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SDHI ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Future of SDHI; May 20th, 2016 11:00-3:00PM:** Please join us for the SDHI retreat where we will think about the future of the SDH Initiative and to do some visioning around how to maximize initiative impact. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP at http://goo.gl/forms/Zusiv9fSqU.

- **Substance Abuse Collaborative Meeting, May 20th, 2016 9-11:00AM; Market Center Building (1600 SW 4th Ave), Room 920.** RSVP: dreid@pdx.edu

Please join us for our Spring SDH Initiative Substance Abuse Collaborative meeting. We will be building on our work together from last fall. Topics will include funding opportunities and workforce development efforts to meet the burgeoning needs in Oregon. If you are unable to attend in person but would like to participate, there will be a call in option.

- **Lunch and OHSU RIP with Nick Lennox; RSVP: dreid@pdx.edu**

Dr. Nick Lennox, Director Queensland Centre for Intellectual & Developmental Disability (QCIDDD), will be visiting North America in May and is coming to Portland on May 16 and 17th to meet the AASPIRE team. While he is here, we thought it would be great to have him meet the many other people who are doing great work on autism and intellectual disability in the area.

Nick’s email is pasted below as it details some of the interesting work he is doing. While he is here, we will be hosting the following events:

**Monday May 16th, 12pm-1:30pm: Lunch and informal discussion with Nick at PSU campus, Market Center Building (1600 SW 4th Ave), Room 920**

**Tuesday May 17th, 1-2pm: Lunch and informal discussion with Nick at OHSU campus.** Mac Hall Cafeteria. Pick up your lunch and join us at one of the large tables. Let Christina Nicolaidis know if you are planning on coming so we can look out for you.

**Tuesday May 17, 2-3:20pm: Nick will present at the OHSU Research in Progress Session.**

His talk is entitled “Improving the health & wellbeing of adults with Autism: Big ideas with a small budget”. In keeping with our usual RIP format, this will not be a formal presentation, but will be a hands-on work session where Nick asks for input from the RIP attendees on a project that is still in progress.

(Note from Nick): I am currently a program leader on the adult health part of an autism research project being undertaken across Australia and involving six universities, many autism organisations and other interested parties. We are using a coproduction approach to develop a variety of materials and testing some interventions to try to improve the healthcare experience and health of adult with autism. For the last 24 years I have been working as director of two centres, both here in Brisbane and previously in Melbourne, Australia, to improve the health of adults with intellectual and developmental disability. Our focus have been on empowerment of all those involved from the person with the disability to their medical practitioner/s.

Most of my work has been at the primary care interface: called general practitioners in Australia. Most notably we have conducted three RCTs of a health assessment process (called the CHAP) and a health advocacy diary (called the Ask Diary) in adults with intellectual disability. These
RCTs and some robust advocacy resulted in changes in health policy and funding in Australia and the CHAP tool has been implemented throughout Australia and elsewhere. (see http://eshop.uniquest.com.au/chap/) Like yourself I also work as a medical clinician having trained in general practice/family medicine, but now run a hospital based specialist service for adults with intellectual disability with colleagues in psychiatry, psychology and nursing.

- **SDHI Scholarship & Research in Progress (SRIP) – No meeting this week.** See you on May 19th!

- **Annual Member Survey** - Please take a moment to complete the SDHI Annual Member Survey. Your answers will help us update our website and create this year’s annual report. This link will take you to the member survey: https://portlandstate.qualtrics.com//SE/?SID=SV_db6moibgw5kpoIy

This survey will be open through May 15th.

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**


- **Grants to Support the Hispanic Health Services Research Grant Program (CMS);** Application Deadline: June 29, 2016; https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=56177


- **Research on Autism Spectrum Disorders (NIMH, NICHD, NIDCD, NIEHS, NINDS, ODS);** Application Deadline: Standard Dates Apply;

**CALLS FOR ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS**


- **Call for Abstracts: United States Conference on African Immigrant & Refugee Health;** Application Deadline: June 23, 2016; http://www.africanimmigranthealth.org/abstracts

- **Call for Papers: Household Economic Instability and Social Policy;** Manuscript Submission Deadline: September 15, 2016; Papers should be submitted via the SSR Editorial Manager page: http://www.editorialmanager.com/ucp-ssr/.

