

Promoting Innovation in State & Territorial MCH Policymaking (PRISM) Learning Community

Request for Applications – Cohort II

ASTHO and AMCHP are currently accepting applications for participation in Cohort Two of the PRISM Learning Community. See below for:

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Summary of RFA

The Promoting Innovation in State & Territorial MCH Policymaking (PRISM) Learning Community will provide technical assistance and capacity building to support and advance policy implementation within states and territories to address substance misuse and addiction and mental health disorders in women, children, and families.

Request for Applications Released: Monday, March 16th

Applications Due: Friday, April 17th, 11:59 pm ET

Selection Announcement: Monday, April 27th

Project Period: August 2020 – July 2021

Number of Participants: Up to 8 state/territorial health agency (S/THA) teams (see below in project elements for team composition)

ASTHO Point of Contact: [Sanaa Akbarali](#), Director, Family and Child Health

AMCHP Point of Contact: [Stacy Collins](#), Associate Director, Health Systems Transformation

Learning Community Background

Purpose

The PRISM Learning Community is funded through the Health Resources & Services Administration's (HRSA) Maternal & Child Health Bureau (MCHB). The purpose of the learning community is to improve public health by building policy-making capacity and providing technical assistance and thought leadership in substance misuse and addiction and mental health, to benefit the maternal and child health population. ASTHO and AMCHP have partnered with four other national health associations whose members help to advance effective policy solutions on substance use and mental health disorders: National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD), National

Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMMD), and CityMatCH.

In year one (November 2018 - June 2019), ASTHO and AMCHP engaged five states and one territory (Cohort One), including Arkansas, Iowa, New Mexico, South Carolina, Washington, and the Northern Mariana Islands. In year two, ASTHO and AMCHP will select up to an additional 6 - 8 jurisdictional teams.

Through these implementation strategies and a focus on capacity building and technical assistance, the overall goal of the **PRISM** Learning Community is to support states and territories with the development and implementation of evidence-based, evidence and experience informed, and/or data-driven best practice and policies for substance misuse and addiction in maternal and child health populations.

What is a Learning Community Model?

PRISM's Learning Community model integrates several evidence-informed activities including:

1. Organized meetings (in-person and virtual)
2. Centralized technical assistance (see below for details)
3. Ongoing consultation from subject matter experts
4. Dissemination of timely resources and materials
5. In-person and virtual networking opportunities to promote peer-to-peer information-sharing and collaborative problem-solving

Participation in the learning community will give states access to ASTHO's and AMCHP's robust, centralized technical assistance offerings including:

- **On Demand TA and Referrals:** Peer-to-peer connections with other states, quick compilation of existing resources and materials, or referrals to federal agencies or national organizations.
- **Trends Analysis and Research:** Landscape analysis, policy scans, profile data requests.
- **On-Site TA and Expert Consultation:** On-site TA and consultation from ASTHO and/or AMCHP, subject matter experts, and federal agency and national organization staff.

Program Elements and Expectations

Benefits of Participation

Over the project year, ASTHO and AMCHP will provide the following to assist states and territories in implementing program and policy change that supports and adds to the evidence-base or promotes innovative state/territorial work:

- Virtual programming through a series of virtual learning sessions (*one-hour webinars on emerging topics*)
- Facilitated action planning and goal setting sessions with state/territorial teams prior to implementing key activities to support policy development and/or implementation
- Peer-to-peer connections and networking opportunities
- Sharing and dissemination of federal, national, and state/territorial resources and materials
- Robust technical assistance from ASTHO, AMCHP, federal and national partners, and subject matter experts

Program Commitments:

Jurisdictions participating in the PRISM Learning Community are expected to:

- Assemble a core, inter-agency PRISM team, led by the state MCH director and including representatives from the state health official's office, as well as Medicaid, behavioral health and local health department staff
- Develop an action-oriented work plan and identify technical assistance needs in support of the implementation of that plan
- Implement the work plan in partnership with key stakeholders in the state throughout the course of the Learning Community
- Participate in 4 - 5 PRISM virtual learning sessions over the project period.
- Participate in the in-person PRISM Policy Academy in the Fall of 2020. *(Travel support provided by ASTHO and AMCHP.)*
- Work with ASTHO and AMCHP staff to plan and implement an in-state site visit
- Participate in the PRISM Learning Community process and outcome evaluation efforts, including completion of pre- and post-assessments and key informant interviews

Selection Criteria:

- Identified multidisciplinary team, including individuals across sectors and agencies
- Interest in peer-to-peer learning and collaboration to improve policy implementation
- Interest in gaining or refining knowledge around working with and/or collaborating with cross-sector partners to strengthen policy implementation

Application Instructions:

To indicate your interest in participating in the Cohort Two of the PRISM Learning Community, please complete the form below. For all questions related to the submission process, please contact [Stacy Collins](#) and [Sanaa Akbarali](#).

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Cohort Two Application

Application Form

Please complete the following form and return to [Stacy Collins](#) and [Sanaa Akbarali](#) by **Friday, April 17th, 11:59 pm ET.**

State/Territorial Health Agency Name:

Primary Point of Contact:

Title:

Phone:

Email:

Please complete the following box with information for each core team member who will participate in the PRISM Learning Community. Additional stakeholders are welcome to participate in learning community activities.

Teams taking part in the Learning Community should include the following six (6) core team members (or their designees):

- ✓ State/Territorial Health Official
- ✓ Title V/MCH Director
- ✓ Substance Abuse Director
- ✓ Medicaid Director
- ✓ County-level Health Official
- ✓ Local-level MCH Director

<i>Participant Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>
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Statement of Participation

Please read the statement of participation and provide signature by State/Territorial Health Official and Title V Director below.

Commitment to Collaboration – AMCHP/ASTHO PRISM Learning Community

In the spirit of collaboration, ASTHO and AMCHP are committed to working with and supporting PRISM state and territorial teams. In this regard, ASTHO and AMCHP offer to provide the following:

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- Facilitated in-person and/or virtual action planning and goal setting sessions with state/territorial teams
- Peer-to-peer connections and networking opportunities
- Sharing and dissemination of federal, national, and state/territorial resources and materials
- Robust technical assistance from ASTHO, AMCHP, federal and national partners, and subject matter experts

Commitment to Collaboration – PRISM State/Territory Team

In the spirit of collaboration, our team is committed to working with ASTHO, AMCHP, and their partners. In this regard, our state/territorial health agency offers to:

- Identify core PRISM team members
- Develop a work plan and identify related technical assistance needs
- Implement the work plan throughout the year, and provide updates to ASTHO and AMCHP
- Participate in all PRISM virtual learning sessions
- Attend all required in-person PRISM meetings (including site visit[s] and the Policy Academy)
- Participate in process and outcome evaluation efforts

State/Territorial Health Official Name:

Signature:

Date:

Title V Director Name:

Signature:

Date:

