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- William T. Grant Foundation Social Settings Grant;
  http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/funding_opportunities/research_grants/social-settings

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Description: African-Americans face significant disparities in depression care, in part due to lower acceptance of antidepressant medications, lack of opportunities for racially-concordant care, and mistrust of the healthcare system. The African American Health Coalition has partnered with Dr. Nicolaidis to develop and pilot-test a brief, culturally-tailored, community-based depression care program, African American IDEA (African Americans Improving Depression through Education and Activity). The program combines psychoeducation for depression self-care with action planning to increase physical activity, in the context of open discussions around race and racism. Our two pilot-tests have found large reductions in depression severity, as well as increases in physical activity and depression self-management behaviors. We now are working on an R01 proposal to test the effectiveness of African American IDEA in a randomized controlled trial.

Stage of Development: R01 planning

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Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01) (NIH);

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages investigators to submit research grant applications that will identify, develop, evaluate and refine effective and efficient methods, systems, infrastructures, and strategies to disseminate and implement research-tested health behavior change interventions, evidence-based prevention, early detection, diagnostic, treatment and management, and quality of life improvement services, and data monitoring and surveillance reporting tools into public health and clinical practice settings that focus on patient outcomes.

HIV/AIDS Testing and Follow-up Among the Underserved in the United States (R01) (NIH);

The purpose of this initiative is to encourage research which will increase rates of HIV screening/testing and increase the number of persons who follow-up on a positive HIV screening test.
and receive treatment, particularly in underserved and at-risk populations within the United States. With this initiative, the ultimate goal is to decrease the rate of HIV transmission and increase the quality of life for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) by initiating diagnosis and treatment earlier.

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)


AHRQ's Patient Safety (PS) Portfolio is addressing patient safety and medication research by focusing on the safe usage of medications. This perspective centers on how medications move through the health care system and how this systemic process can be improved so that patients are not harmed, while health care delivery is improved. The PS Portfolio encourages the involvement of all members of the health care team, especially patients, and families; nurses, pharmacists, technicians (pharmacy and medication administration technicians), health care administrators, risk managers, and physicians) across all settings of care (including in the home) as well as the home).

This FOA will fund investigative research demonstration projects that examine the effective implementation of processes, policies, and behaviors that support safe use of medication as well as its sustainment and dissemination.


The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is interested in funding a diverse set of projects that develop, test and evaluate various simulation approaches for the purpose of improving the safe delivery of health care. Simulation in health care serves multiple purposes. As a training technique, it exposes individuals and teams to realistic clinical challenges through the use of mannequins, task trainers, virtual reality, standardized patients or other forms, and allows participants to experience in real-time the consequences of their decisions and actions. The principal advantage of simulation is that it provides a safe environment for health care practitioners to acquire valuable experience without putting patients at risk. Simulation also can be used as a test-bed to improve clinical processes and to identify failure modes or other areas of concern in new procedures and technologies that might otherwise be unanticipated and serve as threats to patient safety. Yet another application of simulation focuses on the establishment of valid and reliable measures of clinical performance competency and their potential use for credentialing and certification purposes. Applications that address a variety of simulation techniques, clinical settings, provider groups, priority populations, patient conditions, and threats to safety are welcomed.

- Exploratory and Developmental Grant to Improve Health Care Quality through Health Information Technology (IT) (R21); [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-001.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-001.html)

Supports exploratory and developmental research grants that will contribute to the evidence base of how health IT improves health care quality. This FOA supports the use of a wide variety of research designs in order to generate information regarding the design and development, implementation, use, or impact of health IT on quality. Depending on the research design and intent of the project, applicants may receive support for: pilot and feasibility or self-contained health IT research projects; secondary data analysis of health IT research; or economic (prospective or retrospective) analyses of a health IT project. Each grant application must clearly state which type of the three types of studies is being proposed. This program is focused on five research areas of interest that are needed to support health care quality and are considered part of a continuous quality improvement process. The five research areas of interest are: Design, Implementation, Use, Impact on outcomes, and Measurement.
The Foundation supports high-quality research that enhances our understanding of how youth settings work, how they affect youth development, and how they can be improved.

Superfund Hazardous Substance Research and Training Program (P42) (NIH) (NIEHS):

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) is announcing the continuation of the Superfund Hazardous Substance Research and Training Program, referred to as Superfund Research Program (SRP) Centers. SRP Center grants will support problem-based, solution-oriented research Centers that consist of multiple, integrated projects representing both the biomedical and environmental science and engineering disciplines; as well as cores tasked with administrative, community engagement, research translation, training, and research support functions. The scope of the SRP Centers is taken directly from the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, and includes: (1) advanced techniques for the detection, assessment, and evaluation of the effect on human health of hazardous substances; (2) methods to assess the risks to human health presented by hazardous substances; (3) methods and technologies to detect hazardous substances in the environment; and (4) basic biological, chemical, and physical methods to reduce the amount and toxicity of hazardous substances.

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This webinar outlines the Pathways model, presented and validated at the State of the Science Conference, which describes how providers can work productively and effectively with young people who experience serious mental health conditions. This model is based on research showing “what works,” and uses a positive developmental approach, focusing on promoting well-being and flourishing. This webinar begins with an overview of the model, and continues on to discuss how providers can work with young people to “activate change” in their lives.

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Even the most creative and highly individualized wraparound plans can fail if there is a lack of coordination and support for wraparound in the larger community context. To make wraparound work, community stakeholders—including service systems and agencies, as well as families, youth and others in the community—need to work together to develop and implement numerous formal and informal policies to address issues such as access to services/supports, financing and sustainability, and gathering data for accountability. This webinar describes what research has revealed about the types of community support that are necessary, and introduces the Community Supports for Wraparound Inventory, which has been by wraparound projects across the nation to assess local community support.

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We’re looking for someone who can manage relationships with NWI members, and oversee the NWI’s work in areas such as gathering and synthesizing member input and feedback, and developing and implementing mechanisms for communicating with members and other stakeholders. The person in this position will also be able to use his or her own knowledge about/experience with wraparound practice and
implementation to enrich the NWI’s work in areas such as developing quality assurance tools and other assessments, and creating resources that support high quality practice.