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- Availability of Funds for Teenage Pregnancy Prevention: Research and Demonstration Programs (Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health); [http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=251095](http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=251095)

- Prevent Blindness America; Prevent Blindness America Investigator Award; [http://www.preventblindness.org/investigator-awards](http://www.preventblindness.org/investigator-awards)


- RGK Foundation Community and Health/Medicine Grants; [http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines](http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines)

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For more information on each of these, see below.

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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. Over the past year, I have partnered 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. We have detected small markers of success, and Luke Dorf residents have noted the need for additional sources of support to assist them in completing wellness goals. With emerging evidence of the effectiveness of peer support in promoting improved medical outcomes, symptom reduction, physical health, and quality of life, I will be submitting an R34 proposal to NIMH to assess the feasibility and acceptability of a peer-supported adaptation of the HEAL program.

**Stage of Work**: Preparing NIMH R34 proposal for a June submission; seeking input from the RIP group about other potential funding mechanisms, primary aims, research team, and study design.

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**


This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits applications that will advance knowledge of the effective implementation and comparative effectiveness of alcohol-focused interventions among HIV+ individuals. The FOA is divided into two major topics: 1) comparative effectiveness (and cost effectiveness) research focused on understanding factors related to patient reduction of alcohol use and consequent sustained engagement in appropriate alcohol and HIV care; and 2) modeling and testing
alternative approaches to the implementation of effective interventions to reduce HIV disease transmission and progression in a variety of settings. Applicants may submit an application focusing on one of these topics.

**Advancing Exceptional Research on HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse (R01) (NIH);**

This FOA will support highly innovative R01 applications on HIV/AIDS and drug abuse and will complement the Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS research. The Avant-Garde award supports individuals who conduct high-risk, high-reward research and does not require a detailed research plan. Applications submitted under this FOA are expected to have a detailed research plan and preliminary data. This FOA focuses on innovative research projects that have the potential to open new areas of HIV/AIDS research and/or lead to new avenues for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS among substance abusers. The nexus with substance abuse should be clearly described. This FOA is open to both individual researchers and research teams and is not limited to any one area of research on HIV and substance use.

**NIDCD Research on Hearing Health Care (NIH);**

This FOA encourages Research Project Grant (R21) applications from institutions/organizations to support research leading to accessible and affordable hearing health care (HHC). The overarching emphasis is on the acquisition of knowledge that can be rapidly translated into new or enhanced approaches for access, assessment or interventions with a goal to delivering better hearing health care outcomes. Applications should seek quality approaches that are effective, affordable and deliverable to those who need them as well as implementable and sustainable in settings beyond the research environment.

**Building Community and Capacity for Data-Intensive Research in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences and in Education and Human Resources (NSF);**

As part of NSF’s Cyberinfrastructure Framework for 21st Century Science and Engineering (CIF21) activity, the Directorate for Social, Behavioral, & Economic Sciences (SBE) and the Directorate for Education and Human Resources (EHR) seek to enable research communities to develop visions, teams, and capabilities dedicated to creating new, large-scale, next-generation data resources and relevant analytic techniques to advance fundamental research for the SBE and EHR areas of research. Successful proposals will outline activities that will have significant impacts across multiple fields by enabling new types of data-intensive research. Investigators should think broadly and create a vision that extends intellectually across multiple disciplines and that includes--but is not necessarily limited to--the SBE or EHR areas of research.


The purpose of this announcement is to work with communities with high teen pregnancy rates to develop innovative strategies for preventing teen pregnancy in populations/areas with demonstrated need. These could include high-risk, vulnerable, and culturally under-represented youth populations, and/or youth residing in areas with high birth or teen pregnancy rates. The successful applicant is expected to bring together a team in each selected community made up of representatives from various sectors to develop a strategy or prevention framework to address teen pregnancy prevention in their individual community.
Prevent Blindness America; Prevent Blindness America Investigator Award; http://www.preventblindness.org/investigator-awards

Deadline: March 31st

The Joanne Angle Investigator Award provides funding for research investigating public health related to eye health and safety. Applications will be accepted in the following priority areas in adult vision, children’s vision, or eye injury:

- Burden/economic aspects of eye disease/vision loss on society
- Best practices to integrate vision screening/follow up care to system care access
- Vision program effectiveness/evaluation

All research grants need to promote the core mission of Prevent Blindness – preventing blindness and preserving sight. Basic laboratory science research will not be supported under this program.

