

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!

We will get started shortly.
In the meantime, we invite you to intentionally enter this space.



Silence your cell phone



Stretch



Close the door



Take a few deep breaths



Close browser windows



Emotionally release your to-do list



Check your audio and video



Take a bio break

Conversations with the Division

Wednesday, April 29, 2026 || 1:00pm – 3:00pm ET





This session is being recorded.



Participants are encouraged to ask questions using the Q&A box.

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HEALTHY
start
TA & SUPPORT CENTER



Welcome

Karen Chustz
Healthy Start TA &
Support Center

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Agenda



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Healthy Start TA & Support
Center (TASC)

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League of Voices
Susanna Joy
Michigan Public Health Institute

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Perinatal Services (DHSPS)

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DHSPS Staff

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Mia Morrison
DHSPS

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**Lisa Bain, Natasha Ray,
Rachel Hanson**
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Branch**

Kristin Silcox
DHSPS

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Facilitated by HS POs
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Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services (DHSPS) Updates

Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)

Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People





FY 2027 President's Budget Request

Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



DHSPS Priority: Communication



Learn more at <https://mchb.hrsa.gov>

DHSPS Priority: Align with MAHA

 Cutting Bureaucratic Sprawl	 Streamlining Services	 Scientific Integrity
 Disease Prevention	 Fighting the Chronic Disease Epidemic	 Gold Standard Science
 Food Safety	 Autism Initiative	 Informed Consent
 Nutrition	 PRIORITIES FOR MAKING AMERICA HEALTHY AGAIN	 Mental Health
 Removing Ultra-processed Food Additives	 Eliminating Petroleum-based Food Dyes	 Radical Transparency
 Eradicating Environmental Toxins	 Restoring Value-based Care	 Stewardship
 Expanding Access to Primary Care	 Ending the Regulatory Capture Loop	 Strengthening Services to Tribes



DHSPS Priority: Collaboration & Partnerships

Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People





Healthy Start All-Grantee Meeting (AGM)

September 14-16, 2026

Washington, DC

Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Help shape this year's AGM.



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If you could design your ideal AGM session, what would it look like?



Your feedback helps us create an AGM that's **RELEVANT, ENGAGING, AND IMPACTFUL** for YOU and your programs!



Prior Approval Request to Carryover Funds

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Healthy Start
Grantees with an
April 1 start date:



FEDERAL FINANCIAL
REPORTS ARE DUE



ONCE YOUR FEDERAL
FINANCIAL REPORT IS APPROVED
YOU CAN SUBMIT YOUR
CARRYOVER REQUEST.



SUBMIT YOUR CARRYOVER REQUEST
NO LATER THAN 11/1/2026.



Upcoming Data Reporting Deadlines



**THE CY 2025
DGIS NCCPR**

**IS DUE ON
6/30/2026**



Financial data reflect the budget year:
4/1/2025 – 3/31/2026



All other data reflect the calendar
year: 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025



**THE NEXT
HSMED REPORT**

**IS DUE ON
7/21/2026**



Opens on 7/1/2026



Covers 4/1/2026 – 6/30/2026



Reach out to HealthyStartData@hrsa.gov
if you have any questions.

A photograph of a baby laughing joyfully in a ball pit. The baby is wearing a red knitted cardigan. The background is filled with colorful plastic balls in shades of red, yellow, blue, and green. The right side of the image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter.

Healthy Start TASC Updates

Tess Pierson

Healthy Start TA &
Support Center

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*Thank you for completing the
Annual Assessment!*

82% of grantees participated

SAVE-THE-DATE!



2026 Annual All-Grantee Meeting

Celebrating Healthy Start's 35th Anniversary

Location: Mayflower Hotel (Washington D.C.) | Date: September 14 - 16, 2026

Event Overview

Day 2: Grantee Subcommittee

Day 3: PNML

Advancing Community Consortia Community of Practice (CoP)

- **Cohort 1 Completed:** 23 participants from October to December 2025
- **Cohort 2 Completed:** 24 participants from January to March 2026
- **Cohort 3 In-Progress:** 25 participants from April to June 2026
- Two additional cohorts in 2026 to ensure all grantees can participate
 - Cohort 4: July-Sept // Cohort 5: Oct-Dec

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Advancing Community Consortia
COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE
Cohort 2 Schedule Overview | January 14 – March 25, 2026

