SDHI ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SDHI Research In Progress (RIP) Thursday, November 20th at 4-5:30pm in Rm 920, Market Center Building (1600 SW 4th Ave.)**
  
  **Presenter:** Ryan Bender, PSU School of Social Work
  
  **Title:** WIC Participants Living with Diabetes and Family Nutrition
  
  **Description:** Ruth L. Kirschstein Predoctoral Fellowship (F31) research study exploring Type 1, 2, and gestational diabetes among WIC participants and their perspectives on family nutrition

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES


- **HHS/National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA): Collaborative Partnership on Alcohol and Health Disparity Research Center (AHDRC) (U54) Grant;** LOI Deadline: November 18th; Application Deadline: December 18th; [http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=261388](http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=261388)


- **Biobehavioral and Technological Interventions to Attenuate Cognitive Decline in Individuals with Cognitive Impairment or Dementia (NIH);** NIH Standard Deadlines;
  

- **American Federation for Aging Research;** Glenn/AFAR Breakthroughs in Gerontology Award; Deadline: December 15th; [http://www.afar.org/research/funding/big/](http://www.afar.org/research/funding/big/)


WORKSHOPS, LECTURES, AND CONFERENCES


- **University of Pennsylvania’s School of Social Policy**; Executive Program for Social Impact Strategy; Application Deadline: December 9th; [http://www.socialimpactstrategy.org/executive-program/]

- **Health Care Transformation and You! Community Conversations: Dialogue about Social Justice, Equity and Inclusion**; November 20th; Facilitator: Holden Leung, MSW; Executive Director of Asian Health & Service Center

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- **Call for Applications: Mixed Methods Training Program**; Applications Deadline: December 15th; [mixedmethods@hms.harvard.edu]

- **Institute for Research on Poverty Webinar**; Poverty and the Brain; December 17th; [http://www.irp.wisc.edu/publications/media/webinars.htm#dec2014]

- **Webinars: Transportation Strategies for Older Adults and People with Disabilities**;
  - Cultural and Ethnic Diversity in Inclusive Coordinated Transportation Planning: Garnering the Support of a Diverse Range of Stakeholders in Human Services Coordination; [https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1855848-oIrS3bMI89]
  - State & Local Experts Discuss How 5310 Works To Enhance Seniors’ Mobility; [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/300000000010777805?sessionid=abcEn6V1-ii0o_c59c-Mu]

- **Webinar: Older Adult Behavioral Health: Current Trends and Programs that Make a Difference**; November 20th; [https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=kb6anjio82je]

CALLS FOR PAPER AND ABSTRACTS

- **Call for Proposal: Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Open School West Coast Conference (WCC)**; Submission Deadline: December 15th; [https://portlandstate.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_ehukasMWfyXcU2p]

- **Call for Abstracts & Save the Date; 2015 NW Environmental Health Conference**; Abstracts Deadline: December 19th; Conference Date: April 17th; [http://oeconline.org/2015-northwest-environmental-health-conference-call-for-presentations/]

For more information on each of these, see below.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Short-Term Research Education Program to Increase Diversity in Health-Related Research (R25) (NIH/NHLBI); Deadline: February 18th; http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HL-16-008.html

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The goal of this NHLBI R25 program is to support educational activities that enhance the diversity of the biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research workforce in the mission areas of importance to NHLBI. To accomplish the stated goal, this funding opportunity announcement encourages the development of creative educational activities with a primary focus on Research Experiences.

HHS/National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA): Collaborative Partnership on Alcohol and Health Disparity Research Center (AHDRC) (U54) Grant; LOI Deadline: November 18th; Application Deadline: December 18th; http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=261388

This is a funding opportunity for the implementation of partnership awards between Institutions serving communities with Alcohol use related health disparities and other institutions with extensive alcohol research programs, including NIAAA-funded alcohol research centers and consortia.

