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For more information on each of these, see below.

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**Description:** Oregon WIC began its peer counseling program in 2005 under a WIC Special Project Research Grant. We conducted a multi-year randomized control trial in 4 counties to evaluate the impact of a telephone-based peer counseling program on breastfeeding duration and exclusivity. Extensive qualitative data was also collected through peer counselor telephone logs. Non-exclusive breastfeeding among Spanish-speakers marginally increased at 1, 3 and 6 months but the program had little to no effect on English-speaking clients. This is a limitation given that 75% of Oregon WIC participants speak English. The study's primary objective, increased exclusive breastfeeding at six months, was not achieved for either group. In addition, peer counselor spent many hours on failed attempts to reach clients by phone, making for inefficient use of staff time and lowering morale.

After taking a year to digest these findings, the Oregon WIC program decided to make a radical change to its model of breastfeeding peer counseling. Combining quantitative and qualitative data as well as best practices from the literature, we invented a brand new, prevention focused, group based model for delivering breastfeeding support. All women attending a “new pregnant” appointment are invited to participate in peer counseling. If they accept, they are asked to attend a series of 5, monthly prenatal discussion sessions with women with similar due dates, breastfeeding peer counselors, and an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC). Rather than the boring “Breastfeeding 101”, sessions have names like “And Baby Makes Three, but What about Me,” “Mommy: A Baby’s Natural Habitat”, and “Your Amazing Body and Fascinating Baby.” The groups cover much more than breastfeeding basics, as relationship issues and advocacy/empowerment exercises are critical components of the sessions. Postpartum support is offered as well, either through group sessions (such as infant massage or Love and Weigh) or one-on-one.

**Stage of Work:** Beginning data analyses and survey/interviews of participants-need ideas on how to handle selection bias, measure social support, and how to draw the comparison group.

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Note: The RIP series offers academic and community researchers an opportunity to receive constructive feedback from colleagues on planned or ongoing research projects related to social determinants of health. This is a great opportunity for peer mentorship and support focused on research project development and design from an interdisciplinary perspective. Although you can expect to learn a great deal by attending regularly, RIPs are not intended to be educational workshops or public presentations.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES


This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) seeks Research Project Grant (R01) applications that propose to use a common conceptual model to develop behavioral interventions to modify health behaviors and improve health outcomes in patients with comorbid chronic diseases and health conditions. Specifically, this FOA will support research in primary care that uses a multi-disease care management approach to behavioral interventions with high potential impact to improve patient-level health outcomes for individuals with three or more chronic health conditions. The proposed approach must modify behaviors using a common approach rather than administering a distinct intervention for each targeted behavior and/or condition. Diseases and health conditions can include, but are not limited to: mental health disorders (e.g., depression), diabetes, smoking, obesity, chronic pain, alcohol and substance abuse and dependence, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder, cancer and hypertension.

Technologies for Healthy Independent Living (NIH):

  
  This FOA encourages Research Project Grant (R01) applications for research and development of technologies that monitor health or deliver care in a real-time, accessible, effective, and minimally obtrusive way. These systems are expected to integrate, process, analyze, communicate, and present data so that the individuals are engaged and empowered in their own healthcare with reduced burden to care providers. The development of these technology systems has the potential to significantly improve the quality of life for people with disabilities, people aging with mild impairments, as well as individuals with chronic conditions.

  
  This FOA encourages Exploratory/Developmental Research Project (R21) applications for design and development of novel technologies to monitor health or deliver care in a real-time, accessible, effective, and minimally obtrusive way. These may be novel sensor or monitoring systems, home-use point-of-care devices, home or mobile therapy or rehabilitation tools, or information systems and should have the goal of fostering healthy and independent living. The development of such technologies has the potential to significantly improve the quality of life for people with disabilities, people aging with mild impairments, as well as individuals with chronic conditions.

Family-Centered Self-Management of Chronic Conditions (NIH):

This funding opportunity announcement seeks to build the science of family-centered self-management (FCSM) in chronic conditions.


The opportunity will support: (1) Conducting population-based surveillance, longitudinal follow-up, and public health research for muscular dystrophies and neuromuscular disorders; (2) Expanding the number of surveillance sites to increase the demographic, racial, and ethnic diversity of the muscular dystrophy surveillance system; (3) Sharing data with stakeholders seeking to improve health and access to care of people living with these conditions; (4) Evaluating, modifying, and documenting the methodology and infrastructure of the surveillance system; (5) Conducting pilot studies that investigate specific muscular dystrophy knowledge gaps and sharing results with participants and stakeholders.