**WORKSHOPS, LECTURES, AND CONFERENCES**

- **Wellbeing for All at All Ages: Delivering on Quality, Rights and Respect for Maternal and Newborn Health;** May 17, 2016 - Copenhagen, Denmark;
- **2016 Research and Evaluation Conference on Self-Sufficiency (RECS);** June 1-3, 2016 - Washington, DC; [http://www.cvent.com/events/2016-research-and-evaluation-conference-on-self-sufficiency/event-summary-88cea6e55c5c402a96f3b88c8c464b2b.aspx](http://www.cvent.com/events/2016-research-and-evaluation-conference-on-self-sufficiency/event-summary-88cea6e55c5c402a96f3b88c8c464b2b.aspx)

- **World Barriers & Strategies for Evidence-based Practice Implementation (NCWWI Mind the Gap webinar Series);** June 9, 2016 at 3pm EDT; [http://ncwwi.org/index.php/webinars](http://ncwwi.org/index.php/webinars); Register: [http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=pfnuq9dab&oeidk=a07ecjolwphf22d0a9c](http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=pfnuq9dab&oeidk=a07ecjolwphf22d0a9c)

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The goal of this evaluation initiative is to advance evidence-based practices for trauma-informed care of youth in the juvenile justice system. Applicants must submit their applications under one of the following two categories: Category 1: Evaluation of Trauma-Informed Care in Juvenile Justice Settings or Category 2: Evaluation of Trauma-Informed, Gender-Specific Girls’ Programs.


The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing the availability of funds under this grant program to assist researchers in conducting health services research for 2016. The purpose of the Hispanic grant program is to implement Hispanic health services research activities to meet the needs of diverse CMS beneficiary populations.


This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications from institutions/organizations that propose to establish core centers that are part of an integrated and existing program of nutrition and/or obesity research. The Nutrition Obesity Research Centers (NORC) program is designed to support and enhance the national research effort in nutrition and obesity.

**Research on Autism Spectrum Disorders (NIMH, NICHD, NIDCD, NIEHS, NINDS, ODS);** Application Deadline: Standard Dates Apply;


The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage research grant
applications to support research designed to elucidate the etiology, epidemiology, diagnosis, treatment, and optimal means of service delivery in relation to autism spectrum disorders (ASD).

CALLS FOR ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS


The 2016 Rural Health at the Crossroads: Building Bridges to Care conference is currently accepting abstracts for poster presentations. Posters may focus on original descriptive or analytic studies or explore policy issues in rural and community health. Poster presentations must reflect at least one of the following conference tracks: telehealth; community health workers.


This section will focus on understanding the role that communities, neighborhoods and regions play in supporting positive outcomes for older adults.

Call for Abstracts: United States Conference on African Immigrant & Refugee Health; Application Deadline: June 23, 2016; http://www.africanimmigranthealth.org/abstracts

Abstracts are invited for poster and oral presentations related to all health issues affecting the African Diaspora, especially as they are influenced by their culture, integration processes and challenges. Researchers, clinicians, graduate students, legislators, academics, policy makers, community service organizations and community members are especially encouraged to submit abstracts, and participate in the conference.

Call for Papers: Household Economic Instability and Social Policy; Manuscript Submission Deadline: September 15, 2016; Papers should be submitted via the SSR Editorial Manager page: http://www.editorialmanager.com/ucp-ssr/

Social Service Review announces a special issue dedicated to studies of household economic instability and social policy. Since the 1970s, changes to the structures of work, family, and social policy have coalesced to expose American families—particularly those with low incomes—to greater variability in family structure, employment and earnings, and public benefit receipt. There is a solid foundation of existing descriptive research on the prevalence of and trends in household economic instability. However, many questions about its causes and consequences, particularly as they relate to social policy, remain to be carefully conceptualized or empirically tested.

We invite submissions from scholars studying household economic instability in multiple disciplines and research fields. For the purposes of this call, economic instability is defined as repeated changes in employment, income, or financial well-being over time, particularly changes that are not intentional, predictable, or part of upward mobility. We are also interested in the concept of economic insecurity, which includes both actual and perceived economic uncertainty. The papers can engage a broad array of social policies that primarily or disproportionately affect economically vulnerable families, including (but not limited to), means-tested and universal income support (e.g., Temporary Assistance for Needy Families [TANF], the Earned Income Tax Credit [EITC], or Social Security), labor regulations governing wages and work hours, housing policy and housing assistance, health insurance, child welfare, criminal justice, and social services (e.g., education, health, child care).

Scope and Topics of Interest: We will consider studies that provide new empirical evidence or a major theoretical contribution. Specific topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- The causes of economic instability, potentially including factors related to labor markets and
employment, family composition, and policy.

- The **consequences** of economic instability for child, adult, and community health and well-being.
- The specific **mechanisms** by which economic instability affects children, adults, or communities.
- How the **design of specific policies** affect economic instability, positively or negatively.
- How economic instability affects **program eligibility, participation, or service provision**.
- How **administrative rules or practices** in the provision of social policy and social services affect economic instability.
- **Promising practices** for policy design and practice to promote economic stability and mobility.
- For any of these topics, we encourage submissions that examine differences in the causes and consequences of economic instability by race, ethnicity, or immigration status.