- 1 Welcome & Orientation**
Introduces participants to the goals, structure, tools, and expectations for learning and collaboration.
LIVE DISCUSSION: JAN 14, 2026 at 2:30 PM ET
LESSON:
 - Welcome & IntroductionACTIVITY/ASSIGNMENT:
 - Goals & Reflection Worksheet
- 2 Building a Strong Consortia**
Focuses on strengthening consortium infrastructure and leadership to support effective collaboration and decision-making.
LIVE DISCUSSION: JAN 28, 2026 at 2:30 PM ET
LESSON:
 - Foundations of Community Consortia
 - Effective Leadership Consortia & BeyondACTIVITY/ASSIGNMENT:
 - Consortium Infrastructure Assessment
 - ACC CoP Leadership Assessment
- 3 Community-Centered Partnership & Leadership**
Explores strategies for engaging community members and partners in meaningful ways that center lived experience and shared power.
LIVE DISCUSSION: FEB 11, 2026 at 2:30 PM ET
LESSON:
 - Authentic Community Engagement
 - Partnership DevelopmentACTIVITY/ASSIGNMENT:
 - Engage with Intention Worksheet
 - Partnership Ecosystem Mapping
- 4 Action Planning**
Guides participants in translating ideas and priorities into clear, achievable action plans with defined roles, timelines, and outcomes.
LIVE DISCUSSION: FEB 25, 2026 at 2:30 PM ET
LESSON:
 - Action Planning for ImpactACTIVITY/ASSIGNMENT:
 - Action Plan Review
- 5 Leading & Sustaining Systemic Change**
Examines how consortia drive and sustain change through advocacy, alignment, and long-term planning.
LIVE DISCUSSION: MAR 11, 2026 at 2:30 PM ET
LESSON:
 - Developing Community-led Change
 - Sustainability: Planning for Long-Term ImpactACTIVITY/ASSIGNMENT:
 - Advocacy & Policy Development Toolkit
 - Sustainability Mapping Worksheet
- 6 Evaluation & Reflection**
Emphasizes using data, and reflection to assess progress, learn from experience, and strengthen consortium impact over time.
LIVE DISCUSSION: MAR 25, 2026 at 2:30 PM ET
LESSON:
 - Evaluating Community ConsortiaACTIVITY/ASSIGNMENT:
 - KPI Building Exercise

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Lessons, assessments and other activities should be completed prior to the virtual live discussion.

MATCHS Mentoring Program

- Provides **peer-to-peer learning** and mentoring support to HS and HSE Project Directors
- Aims to strengthen **organizational leadership** and **program performance**

8 mentor/mentee pairs began their work together earlier this month!

Strengthening Participation & Retention in Group-Based Education (GBE): GBE Training Series

- Aimed to strengthen group-based education programs, from planning and recruitment to facilitation, engagement, retention, and sustainability
- Three workshops were held in St. Louis, Charlotte, and Dallas





Partnership for National MCH Leadership Updates

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The League of Voices &
Michigan Public Health
Institute

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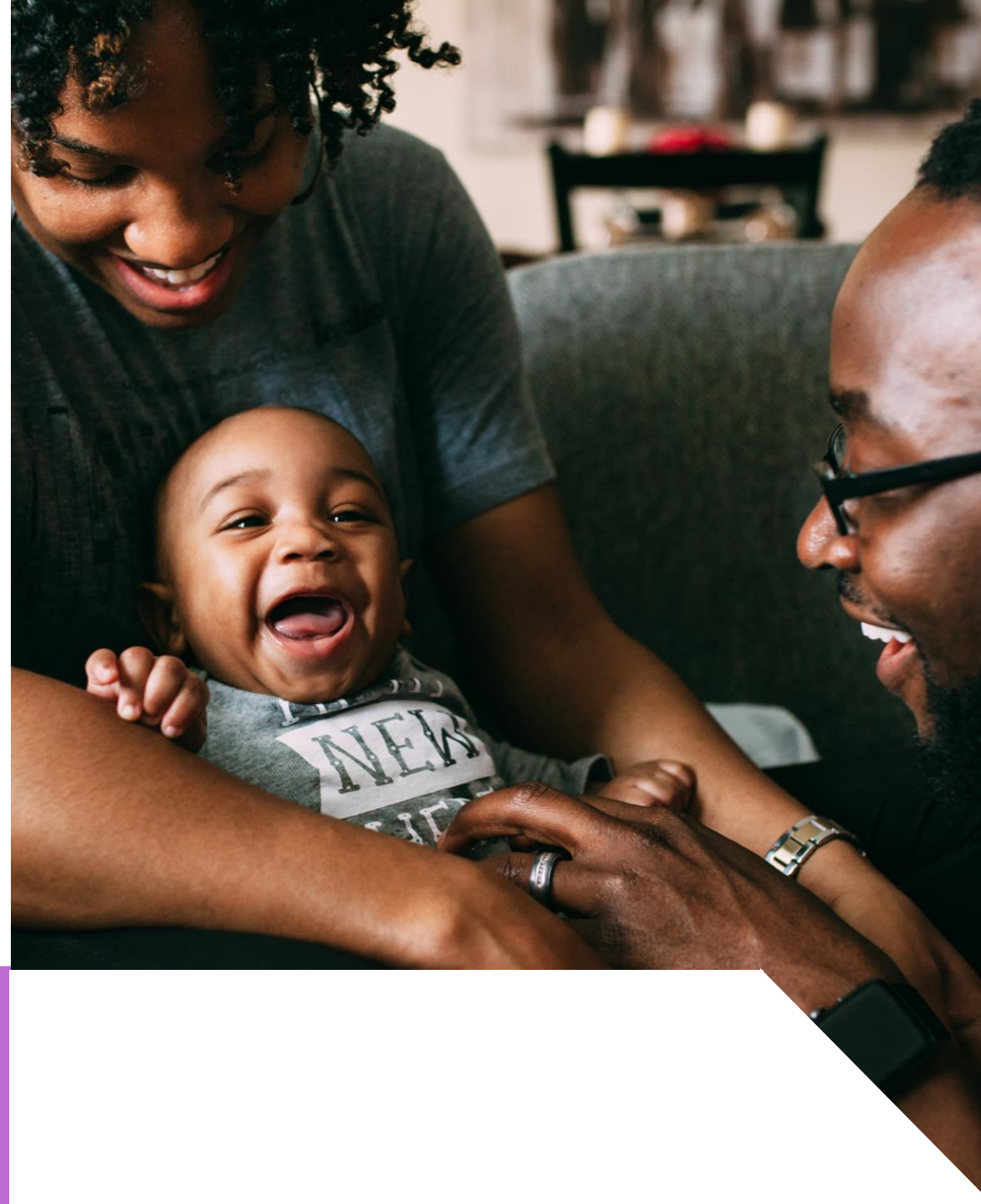


