

TheChangemakers

News & Announcements from AHW | January 2020

Accelerating Discovery: Understanding the Impact of Exercise on Chronic Pain

How AHW early-stage research funding is creating new knowledge on chronic pain that may benefit the lives of Wisconsin children today and for generations to come



Pain has a purpose. It serves as our body's warning that something is wrong, allowing us to protect against further injury or care for a wound. As our body heals, the pain subsides.

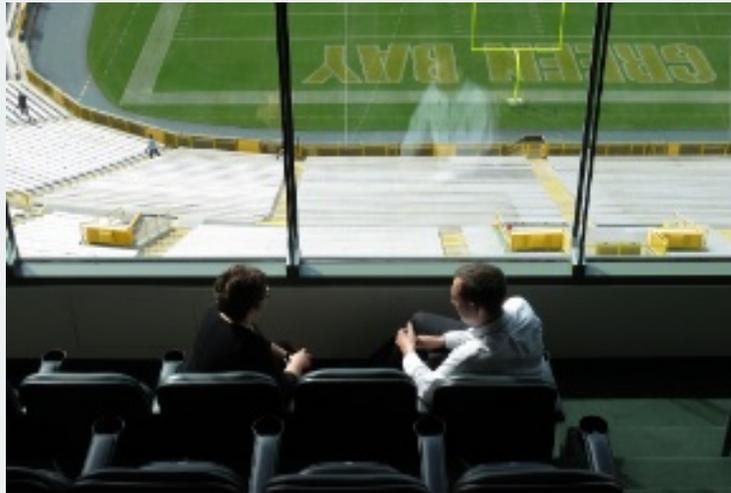
But for some, pain is different. It lasts weeks, months, or years. It no longer serves a protective purpose and impacts the ability to perform the normal activities of daily life. This is chronic pain – a health challenge often talked about for the severe impact it has on daily life for adults who suffer. But left out of the conversation is another critical patient population: Children.

“One in four kids have chronic pain,” says Keri Hainsworth, PhD, associate professor of anesthesiology at the Medical College of Wisconsin and research director of the Jane B. Pettit Pain Management Center at Children's Wisconsin.

“Chronic pain is devastating to these kids and their families,” Hainsworth says. “Pain affects everything – your mood, your personality, your ability and desire to do anything. And for a kid, that just stinks. My passion is to help these kids.”

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Message from the Director



As we enter a new year, I want to take a moment to reflect on 2019 and look forward to what AHW has planned for 2020.

Since joining AHW as director in September, I have had the wonderful opportunity to travel throughout Wisconsin and meet with many of our partners to listen to what they see as our greatest health challenges. So far, I've visited 31 counties, crossing the state to Ashland, Eau Claire, and Kenosha while also crisscrossing the MCW campus to meet the incredible folks in our MCW departments and centers who share our passion for improving health statewide. I've enjoyed learning from those leading incredible health improvement efforts, and I've heard story after story of what AHW funding means to projects across Wisconsin. I am so inspired by both the work in progress and what lies ahead.

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Open funding opportunities:



Call for Applications: Learning Event Support
Funding available for Wisconsin-based learning events that build knowledge, skills, networks, and impactful next steps among multi-sector professionals working to advance the health of Wisconsin residents through research, education, and community health improvement efforts statewide. Deadline: Rolling through June 30, 2020.

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AHW Founding Director Cheryl Maurana, PhD named a 2019 Health Care Hero by BizTimes Milwaukee



The annual BizTimes Media Health Care Heroes Awards recognize those making an impact on the health and wellness of southeastern Wisconsin in the health care sector.

BizTimes noted Dr. Maurana's leadership of AHW since its inception 20 years ago, and her involvement in the establishment of the MCW School of Pharmacy and MCW branch campuses in Green Bay and Wausau. Congratulations, Dr. Maurana!

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Immunization Summit – Supporting Access Expansion and Vaccination Efficiency in Clinics and Communities



IMMUNIZATION SUMMIT Supporting Access Expansion and Vaccination Efficiency in Clinics and Communities

Wednesday, February 26, 2020
9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Glacier Canyon Lodge, Wisconsin Dells

The Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin is hosting a summit for stakeholders interested in supporting immunization access expansion on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at Glacier Canyon Conference Center in the Wisconsin Dells from 9 am – 4:30 pm.

This event is for immunization providers and advocates, including immunization coalition representatives, clinic-based health care providers and teams, pharmacists, health plan leaders, and others with a passion for expanding access to immunizations.

[Learn more and register >](#)

AHW and its partners are making news with new work and projects underway statewide

La Crosse County - Funded Project: [Better Together](#) | Article: [To Improve Youth Mental Health, La Crosse Project Teaches Community About The Impact Of Trauma \(Wisconsin Public Radio\)](#)

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