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is designed to facilitate planning and implementation of collaborative partnerships between IUCP and ARC to promote targeted research to reduce alcohol-related health disparities in underserved populations (e.g., African Americans, Asians, Hispanics, Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders), as well as promote alcohol research expertise and infrastructure development at IUCP. Minority Serving institutions are particularly encouraged to consider applying for this opportunity, because these institutions have historically trained professionals from diverse backgrounds who provide health care to minority and underserved populations and are uniquely positioned to engage these populations in research and in the translation of research advances into culturally appropriate, measurable and sustained improvements in health outcomes.

Centers of Excellence on Environmental Health Disparities Research (P05) (NIH); LOI Deadline: December 9th; http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-ES-14-010.html

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages grant applications to support Centers of Excellence on Environmental Health Disparities Research to stimulate basic and applied research on environmental health disparities. The proposed research is expected to develop innovative approaches to understand environmentally-driven health disparities and improve access to healthy environments for vulnerable populations and communities. The proposed Centers are expected to support research efforts, mentoring, research translation and information dissemination.

Limited Competition for the Continuation of the SEARCH for Diabetes in Youth Cohort Study (UC4) (NIH); Application Deadline: Mar 10, 2015; http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-14-508.html

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to continue the SEARCH for Diabetes in Youth Study. The overarching goal of SEARCH is to provide population-based data on the incidence and prevalence of diabetes and its complications in U.S. youth. SEARCH has recruited a cohort of youth with diabetes who have been followed longitudinally. The purpose of this FOA is to continue follow-up of the SEARCH cohort to understand the clinical course of youth-onset diabetes, including the incidence of acute and chronic complications, including mortality, and processes of care and quality of life.

Biobehavioral and Technological Interventions to Attenuate Cognitive Decline in Individuals with Cognitive Impairment or Dementia (NIH); NIH Standard Deadlines;
The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to stimulate clinical research focused on biobehavioral or technological interventions to attenuate cognitive decline in individuals with dementia (such as Alzheimer’s disease, Lewy body dementia, vascular dementia), mild cognitive impairment (MCI), or disease- or age-related cognitive decline. There is particular interest in interventions that can be implemented in community settings by the affected individual, informal caregivers, or others in the community. Research to inform the development of such interventions is also of interest, as well as research examining underlying mechanisms and biomarkers associated with response to interventions. It is anticipated that the results of this research will help affected individuals maintain independence and quality of life, improve their ability to perform activities of daily living (ADLs) and instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs), and additionally help to reduce stress, burden, and other poor outcomes in their caregivers.

American Federation for Aging Research; Glenn/AFAR Breakthroughs in Gerontology Award; Deadline: December 15th; [http://www.afar.org/research/funding/big/](http://www.afar.org/research/funding/big/)

Sponsored by The Glenn Foundation for Medical Research, in collaboration with the American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR), the “Breakthroughs in Gerontology (BIG)” initiative provides timely support to a small number of research projects that are building on early discoveries that show translational potential for clinically-relevant strategies, treatments and therapeutics, addressing human aging and health span.


The goal of the Smart and Connected Health (SCH) Program is to accelerate the development and use of innovative approaches that would support the much needed transformation of healthcare from reactive and hospital-centered to preventive, proactive, evidence-based, person-centered and focused on well-being rather than disease. Approaches that partner technology-based solutions with biobehavioral health research are supported by multiple agencies of the federal government including the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The purpose of this program is to develop next generation health care solutions and encourage existing and new research communities to focus on breakthrough ideas in a variety of areas of value to health, such as sensor technology, networking, information and machine learning technology, decision support systems, modeling of behavioral and cognitive processes, as well as system and process modeling. Effective solutions must satisfy a multitude of constraints arising from clinical/medical needs, social interactions, cognitive limitations, barriers to behavioral change, heterogeneity of data, semantic mismatch and limitations of current cyberphysical systems. Such solutions demand multidisciplinary teams ready to address technical, behavioral and clinical issues ranging from fundamental science to clinical practice.


This RFA announces the availability of funds for one new cooperative agreement for FY 2015-2019 with a public or private Academic or Research Institution. In this funding cycle, the USDA anticipates awarding up to $2,500,000 in grant funding to support singular or modular (collaboration among multiple entities) efforts to improve nutrition program coordination in States with the highest number of persistently poor rural counties.

Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants support the implementation of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans that are expected to achieve the following three core goals: 1. Housing: Replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income housing that is well-managed and responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood; 2. People: Improve educational outcomes and intergenerational mobility for youth with services and supports delivered directly to youth and their families; and 3. Neighborhood: Create the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods to offer the kinds of amenities and assets, including safety, good schools, and commercial activity, that are important to families; choices about their community.

WORKSHOPS, LECTURES and CONFERENCE

University of Pennsylvania’s School of Social Policy; Executive Program for Social Impact Strategy; Application Deadline: December 9th; http://www.socialimpactstrategy.org/executive-program/

University of Pennsylvania’s School of Social Policy is launching a new program on Social Impact Strategy – designed to give emerging leaders, social entrepreneurs, and experienced professionals the knowledge and tools to make a greater difference in their work. The program’s hybrid learning format allows you to take classes online while balancing your current job/venture, with a strong emphasis on long-term applied learning and peer support. Rolling applications open until December 9th; http://www.socialimpactstrategy.org/executive-program/

Health Care Transformation and You! Community Conversations: Dialogue about Social Justice, Equity and Inclusion; November 20th; Facilitator: Holden Leung, MSW; Executive Director of Asian Health & Service Center

Join PSU School of Social Work for an evening of Community Conversation: Dialogue about Social Justice, Equity and Inclusion, as the topic of Health Care reform is explored through an equity lens CEU credits offered.

Date: Thursday, November 20th
Location: Asian Health & Services Center; 3430 SE Powell Blvd, Portland OR 97202

Mr. Holden Leung is the Executive Director of the Asian Health & Service Center (AHSC). Mr. Leung joined the agency in 1992 as a mental health clinician and took the leadership position since 1998. In addition to being responsible for the overall success of the Center, Mr. Leung integrates his cultural and clinical knowledge into his work, and has been a strong advocate on cultural competency for the needs of the Asian community. In 2011, Mr. Leung co-founded The Alliance of Culturally-Specific Behavioral Health Providers and serves as the co-chair. The Alliance’s Goal for Health Care Transformation is to be recognized as key and active partners to implement strategic health care integration goals for racially and ethnically diverse populations.

Oregon Public Health Association (OPHA); Climate Risk Forum: How can we understand, reduce and mitigate the risks that a changing climate poses to health and health care delivery in Oregon?; November 21st; http://oeconline.org/climate-risk-and-health-care-forum/

When: November 21st
Time: 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Location: World Trade Center, 121 SW Salmon Street, Portland, OR
Cost: $20/$15 OEC members; Space is limited
Featured Speaker:
Jon Utech, Environmental Sustainability Director at Cleveland Clinic

Presenters:
Lillian Shirley, Oregon Public Health Division Director
Oregon Health Authority
  - Oregon Climate and Health Profile Report, 2014

Best practices panelists:
  - Industry leaders from Oregon’s public and private health care sectors will discuss forward-thinking strategies to address climate change impacts.

More about the forum:
The recently released National Climate Assessment details how unmitigated climate change will create increasing burdens on the health care sector. Exacerbated chronic health conditions, extreme weather disasters and new disease will increase service demand, even as providers face supply chain interruptions, infrastructure challenges and demands to contain costs.

National experts and local leaders will convene to discuss:
  - **Impact:** What changes can we anticipate in patient health, community status and industry infrastructure?
  - **Preparedness:** How prepared is the industry to adapt to change, and what investments are necessary to mitigate impacts?
  - **Leadership:** How can health care leaders ensure that elected officials and decision-makers account for the health care industry in crafting climate change policy?

This forum is convened by Moda Health, Regence BlueCross BlueShield, Oregon Environmental Council, Physicians for Social Responsibility, American Lung Association Oregon chapter, and Health Care Without Harm.

