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- Juvenile Protective Factors and Their Effects on Aging (R01) (NIH); http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-12-218.html

- Secondary Analyses of Social and Behavioral Datasets in Aging (R03) (NIH); http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-14-008.html


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**Description:** Research suggests that individuals with psychiatric disabilities die, on average, 25 years younger than the general population, largely due to treatable medical conditions that are caused by modifiable risk factors such as smoking, obesity, substance abuse, and inadequate access to medical care. For the past year, I have worked with Luke-Dorf, a private nonprofit community mental health agency in Portland, to implement and evaluate the Healthy Eating and Active Lifestyle (HEAL) program, a physical wellness intervention that engages residents of Luke-Dorf housing in monthly health education workshops, structured activities, and goal-setting with a trained health educator. After five months, we are seeing minimal markers of success, due in part to a lack of staffing resources to support participants in lifestyle changes. I plan to apply for a grant from NIH or NIDRR in Winter 2014 to expand HEAL and compare the effectiveness of the intervention for participants matched with traditional health workers (e.g., registered nurses) and participants matched with certified peer support specialists.

**Stage of Work:** Preparing to submit a proposal to NIH or NIDRR; seeking input from the RIP group about funding mechanisms, project scope, and study design.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES


This opportunity offers research stimulus grants of up to $5,000 designed to get sustainability-related research off the ground.

The 2013 Sustainability Research Stimulus Grants are designed to prime research teams for external funding, by supporting faculty or student time, covering the costs of preliminary data collection, or otherwise funding the preparation necessary for teams to go after sizeable research grants.

*Proposals are due by 8 a.m. on November 10.*

Find the full Request for Proposals and application instructions at [pdx.edu/sustainability/research-stimulus-program](http://www.pdx.edu/sustainability/research-stimulus-program)


The purpose of this FOA is to invite both descriptive studies to identify putative juvenile protective factors, experimental studies to test hypotheses about their effects on aging, and translational studies to explore the potential risks and benefits of maintaining or modulating the level of juvenile protective factors in adult life. Juvenile protective factors are physiological factors that maintain or enhance certain functions across all or some stages of post-natal maturation, but which diminish or disappear during transitions between developmental stages (e.g., infancy, adiposity rebound, adrenarche, puberty, growth cessation). This FOA is uniquely focused on studies which involve comparisons between post-natal developmental stages or pre- vs. post-maturational changes to identify potential juvenile protective factors and their effects on aging. Studies in in vitro models, in laboratory animals or in humans may be proposed.


The purpose of this FOA is to solicit R03 applications for up to two years for secondary analysis of data on aging in the areas of psychology, social epidemiology, economics, sociology, and demography.


This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites clinical research project grant (R01) applications on the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of HIV-related heart, lung, and/or blood (HLB) diseases in adults and children. Proposed projects may utilize various approaches such as observational studies; quasi-experimental designs; and single-center, pilot trials. Whenever possible, investigators are strongly encouraged to leverage existing infrastructure such as clinical cohorts, biological specimens and imaging banks. The goal of this FOA is to address major scientific gaps in characterizing, preventing, diagnosing, or treating HIV-related HLB diseases and foster multi-disciplinary collaborations among investigators.

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We are focused on youth ages 8 to 25 in the United States. We support work that increases our understanding of how settings work, how they affect youth development, and how they can be improved;
and when, how, and under what conditions research evidence is used in policy and practice that affect youth and how its use can be improved.


Funding for RRF’s general program of grantmaking is given to efforts that support the Foundation’s funding interests: improve the availability and quality of community-based and long-term services and supports; provide new and expanded opportunities for older adults to engage in meaningful roles in society; seek causes and solutions to significant problems of older adults; increase the number of professionals and paraprofessionals adequately prepared to serve the elder population.