Please direct questions about the scope of this special issue to the guest editors: Heather Hill (hdhill@uw.edu), Marybeth Mattingly (beth.mattingly@unh.edu), and Jennie Romich (romich@uw.edu).

Submission: Papers should be submitted via the SSR Editorial Manager page: [http://www.editorialmanager.com/ucp-ssr/](http://www.editorialmanager.com/ucp-ssr/). Please select “Household Economic Instability Special Issue” as the article type. Submitting authors are required to include a cover letter that briefly explains how their paper contributes to the theme of the special issue. More information for authors can be found here: [http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/journals/ssr/instruct](http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/journals/ssr/instruct). Papers that are selected for review will be evaluated in SSR’s normal double-blind process.

Although the schedule, especially the publication date, for any special issue cannot be guaranteed, we plan to proceed as follows:

- Papers will be accepted through September 15, 2016
- Peer reviews will be concluded and initial decisions returned to all submitting authors by December 15, 2016
- The special issue is projected to be published in 2017

Please contact Nora Malone, managing editor, at ssr@uchicago.edu with any questions.

**WORKSHOPS, LECTURES, AND CONFERENCES**

**Wellbeing for All at All Ages: Delivering on Quality, Rights and Respect for Maternal and Newborn Health;** May 17, 2016 - Copenhagen, Denmark; [http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/51491/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=6392](http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/51491/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=6392)

Less than $5 per person spent on reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health interventions can save 4 million lives each year. And, yet every day we see 830 women die from preventable causes related to pregnancy and child birth. This dynamic breakfast discussion will consist of an expert panel of researchers, practitioners, media and advocates sharing insights on how we can deliver care that is high-quality, respectful and anchored in human rights for all mothers and children.

**2016 Research and Evaluation Conference on Self-Sufficiency (RECS);** June 1-3, 2016 - Washington, DC; [http://www.cvent.com/events/2016-research-and-evaluation-conference-on-self-sufficiency/event-summary-88cea6e55c5c402a96f3b88c8c464b2b.aspx](http://www.cvent.com/events/2016-research-and-evaluation-conference-on-self-sufficiency/event-summary-88cea6e55c5c402a96f3b88c8c464b2b.aspx)

The 2016 RECS will provide a valuable opportunity to gather in D.C. and hear the latest findings from evaluations of social welfare programs and policies, discuss ways to incorporate findings into the design and implementation of programs, and develop strategies for future evaluations. The conference will focus on programs, policies and services that support low-income and vulnerable families on the path to economic self-sufficiency and well-being.

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Register here:
The Illinois Birth to Three (IB3) Waiver is designed to flexibly use Title IV-E funds in order to provide one of two evidence-based and developmentally informed interventions (Child-Parent Psychotherapy or Nurturing Parent Program) to targeted children and caregivers in an effort to improve attachment, reduce trauma symptoms, prevent foster care re-entry, improve child well-being, and increase permanency for children in out-of-home placement. The IB3 experience highlights some of the complexities of tailoring and implementing interventions within the context of a large child welfare agency and its community partners.

This webinar will focus on the workforce, agency and systemic strategies that can enhance or deter success when trying to incorporate evidence-based interventions into child welfare practice. This session will feature the frank discussion of implementation activities and lessons learned, providing participants with the opportunity to

- Explore and utilize an implementation science framework for planning the identification, selection, and utilization of evidence based interventions;
- Develop a clear understanding of the needed supports for implementation including and beyond professional training to achieve successful outcomes;
- Clarify common organizational barriers inherent in bureaucratic organizations that can diminish positive outcomes; and,
- Identify adaptive strategies for problem-solving to achieve desired systems change outcomes.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

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**Position Summary:** Under the supervision of the Director of the Health Services Research & Development Center and Principal Investigators (PIs), the Qualitative Analyst serves multiple transdisciplinary studies intended to advance the scientific understanding of common and important health care problems and conditions that affect Veterans. Current research includes projects related to Veteran-centric mental health care, strategies to enhance Veteran-clinician collaboration, and Veteran engagement in the research process.

**Responsibilities:** The primary responsibility is to assist the Director and PIs with a range of research-related tasks to include:

- Designing qualitative studies;
- Conducting qualitative and quantitative interviews (including focus groups) of participants or staff;
- Qualitative data analysis using software, e.g. Atlas.ti;
- Communications with PIs at other research centers, outreach to Veteran groups, and coordination of meetings with Veterans;
- Writing of reports, grants, and manuscripts; and
- Study coordination, including Institutional Review Board (IRB) document management.