**Oregon Public Health Association (OPHA); Life Course Network and Epidemiologists’ Forum present:** Life Course Factors Associated with Breastfeeding; December 2nd; contact Ken Rosenberg (971) 673-0237

*Date:* Tuesday, December 2, 2014
*Time:* 3:00 - 5:00 pm
  - Networking: 3:00-3:30pm
  - Presentation will begin at 3:30pm
*Location:* Portland State Office Building - Room 1D; 800 NE Oregon Street, Portland
***Free and open to the public - No registration required!***

*Presented by:* Jennifer Pitonyak, PhD; Division of Occupational Therapy; University of Washington, Seattle

Dr. Pitonyak will share results from a study describing characteristics of women who exclusively breastfed, examining socio-demographic, work, and child care factors. The study interpreted data from the Infant Feeding Practices Study II using the Life Course Health Development framework for analysis. The presenter and audience will discuss program and policy initiatives that may lessen disparities in breastfeeding and support family health development.

*Sponsors:*
  - Oregon Life Course Network
  - Oregon Public Health Association (Epidemiology and Biostatistics section)
  - Oregon Public Health Division
The Center for Healthy Communities, a CDC funded Prevention Research Center at OHSU

*For more information about this event please contact Ken Rosenberg (971) 673-0237.

Save the Date! Motivational Interviewing: 5 A’s and Tobacco Cessation; December 5th

Date: December 5, 2014
Time: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm
Location: Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland, OR 97232

Presented by:
Dana Sturtevant, MS, RD, LD
Dietitian / Trainer / Mentor / Yoga Teacher
Registration Information will be available soon!

Motivational Interviewing (MI) is a person-centered, guiding method of communication and counseling to elicit and strengthen intrinsic motivation for positive health behavior change. First described by William Miller (1983) and later elaborated in the classic book – Motivational Interviewing: Helping People Change (1991, 2002, 2012) - MI offers a practical, common sense approach for supporting clients in making and sustaining health behavior changes. Originally developed in the drug and alcohol field, over 200 clinical trials demonstrate the efficacy of MI across a range of populations, target behaviors, and medical conditions.

At its core, MI is not a unique or entirely new approach, but a combination of principles, skills and strategies drawn from existing models of counseling and behavior change theory. Embracing an interpersonal style based on empathy, collaboration, and acceptance, the MI practitioner relies heavily on the use of strategic reflective listening as a means of eliciting clients’ strengths, inner wisdom, reasons for change, and ways of achieving it.

This training is for those who want to enhance their skills in behavior change counseling, and will include a review of the “5 A’s” model for treating tobacco use and dependence.

Call for Applications: Mixed Methods Training Program; Applications Deadline: December 15th;
mixedmethods@hms.harvard.edu
We invite applications for a new and exciting one-year, fully funded Mixed Methods Research Training Program in the Health Sciences. The program is sponsored by the NIH, and led by Dr. Joseph J. Gallo (Professor, Johns Hopkins University), Dr. John Creswell (Professor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln), and Dr. Charles Deutsch (Director, Population Health Research Program, Harvard Catalyst | The Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Center). Program scholars will have the opportunity to enhance their mixed method research skills through a state-of-the-art training program including interactive webinars, working with nationally recognized mixed methods mentors and consultants, and attending a summer retreat. This program is conducted remotely except for the summer retreat.

Summer retreat: June 15-18, 2015
Location: Baltimore, Maryland

For eligibility requirements and application instructions, please email mixedmethods@hms.harvard.edu.

Institute for Research on Poverty Webinar: Poverty and the Brain; December 17th;
http://www.irp.wisc.edu/publications/media/webinars.htm#dec2014

Date: December 17, 2014
Time: 1:00-2:00 PM CST
In this webinar, Professors Pollak and Wolfe will discuss their interdisciplinary study that examines how the brain reflects family socio-economic status and the potential consequences for schooling attainment.

