

HRSA/MCHB Welcome to the MCH Epidemiology Conference, 2010

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The Good News...

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MCH Epidemiology Capacity, 2009: Report from the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists

- 55% of jurisdictions had substantial to full MCH epidemiology capacity (43% in 2004)
- 12% had minimal MCH epidemiology capacity (25% in 2004).

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- 46% of MCH programs have an epidemiologist with a doctoral degree
- 80% of MCH programs have a lead epidemiologist.

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Times are Tough

Many State and Local Health Departments have had Cutbacks and Furloughs

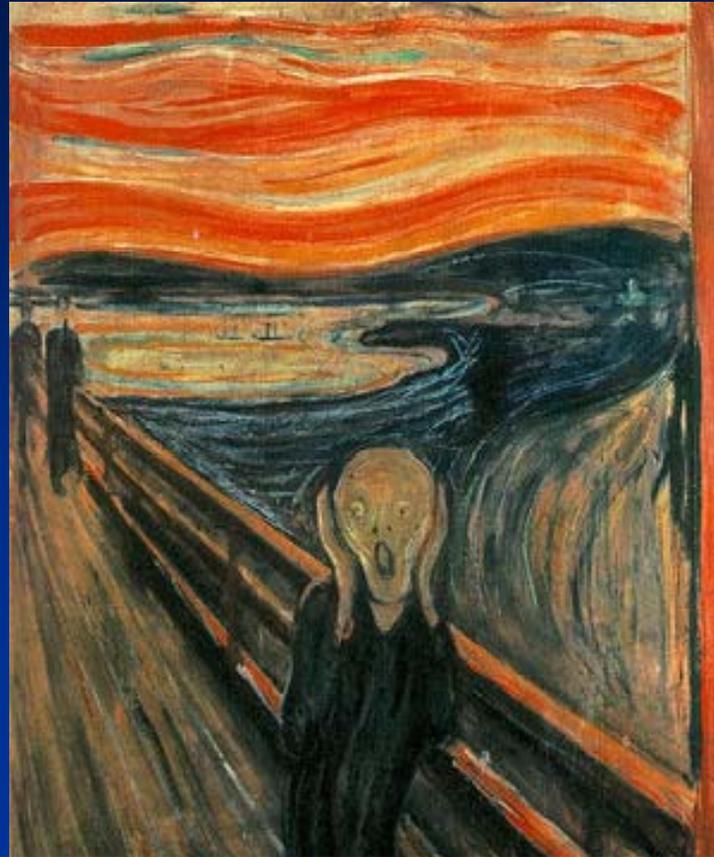
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- The number of staff is the major barrier to lacking almost full to full capacity (90%)
- MCH epidemiologists contribute at substantially to policy decisions in only 38% of states.

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New HRSA Logo



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**However, to End on a Good
Note...**

MCHB is Redoing its Strategic Plan

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Key Concepts of the MCH Life- Course Model

- Today's experiences and exposures determine tomorrow's health
- Health trajectories are particularly affected during critical or sensitive periods
- The broader environment – biologic, physical, and social – strongly affects the capacity to be healthy
- Inequality in health reflects more than genetics and personal choice.

2011 National Survey of Children's Health

- To enhance life course and social determinants content;
 - Modifications to existing questions
 - Adding new questions
 - Metrics to measure points along the life course trajectory

Western Region MCH Epidemiology Conference

- More focus on local, regional and tribal MCH epidemiology
- June 19-21
- San Francisco, CA
- Jointly funded by HRSA and CDC, coordinated by CityMatch

The MCH Epidemiology Course

- Is scheduled for May 16-20
- In either Chicago or Minneapolis



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