial support to youth and young adult leaders (including students), family leaders, community-based organizations (CBOs), community-rooted partners, Indigenous People and Indigenous-led organizations, and Tribal Governments to attend the upcoming AMCHP Annual Conference is a tangible way to demonstrate your commitment to Partnering for Impact.

Please consider visiting our conference registration page and making the financial investment to send youth and young adult leaders (including students), family leaders, community-based organizations (CBOs), community-rooted partners, and Tribal Nations or Tribal Governments (including Indigenous-led CBOs) from your state or jurisdiction to the conference. Your sponsorship can support conference registration, travel, lodging, meals, childcare, and time away from work. This support will enhance your program's capacity for youth and community engagement and leadership development, and it will be a meaningful step toward building and sustaining trusting relationships with these groups in your state. Your support will help alleviate the financial burden on our youth and young adult leaders (including students), family leaders, community-based organizations (CBOs), community-rooted partners, Indigenous People and Indigenous-led organizations, and Tribal Governments enable us to make the most of this valuable opportunity. We kindly request that all financial investments be completed by Friday, February 21, 2025.



One way we would like to acknowledge your support is within AMCHP's conference newsletter, displaying your organization name, logo, and link to your website.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact <u>conference@amchp.org</u>.

Sincerely,

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Anticipated Costs for Supporting Youth, CBOs, Family Leaders, and Tribal Entities to Attend Conference

Registration	In-Person	In-Person
	(Early Bird, before	(Full
	January 17, 2025)	Conference)
Full Conference - Family Leader	\$550.00	\$575.00
Full Conference - Community-Based Organizations	\$550.00	\$575.00
Full Conference - Native students, scholars, experts, and	\$550.00	\$575.00
thought leaders		
Full Conference - Student, Youth	\$550.00	\$575.00
Travel and Lodging		
Flight & Ground Transportation	\$1,000	
Lodging	\$319/night + tax &14.95%	
Meals	\$92/day minus meals provided; 75%	
	on first and last day of travel}	