**Webinars: Transportation Strategies for Older Adults and People with Disabilities:**

- **Cultural and Ethnic Diversity in Inclusive Coordinated Transportation Planning: Garnering the Support of a Diverse Range of Stakeholders in Human Services Coordination:** [https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1855848-olrS3bMI89](https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1855848-olrS3bMI89)
- **State & Local Experts Discuss How 5310 Works To Enhance Seniors’ Mobility:** [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/300000000010777805;jsessionid=abcEn6V1-il0o_c59o-Mu](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/300000000010777805;jsessionid=abcEn6V1-il0o_c59o-Mu)

**Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. ET**

*Cultural and Ethnic Diversity in Inclusive Coordinated Transportation Planning: Garnering the Support of a Diverse Range of Stakeholders in Human Services Coordination;* 

The next session in ACL’s “Strengthening Inclusive Coordinated Transportation Partnerships to Promote Community Living” webinar series will focus on the perspectives of culturally and linguistically diverse individuals. Panelists will share the experiences of people who use transit and human services, which have been collected via deliberate action to include an increasingly diverse group of participants in planning activities. **Registration:** [https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1855848-olrS3bMI89](https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1855848-olrS3bMI89)

**Wednesday, November 19, 2014, 2:00 p.m. ET**

*State & Local Experts Discuss How 5310 Works To Enhance Seniors’ Mobility* 

The National Center on Senior Transportation (NCST) invites you to participate in a webinar on the Federal Transit Administration’s new 5310 Program, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities. NCST will bring together state and local experts to discuss their experiences and lessons learned about how the new 5310 is likely to impact transportation for seniors and people with disabilities in their communities. **Registration:** [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/300000000010777805;jsessionid=abcEn6V1-il0o_c59o-Mu](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/300000000010777805;jsessionid=abcEn6V1-il0o_c59o-Mu)

**Webinar: Older Adult Behavioral Health: Current Trends and Programs that Make a Difference; November 20th;** [https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=kb6anjjo82je](https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=kb6anjjo82je)

Date: Thursday, November 20, 2014  
Time: 1:30 p.m. EST

Sponsored by the National Council on Aging’s Center for Healthy Aging, this webinar will feature Nancy L. Wilson, Baylor University College of Medicine. She will give an overview of current trends in older adult behavioral health (specifically anxiety, depression, and suicide prevention). Ms. Wilson will be joined by Darla Gurry, Jefferson Center for Mental Health (Colorado) and Micheline Sommers Oakland Family Services (Michigan), who will share the strategies they used in their respective organization to successfully engage older adults in behavioral health interventions.

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The West Coast Region of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Open School and the PSU & OHSU IHI Open School Chapter are conducting a call-for-proposals for the breakout sessions at the first IHI Open School West Coast Conference (WCC). The theme of the WCC is Interprofessionalism: Improvement, Safety, System Design, and Leadership. Each breakout session will be categorized and focused on one of these topics.
Date: Saturday, April 17-18th, 2015  
Location: Portland, Oregon

The WCC aims to educate and empower learners to be interprofessional collaborators with each other, their patients, their communities, and their health systems by:

1. Disseminating evidence-based methods of interprofessional (two or more professions collaborating on a project) team-based care that enhance patient safety.

2. Exploring system redesign and opportunities for multiple sectors and professions to interface to design a health services delivery system capable of achieving the Triple Aim.

3. Spreading health systems improvement best-practices from interprofessional and student-led improvement projects.

Proposal Details: http://www.psuohsuihi.org/breakout-session-call-for-proposals/  
Proposal Submission: https://portlandstate.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_ehukasMWfyXcU2p

Call for Abstracts & Save the Date; 2015 NW Environmental Health Conference: Abstracts Deadline: December 19th; Conference Date: April 17th: http://oeconline.org/2015-northwest-environmental-health-conference-call-for-presentations/

The 7th annual Northwest Environmental Health Conference is an all-day event brings health care professionals, researchers, students, citizens and advocates together to share the latest environmental health knowledge.

The conference features a wide range of sessions that seek to build bridges between policy, research and practice. The 2015 keynote speaker will discuss the changes in health and health care needs we can expect as climate change brings extreme weather events to the Pacific Northwest.

Submission link: http://oeconline.org/2015-northwest-environmental-health-conference-call-for-presentations/

Registration will open soon!