The Research Project Grant (R01) is an award made by AHRQ to an institution/organization to support a discrete, specified health services research project. The project will be performed by the named investigator and study team. The R01 research plan proposed by the applicant institution/organization must be related to the mission and portfolio priority research interests of AHRQ.


The Health Impact Project, a collaboration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and The Pew Charitable Trusts (Pew), promotes the use of Health Impact Assessments (HIAs) and related approaches to help policy-makers in a wide range of fields incorporate health considerations into new policies, programs, plans, and projects, and make decisions that reduce unnecessary health risks, improve health, and decrease costs. This call for proposals (CFP) supports two types of initiatives: 1) HIA demonstration projects that inform a specific decision, with a focus on tribes, states, and territories that have had limited experience with HIAs to date; and 2) HIA program grants that enable organizations with previous HIA experience to develop sustainable HIA programs that integrate HIAs and related approaches in policy-making at the local, state, or tribal level.


APF seeks to seed innovation through supporting research, education and intervention projects and programs that use psychology to solve social problems in the following priority areas: Understanding and fostering the connection between behavior and physical health to ensure well-being; Reducing stigma and prejudice to promote unity and harmony; Understanding and preventing violence to create a safer, more humane world; and, Supporting programs that address the long-term psychological needs of individuals and communities in the aftermath of disaster.


Foundation research grants are awarded for lung cancer projects focused on: Basic Science; Translational Research; Clinical Research; Supportive Care; and Quality of Care/Outcomes.
New York Academy of Medicine Margaret E. Mahoney Fellowship; http://www.nyam.org/grants/mahoney.html?omnicid=20

The Margaret E. Mahoney Fellowship program provides stipends for outstanding medical, dental, public health, public policy and graduate nursing students to conduct summer research projects on some aspect of health care delivery transformation for vulnerable populations and/or early childhood health and development, with an emphasis on policy implications.

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Grant reviewers help HRSA select the best programs from competitive groups of applicants. Reviewers use their expertise to objectively evaluate and score applications against published evaluation criteria. Reviewers gain understanding of the grant-making process while enjoying the opportunity to network with colleagues. HRSA needs new and experienced grant reviewers with expertise in: health professions training, HIV/AIDS, maternal and child health, organ transplantation, primary care for underserved people, rural health.

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We're bringing an exceptional lineup of speakers to Portland for the 14th annual International Speakers Series: Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Liberian Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Leymah Gbowee, Pakistani activist Khalida Brohi, and Chinese media mogul Hung Huang. We're organizing a larger program of activities around the theme Women Changing the World and are also offering student discounts on tickets to the four-part Series. Student tickets are limited and going fast!


The question of whether and how to provide legal assistance to individuals who cannot afford civil counsel is a pressing nationwide issue. Low-income civil litigants have significant unmet legal needs, a problem that has been magnified by the recent economic recession. These unmet legal needs have considerable impacts not only on the individuals who are unable to access legal assistance, but also on our judicial system. In this webinar, Professors Tonya Brito and David Pate will discuss data assessing the magnitude of the problem and competing perspectives on how best to respond to the civil justice gap. They will also provide an overview of current federal, state and local initiatives designed to enhance access to justice. Finally, they will talk about the emerging empirical research in the field, focusing on what we know and what we don't know about whether and how legal assistance makes a difference for low-income litigants in civil cases.

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Abstract submissions due: March 7 for oral and poster presentations
Conference Date: June 12-15 in Toronto, Canada

The conference aims to provide an international forum to continue to explore and characterize urban environments and how they affect human health and well-being.

Conference Topics:
- Urban environments and how they function
- CO2 greenhouse gases and warming
- Air, water and soil pollutants
- Human health in the city
- Vegetation in the city
- Built environment and urban climate
- Alleviation of urban stress problems

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*Deadline: September 30, 2014*

This special issue of Advances in Social Work will explore the themes of changing technology and media and their impact on social work practice. Taking a broad stance on defining practice, articles may focus on any element of the practice landscape including: clinical work, social work administration, policy advocacy, community organizing, and others.