American Cancer Society; The Role of Healthcare and Insurance in Improving Outcomes in Cancer Prevention, Early Detection and Treatment; http://www.cancer.org/research/applyforaresearchgrant/granttypes/rfa-role-healthcare-insurance-cancer

Deadline: April 1st

Intended to stimulate research that will generate new knowledge of the effects of the US healthcare system structure and the role of insurance on both access to and outcomes of cancer screening, early detection and treatment services. Studies investigating how one or more factors impacting access and outcomes interact – such as insurance status, costs, capacity, personal characteristics, provider characteristics, components of the healthcare delivery system and other known factors – are encouraged.

RGK Foundation Community and Health/Medicine Grants; http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines

Within Community, the Foundation supports a broad range of human services, community improvement, abuse prevention, and youth development programs. Human service programs of particular interest to the Foundation include children and family services, early childhood development, and parenting education. The Foundation’s current interests in the area of Health/Medicine include programs that promote the health and well-being of children and programs that promote access to health services.

Child Trends; National Research Center on Hispanic Children & Families
Summer research fellowship program; http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=901NRmzXOpQSR-V0jV6OOFkJKCiWOKAsUYUFFElCyyKDwb3qg_Z5EGHRReZ1vgMZ2U176StC8DEUii9py8-wQ49lij-Nysgh_zOA3ekxcN5LRDK_7Zp2I48yc9wFkopzOmdwdOCLwuL2dTR2JbGYlrluhWwced7ANAJUaVsXhl8p_ZFHg1VK1KntfugonFTQUzX516POQ5Rr81ljnZNSpbTrdAme9G2ildf_FuuPbj6edoi2uomXylj4v1LnFBuXZNDnPkpDdy_Q9VPeamtcu8V24TSorLaGlapSeaDGU03eixuqs6Zd4n53VAm989G_yFBP_6PGOU7pRRVcX1K1BbuTpBKTGL2X78yec5D7yCThZYdbqUnpz4uTB4nh8p-WO35HBfr&c=aOT1O5pEauBASeUmJceXB-5DKmCFVXjd5R1ntUPTInP1vsF8Jelij==&ch=T7-jxbYQnT4J0kCqCooQm3ce5qipn6PzhRSVfimxOU1UEQ==

We're pleased to announce a new summer research fellowship program for the newly-established National Research Center on Hispanic Children & Families, funded by the Administration for Children &
Families. The goal of the fellowship program is to attract, develop, and expand the pool of emerging scholars focused on studying issues of relevance to low-income and vulnerable Hispanic children and families. The fellowship will provide graduate students with the opportunity to carry out research in an applied setting, and in ways that can impact both policy and programs serving Hispanic children and families.

The application deadline is March 7 at 5pm ET.

**WORKSHOPS, LECTURES, AND CONFERENCES**

**Community-Engaged Scholarship Partnership**: Community-University Partnerships Expo (CU Expo); [http://cescholarship.ca](http://cescholarship.ca)

CU Expo is a bi-annual, Canadian-led conference designed to showcase exemplars in community-campus partnerships worldwide, and together to introduce creative ways of strengthening local communities. The next conference, CU Expo 2015, will take place in Ottawa from May 25 through 29, 2015. CU Expo 2015 will be co-hosted by Carleton University and community partners and held in Ottawa, Ontario at Carleton University.

The Communities First: Impacts of Community Engagement (CFICE) project will provide leadership and coordination within Carleton in the design, development, implementation, and evaluation of CU Expo 2015. A Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council funded, pan-Canadian Partnership initiative, CFICE aims to strengthen Canadian communities through action research on best-practice community-campus engagement.

As more details about CU Expo 2015 become available, we will pass these along. If you haven't already signed up for our e-news list, you may do so from our homepage at [http://cescholarship.ca](http://cescholarship.ca)

**Community-Campus Partnerships for Health**: From Rhetoric to Reality: Achieving Authentic, Equitable & Transformative Partnerships, 13th International Conference; [https://ccph.memberclicks.net/registration](https://ccph.memberclicks.net/registration)

*Date:* April 30 - May 3, 2014  
*Location:* Chicago, Illinois USA

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health is convening our 13th International Conference April 30 - May 3, 2014 in Chicago, Illinois. The conference theme "From Rhetoric to Reality: Achieving Authentic, Equitable & Transformative Partnerships" builds on our 2012 conference "Where We’ve Been and Where We Need to Go" by boldly tackling the challenges that prevent us from “walking the talk” of true partnerships and fully realizing their transformative potential. As community engagement, community-based participatory research and service-learning gain prominence, we are concerned that some are using these terms in name only without embracing the commitment to diversity, equity, justice and impact that they demand. We are also concerned that significant resources are being invested in institutional infrastructure and capacity building without a parallel investment being made in communities. At the same time, we seek to recognize and applaud the individuals and organizations who are leading the way in developing and sustaining partnerships that balance power, share resources and contribute to systems change. Their visionary, boundary-spanning leadership demonstrates that it can be done!