**Closing the Achievement Gap for African American Students Grant 2013-2015**; Due Date: November 22, 2013; [http://www.ode.state.or.us/opportunities/grants/nclb/title_iii/2013-14-closing-the-achievement-gap-for-african-american-students.rtf](http://www.ode.state.or.us/opportunities/grants/nclb/title_iii/2013-14-closing-the-achievement-gap-for-african-american-students.rtf)

We are pleased to announce the next grant connected to Oregon’s Strategic Initiatives. As part of the new Network of Quality Teaching and Learning, there are several grants aimed at closing the academic achievement gap and promoting equity in our schools as we work toward our 40-40-20 goal. Paramount to the Network is the expansion of and support for non-profit organizations who are supporting African American students. The Closing Achievement Gaps for African American Students Grant is designed to create opportunities to increase academic outcomes for African American learners as well as to support strong links between home, school, and community. This grant opportunity recognizes community organizations that have the necessary focus, commitment, and passion to increase overall outcomes for African American students. The goal for this grant opportunity is to have an impact on the academic achievement and educational aspirations of African American students, while not forgetting that their social, emotional, and cultural needs must be supported as well.

For additional information or answers to any questions you may have, please contact Markisha Smith at markisha.smith@ode.state.or.us or 503-947-5669.


The Syringe Access Fund is a national grantmaking initiative that supports service providers and policy projects to reduce the risk of HIV, hepatitis C and other blood-borne pathogens among injection drug users and their sexual partners through expanded access to sterile syringes. The Syringe Access Fund provides grants to support work in two areas - Syringe Exchange Direct Services: Access to sterile syringes through syringe exchange programs (SEPs); and Education/ Mobilization: Policy/advocacy campaigns focused on improving public policy at local, state and/or national levels.

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A training opportunity to increase public health skills in identifying and addressing a wide variety of health disparities in diverse communities. It offers a valuable context for dialogue among a range of health and community experts who share DePaul’s mission to address social injustices and community health practices in marginalized groups. A special focus on ‘Latino Health’ will be central to this year’s conference. This conference is provided free-of-charge to those interested in public health.

Presentations will take the form of skills-building workshops. Sessions will be focused on some aspect of the intersection of health disparities and Latino health among diverse populations, such as: communities
of color, LGBT people, immigrants, people with disabilities, low-income families, seniors/elders, and/or youth. In addition to the workshops and keynote speaker, a community lunch-hour session will include opportunities for networking and discussion.

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**Information Session:**
When: Friday, November 1, 2013
Time: 2:30-5:00pm
Location: Planned Parenthood of the Columbia Willamette
3727 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Portland, Oregon 97212

Light refreshments will be served. Limited Seating!
Please RSVP by Wednesday, Oct 30th 2013
To RSVP or for more information, please contact Lamar Tillman, Lamar@ppcw.org; 503.410.1520

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What is CHATroom? CHATroom is a space exclusively for all folks 24 and under. These HIV testing/youth nights include games, peer education, wii, snacks, and more.
Where: In the PIVOT space- 209 SW 4th Ave
When: Every 2nd and 4th Monday from 3-7 pm.

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Proposals MUST address one or more specific population experiencing health disparities and MUST take the format of a skills-building workshop: The workshop should a) provide participants with knowledge of a defined topic and b) equip participants with the skills needed to identify and address health disparities in specific communities. In addition, the workshop format should encourage participation from audience members. Preference will be given to those proposals that address some aspect of Latino health in their proposal.

**Workshops will last for seventy-five (75) minutes. All presentations MUST allow at least 15-20 minutes for discussions. **
Submission should include the following information:

DEMOGRAPHIC:
· Name of presenter(s); Organization/Affiliation; Address, Phone Number; Email

PRESENTATION/WORKSHOP CONTENT
· Title; population(s) addressed; 400 word abstract describing your skills-building workshop; and at least three (3) learning outcomes

Please send all submission materials via email to mph@depaul.edu. Materials must be received by Monday November 18th at 4:00pm CST. Presenters will receive notification of acceptance by Tuesday November 26th, 2013.

***Please direct any conference skill-building submission questions to Leah C. Neubauer via email at lneubaue@depaul.edu***