**Minimum qualifications:**

- Master's degree in a related field and at least 2 years of experience in human subjects research;
- Prior related experience with qualitative research methods and analysis, and conducting patient/participant interviews and/or focus groups;
- Prior experience writing reports, grants, and/or manuscripts; and
- Comfort with abstract ideas, strong organizational and oral and written communication skills, ability to attend to details and to multitask, and ability to work independently.

**Best Qualified candidates will have:**

- Experience working on prior studies as a qualitative analyst, qualitative researcher, or similar position that required the applicant to work with participants/human subjects conducting clinical
interviews and interventions in a research setting;

- Designed qualitative research;
- Used research methods and tools to collect and analyze qualitative data;
- Contributed research methods and findings to publications and presentations;
- Recruited participants; applied inclusion and exclusion criteria to determine study eligibility for participants; consented patients;
- Conducted study interventions as defined by the protocol; and
- Prepared IRB paperwork.

The VA Portland Health Care System is an equal opportunity employer.

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The Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) seeks a new member of its team to lead our advocacy strategy. The Advocacy Director is responsible for developing and implementing a strategic advocacy program including legislative strategy, coordination with political allies, liaison with formal and informal coalitions, and organizational involvement in ballot measure campaigns. The Advocacy Director reports to the Executive Director, and works closely with policy staff. This is a new position for the CCC.

**ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW:** The mission of the CCC is to address the socioeconomic disparities, institutional racism, and inequity of services experienced by our families, children and communities; and to organize our communities for collective action resulting in social change to obtain self-determination, wellness, justice and prosperity. Formed in 2001, the CCC is an alliance of culturally-specific community based organizations with representation from the following communities of color: African, African American, Asian, Latino, Native American, Pacific Islander, and Slavic. The CCC supports a collective racial justice effort to improve outcomes in education and community and economic development through policy analysis and advocacy, culturally-appropriate data and research, and leadership development in communities of color.

**DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:**

- Supports the organization and its members to strengthen their effectiveness in racial justice advocacy.
- Facilitates the development of legislative, executive branch and local government policy priorities for the organization
- Develops and implements tactical steps to achieve the organization's policy priorities through advocacy with state and local elected and appointed decision-makers
- Leads the organization's endorsement process, including assistance in coordinating with campaign personnel and legislative leadership
- Collaborates with coalition staff, leaders and allies in the development and implementation of campaigns plans
- Monitors legislative and advocacy efforts in Oregon and among peer organizations in other states
- Develops and implements strategic communications and messaging in support of the organization's advocacy strategy
- Sends out timely advocacy updates and action alerts to members, partners and community at large
- Develops and nurtures relationships with ally organizations and represents the organization at coalition tables
- Identifies and completes policy research and develops policy initiatives in support of the organization's mission and legislative agenda
- Researches promising practices for lobbying, legislative advocacy, rulemaking analysis and advocacy, racial justice policy awareness and analysis, and related public policy research
- Lobbying activities in alignment with organizational mission and program goals, including creating and maintaining relationships with key elected leaders
- Collaborates with Bridges - the CCC's leadership development initiative - to support placements of leaders of color in advocacy efforts and campaigns
- Assists the Executive Director and staff in securing funds for the organization's work through grant
identification and writing, direct solicitation, social media and events

- Supervises policy staff
- Willingness to work extended hours in Salem during legislative sessions
- Responsible for ensuring compliance with all state and local laws related to advocacy and/or lobbying
- Other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree or commensurate experience preferred
- Minimum 3 years' experience in related field required, including lobbying, campaigns, public policy development and community organizing
- Commitment to racial justice, and dedication to and experience working with organizations of color
- Supervisory experience preferred
- Excellent relationship building skills
- Project management experience
- Understanding of public policy
- Understanding of and navigation of the Oregon legislative process
- Understanding of political strategy and political landscape on local and state levels
- Demonstrated experience with issue campaigns
- Ability to create work plans to support legislative and policy goals in ways that build the organization's effectiveness and influence over time
- Understanding of grassroots organizing and how to increase political influence with strategic mobilization of issue supporters
- Ability to use tools such as online policy resources, online statistical research, policy research and analysis, techniques of online advocacy, polling and research, and others
- Ability to self-motivate, self-direct, and manage multiple projects simultaneously
- Successful grant writing experience
- Superb writer skilled at making complicated ideas accessible to the general public through policy one-pagers, briefs, and reports

COMPENSATION: Starting salary is $60,000. Paid time off is based on tenure with the organization and includes accrual of sick and vacation hours. We also provide medical and dental insurance, a Flexible Spending Account, Life Insurance, and a monthly transportation stipend. Employees may enroll in a 401k retirement plan after one year of employment.

TRAVEL REQUIRED: Travel is required for this position including frequent travel to and from Salem during legislative session. Must possess a valid Oregon driver's license, automobile and provide proof of insurance. Mileage and travel expenses are reimbursed per CCC policy.