The 3rd National Community Partner Forum on Community-Engaged Research takes place from 8am - 5pm on Wednesday April 30. The forum is open only to community leaders and community-based organizations interested or involved in research as a tool for health equity and social justice, regardless of their experience level. The forum includes an opportunity for special interest group gatherings of CTSA community partners and those interested or involved in community IRBs/research review committees. Forum registrants are encouraged but not required to also attend the CCPH conference. If you have any questions about your eligibility to attend the forum, please email Alice Park, cbpr@ccph.info.

**Goals & Objectives**
The conference aims to:

- Mobilize and inspire community-campus partnerships to address the root causes of health, social, environmental and economic inequities
- Demonstrate and celebrate the power and potential of partnerships as a strategy for health equity and social justice
- Build the capacity of communities and institutions to engage in authentic partnerships
- Provide an inclusive and dynamic forum to network, share information and build skills
- Shape the program and policy agendas of CCPH and co-sponsoring organizations
- Transform the community-campus partnerships movement by connecting people, partnerships and networks from around the world

Through their active involvement in the conference, participants will:

- Deepen their understanding of how partnerships can transform people, communities, institutions, policies and systems
- Reflect on why and how they engage in community-campus partnerships
- Achieve their most important objective in coming to the conference
- Commit to concrete and specific actions they will take upon returning home
- Establish a peer group for continued learning
- Leave the conference energized and motivated!

**National Institute of Mental Health (NIH); 22nd National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Conference on Mental Health Services Research (MHSR):** [http://event.cabezon.com/mhsr/home](http://event.cabezon.com/mhsr/home)

22nd National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Conference on Mental Health Services Research (MHSR): *Research in Pursuit of a Learning Mental Health Care System*, which will be held April 23-25, 2014, at the Natcher Conference Center on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Campus, Bethesda, MD.

The MHSR Conference is organized biennially by the NIMH’s Services Research and Clinical Epidemiology Branch to promote areas of high priority for services research and identify opportunities with potential for significant impact on the health and well-being of people with mental disorders.

Recent and ongoing changes in and concerns about our health care delivery system make the time ripe for evidence on how to structure and guide the mental health service system of the future. In particular, the recent National Academy of Sciences report *Best Care at Lower Cost: The Path to Continuously Learning Health Care in America* offers a useful framework toward managing increasing complexity in health systems and improving health outcomes— the learning health care system. Applying these concepts to mental health care forms the nexus of an agenda for NIMH services research in the coming years and provide the basis for the MHSR 2014 agenda:

- An integrated system of mental health care that provides coordinated services across a wide range of institutions, agencies, and social service systems (e.g., specialty care and adult and pediatric primary care clinics and the education (pre-K through college), welfare, and criminal and juvenile justice systems)
- Technology-supported data collection and services delivery to provide access to underserved populations in formats that meet patient preferences
- The incorporation of data needed for observational and prospective research studies as well as ongoing quality improvement within practice settings
- Fostering investigation of local innovations within service systems and promoting the crowdsourcing of system improvement
- Improving the assessment and impact of state and local policies on access to and value of mental health care
- Prevention and preemption of medical comorbidities among people with mental disorders

GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBT Equality 32nd Annual Conference - Innovation & Collaboration for LGBT Health Equality;

This conference is a forum for discussion and exploration of how best to address these needs as well as the needs of LGBT health professionals and health profession students. GLMA's Annual Conference also reports on research into the health needs of LGBT people. This year's conference theme will highlight local, grassroots as well government and national initiatives to address LGBT health disparities. GLMA is seeking abstracts that explore innovation and collaboration in LGBT health and access to care.


The North American Refugee Health Conference is the premier conference for individuals working with refugee populations. Medical professionals from all backgrounds and specialty areas come together annually to discuss contemporary issues and best practices in refugee health. We invite you to submit a poster or oral presentation.

Coalition of Communities of Color; http://www.coalitioncommunitiescolor.org/ "The African American Community In Multnomah County" presentation to City Council on Wed, Feb. 19th

CCC’s presentation to City Council on “The African American Community In Multnomah County” report to City Council members and taking a look at the disparities that exist in the community while offering policy recommendations to electeds. Please come and support!

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 19th from 2:00pm-3:00pm

You can read the report on our website at:


Are young children on track to succeed when they enter school? How many children have access to high-quality early care and education programs? Is the early childhood workforce adequately trained to meet the needs of young children?