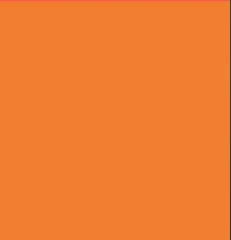
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April 2026



For Mothers, Babies, Fathers, and Families





Who We Are & What We Do

The League of Voices at MPHI equips and expands Healthy Start and other MCH leaders through partnerships. Our approach is designed to address gaps and barriers to accelerate the transformation of the MCH ecosystem – and consequently MCH outcomes – through coordinated, community-driven action.



WHAT WE DID IN OUR FIRST YEAR!

PNML Partnership
Development (AMCHP, EDC,
CityMatCH)

Leading Through Change
Design Circles

Developed & Shared the
MCH Ecosystem Framework

Launched the MCH
Community Consortium

2025 Grantee Meeting

Strengthened &
Enhanced our
Relationships with YOU!



WHAT'S COMING NEXT?

Continuing to help you connect with MCH ecosystem partners!

Strengthening and Enhancing our Relationships with YOU!

Growing the MCH Community Consortium!

Enhancing our Leadership Development Opportunities!

Joining you at the 2026 Grantee Meeting!

MCH Community Consortium (MCC)

- Launched in 2025 with 100+ partners engaged
- Led by two Healthy Start Project Director Co-Chairs, Sharon Donaldson (FL) and D'Yuanna Allen-Robb (TN)
- Open to all MCH leaders and champions
- Opportunity to engage and build relationships with other MCH programs, initiatives, and partners

REGISTER & JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MCC METING!

Thursday, May 21 from 12-1:30pm ET





WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU NOW...

**WE KNOW THERE'S A LOT HAPPENING ACROSS
YOUR COMMUNITIES AND ROLES.**

**WE WANT TO TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO LEARN
WITH YOU, AND BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT
YOU ARE NAVIGATING TODAY AS A HEALTHY
START LEADER**

How To Participate

Join us here: <https://www.menti.com/alg7g8wicjbo>



The League is working closely with AMCHP as the lead U01 partner and we will keep you updated on the national advocacy.

WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER!

LEAGUE OF VOICES

For Mothers, Babies, Fathers, and Families

Thank You!



FAQ Discussion

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AGM Grantee Planning Subcommittee Announcement & Invitation

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AGM Grantee Subcommittee Overview

AGM Subcommittee Role & Expectations

- Key partners in shaping AGM Day 2 – Tuesday, September 15th
- Grantee input will help inform key components of the agenda such as – topics, flow, speaker recommendations, etc.
- Attend meetings as scheduled by Tri-Chairs, *approximately 4 – 6 hours per month*
- The AGM Subcommittee Tri-Chairs will be the representatives on the main AGM Planning Committee

Subcommittee Members

- Goal is to have each region represented
 - ✓ Seeking representation for seven (7) regions to work with the Tri-Chairs
(Regions: 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10)
- Seeking representation from rural and new grantees

Timeline & Next Steps

- Subcommittee applications due by **May 6, 2026**
- Subcommittee meeting schedule TBD by Tri-Chairs
- By end of May: Day 2 agenda finalized
- June onward: HRSA, NICHQ and Tri-Chairs collaborate to identify speakers; continued engagement in planning calls



AGM Breakout Discussion

Facilitated by
Healthy Start POs

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Breakout Rooms

- You will be assigned to a breakout room
- Click 'Join' when the breakout room popup appears
- Breakout rooms will be facilitated by HS Project Officers and will last for 30 minutes

Discussion Questions

- What topics would be most helpful at this year's AGM?
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Please take a moment to complete this satisfaction survey.

*Your feedback is extremely valuable and will help ensure
our offerings meet your support needs!*



A close-up photograph of a woman with dark, curly hair smiling broadly while holding a baby. The baby is laughing with its mouth wide open. Both are wearing light blue t-shirts. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be a window with curtains.

Thank You!

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