**Encyclopedia of World Poverty - 2nd Edition;** contact Joanne Steinberg, Author Manager, poverty@golsonmedia.com; *Deadline: April 2, 2014*

SAGE's Encyclopedia of World Poverty 2nd Edition is now under development (1st Edition: Library Journal Best Reference, Booklist Editor's Choice). This completely updated five-volume reference will provide extensive and current information on the changing world of poverty, as well as insight into the contemporary debates. Over 850 signed articles will explore poverty in various regions of the world, and examine the difficulties associated with the definition and measurement of poverty, along with its causes and effects. This comprehensive project will be published by SAGE Reference in 2015 and will be marketed to academic and public libraries as a print and digital product available to students via the library’s electronic services. For more information, email Joanne Steinberg, Author Manager at poverty@golsonmedia.com. Please provide your CV or a brief summary of your academic/publishing credentials in related disciplines.

**Special Issue of *The British Journal of Social Work*: Social Work and Recovery;**

*Deadline: September 5, 2014*

Recovery is a process whereby individuals or families restore rights, roles, and responsibilities lost through illness, disability, or other social problems. It requires hope and empowerment, supported by a vision for a different way of being. Recovery is a concept at the heart of social work practice, though the profession is frequently following others in articulating and evidencing good practice. Yet despite the theoretical basis of recovery finding synergy with social work, there is limited research informing social workers on how best to intervene effectively and to influence the social factors enabling or impeding recovery. This Special Issue will publish internationally relevant contributions to social work research and thinking about recovery across multiple social work fields.

**RESOURCES**

**Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE) INQUIRE Data Toolkit;**
The INQUIRE Toolkit grows out of the growing awareness of the importance of collecting data related to early care and education. The Quality Initiatives Research and Evaluation Consortium (INQUIRE) Data Work Group was convened to address a request from stakeholders for information on building an effective data infrastructure to support activities including monitoring, continuous program improvement, reporting, validation and evaluation in Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (QRIS) and other quality initiatives. The INQUIRE Data Toolkit was designed to provide tools to support effective data collection and the use of data to answer important policy and reporting questions through the use of common data elements.


This brief focuses on the analysis of merged national-level SSI data and TANF data from the 26 states that report to the Office of Family Assistance (OFA) on their full TANF caseload.


Up to 70 percent of all youth in contact with the juvenile justice system have a diagnosable mental health disorder. Yet, the juvenile justice system is not always the best or most appropriate place to access the services they need. This white paper discusses the scope of this problem, scientific breakthroughs that can help, and how communities can adopt better solutions for youth with mental health needs in the juvenile justice system.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

National Wraparound Initiative (NWI); www.pdx.edu/hr/employment-opportunities-at-psu

Position Title: Young Adult Peer Support & Participation Assistant (Laboratory Technician I)

Position Summary: The person in this position will assist in carrying out a project that is developing and testing approaches for building the workforce of young adults who can provide effective peer support to other young people with serious mental health conditions and related needs.

To Apply: All applications must be submitted through the HR website www.pdx.edu/hr/employment-opportunities-at-psu click on the "apply here" button > Search Jobs >keywords: Laboratory Technician.

OHSU’s Center for Diversity & Inclusion; www.ohsujobs.com

OHSU's Center for Diversity and Inclusion (CDI) leads, develops and implements diversity and inclusion initiatives across the university. Over the years, CDI has made significant strides in increasing recruitment, strengthening retention, improving the climate of inclusion and building community partnerships. We continue to improve upon resources and tools to ensure that diversity and inclusion are a critical part of all processes across all OHSU departments and units. CDI is currently looking for exceptional candidates for the roles of Assistant Director (IRC42400); Manager for Student Recruitment and Retention (IRC42389); and Administrative Coordinator (IRC42370). If you have issues with the links, go to www.ohsujobs.com, and enter the job numbers listed above. All candidates must apply online – no phone calls or emails please.
The Oregon Clinical & Translational Research Institute (OCTRI) is participating in two collaborative NIH planning grants to increase diversity in the scientific workforce. OCTRI is actively seeking mentors for both proposals. In partnership with Portland State University, the institute is developing an innovative program for undergraduate students to increase the diversity pipeline into STEM careers in research. OHSU faculty mentors are needed to work with diverse students in early scientific inquiry, sponsor short research rotations, or summer mentorship. Mentors are not required to have funded research. In addition, the National Research Mentoring Network initiative seeks to develop a highly networked set of motivated and skilled mentors from a variety of biomedical research disciplines linked to mentees from the undergraduate to early career faculty level across the country. Research mentors must have NIH funding; career mentors must have experience mentoring across diversity. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please connect with Colleen Beretta, berreta@ohsu.edu, or Cindy Morris, morrisc@ohsu.edu.