Most states cannot answer these basic questions because data on young children are housed in multiple, uncoordinated systems, managed by different state and federal agencies. This webinar will share results from the Early Childhood Data Collaborative's 2013 survey of state early childhood data systems.

Health Care for Immigrant Families in the ACA Era Webinar; https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6502576993951802113
Presented by the Center for Children and Families at Georgetown University and the National Immigration Law Center will examine health reform law and regulations that affect the eligibility of immigrants and the access barriers they face, particularly when part of mixed-status families. The session will also look at which immigrant eligibility rules have not changed, showing a snapshot of the landscape of coverage options for immigrant families as health reform takes effect in 2014.

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Family & Community Health: Community-based Participatory Research: Focus on Children and Adolescents; http://journals.lww.com/familyandcommunityhealth/pages/default.aspx

Due to Issue Editor: April 1, 2014

Family & Community Health (FCH) is soliciting manuscripts for an issue on community-based participatory research focused on children and adolescents.

Community-based Participatory Research (CBPR) is a collaborative approach to research that equitably involves both community members and academicians as partners contributing unique strengths to the research process. In contrast to more traditional research, projects using a CBPR approach rely on input and collaboration from community members at many steps of the research process, from defining the research topic to disseminating the results. Barbara Israel and colleagues outline five phases of CBPR: 1) partnership formation and maintenance; 2) community assessment and diagnosis; 3) definition of the issue; 4) documentation and evaluation of the partnership process; and 5) feedback, interpretation, dissemination, and application of results (p.13). CBPR aims to combine knowledge and action for change to improve community health and eliminate health disparities. Various research methods are used within a CBPR framework; however, CBPR projects can be distinguished by the value placed on cooperative research efforts that engage community members and researchers and in the relevance of the research for communities.

The purpose of this issue of FCH is to highlight family and community health-related CBPR projects focused specifically on youth as partners in the research process. Manuscripts submitted to this issue may highlight one, several, or all of the phases of CBPR. Manuscripts from academic and community collaborators, especially those partnering with youth, are encouraged.

Family & Community Health (FCH) is an inter-professional journal that provides a forum to discuss family and community health care, health promotion and maintenance, innovations, and evidence based approaches in health care. A particular emphasis is given to how individuals, groups, and populations can effectively promote and maintain health. Issues contain articles from health care educators, researchers, and practitioners.

Manuscripts are due no later than April 1, 2014 and should be submitted via the online manuscript submission system directly to the 38.1 issue on CBPR. References must be cited in text and styled in the reference list according to the American Medical Association Manual of Style, ed. 10, Copyright 2009, AMA. Please consult the journal’s website for more detailed information about manuscript submission: http://journals.lww.com/familyandcommunityhealth/pages/default.aspx

Proposal for Edited Book - Working with Children Affected by Armed Conflict: Theory, Method, and Practice; https://docs.google.com/a/pdx.edu/file/d/0B_B9oBJ3iOTCYWhheTdOQXRJNE0/edit

Drawing from a diverse range of disciplines such as anthropology, education, human geography, medicine, psychiatry, psychology, public health, and social work, this edited book will: 1) highlight the realities of children living in circumstances of war and political violence in diverse country contexts; 2) explore novel theoretical and conceptual approaches in studying children affected by armed conflict; 3) examine innovative research methodologies that seek to both empower and engage children affected by armed conflict in the research process through participatory and arts-based methods; 4) critically
consider strategies of intervention that validate the perspectives and participation of children themselves.

RESOURCES

Coalition For A Livable Future; CLF’s Online Journal: Connections; http://issuu.com/clfuture/docs/connections_v12_issue1_final

CLF is pleased to announce a new issue of Connections, revitalized as an online journal. Included in this issue are three white papers that explore the topics of wage inequality, what equity means for persons with disabilities, and the opportunities and needs created by our growing older adult population:

- Aging and Equity in the Greater Portland Metropolitan Region, by Alan DeLaTorre and Margaret Neal of Portland State University’s Institute on Aging.
- Middle Class Decline in the Portland Metro Region, by Christian Kaylor of the Oregon Employment Department.

The Coalition for a Livable Future has a long history of sharing research and analysis on issues related to people and place, and advocating for a better Portland metro region.


This portfolio of research provides detailed summaries of OPRE’s ongoing welfare and family self-sufficiency research efforts along with brief overviews of past projects. The featured projects cover topics that include TANF, the safety net, employment, education and training. The report also describes OPRE’s efforts to disseminate rigorous research on welfare and family self-sufficiency. This year’s portfolio covers OPRE-funded projects for Fiscal Year 2013.