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  **Title:** Optimizing and Sustaining a New Healthcare Workforce: Evaluating the Health Commons Grant Initiatives

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- **Multidisciplinary Studies of HIV/AIDS and Aging (NIH);**
  
  
  

- **Avenir Award Program for Research on Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS (NIH);**
  

- **Maximizing the Affordable Care Act: Improving Recidivism and Health Outcomes for the Justice-Involved Population (DOJ);**
  
  [https://www.bja.gov/Funding/14MaximizingACAsol.pdf](https://www.bja.gov/Funding/14MaximizingACAsol.pdf)

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- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization;**
  

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- **Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop**: [http://opha.memberclicks.net/assets/Events/building%20bridges%20registration%20instructions.pdf](http://opha.memberclicks.net/assets/Events/building%20bridges%20registration%20instructions.pdf)


- **BIRCWH Northwest Women’s Health Research Conference**; [http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/584646](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/584646)


- **The 11th National Conference on Immunization and Health Coalitions: Partnering for Prevention from Sea to Summit**; [www.healthcoalitionsconference.org](http://www.healthcoalitionsconference.org)

- **Coalition of Human Needs Webinar: Fast Track Medicaid for SNAP Participants**; [https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/316903663](https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/316903663)

- **51st IMCL Conference on Making Cities Healthy for All; Student Scholarships & Volunteer Positions**; [http://www.livablecities.org/conferences/51st-imcl-conference](http://www.livablecities.org/conferences/51st-imcl-conference)

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- National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA); Community Development Specialist; [www.nicwa.org/careers/](http://www.nicwa.org/careers/)

For more information on each of these, see below.

**SDH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Substance Abuse Collaborative; Thursday, April 17th from 3:30-5pm in Rm 920, Market Center Building (1600 SW 4th Ave.)**

The goal of the first Substance Abuse Collaborative is to discover what others are doing in the area and brainstorm about possible collaborative projects. Anyone from academia, healthcare, government, or the community interested in substance abuse is welcome. If you would like to join the collaborative, but cannot attend the first meeting, please contact Ryan Bender (rbender@pdx.edu) to be added to the list and to receive minutes.

**Next RIP presentation is Thursday, April 9th from 12-1:30pm in Rm 413, Market Street Building (1600 SW 4th Ave.)**

**Presenter:** Margarette Weller, Providence Core

**Title:** Optimizing and Sustaining a New Healthcare Workforce: Evaluating the Health Commons Grant Initiatives Description

**Description:** CORE, along with partners at CareOregon, is in the process of evaluating the outcomes of the Health Commons Grant Programs (more info here: [http://www.healthcommonsgrant.org/](http://www.healthcommonsgrant.org/)) as well as informing conversations around program optimization and sustainability. As many of the programs frequently interact with the same clients, we are also planning to engage in some cross-program outcome evaluation to help inform a more regional model of care. To do this work, we are collecting and analyzing multiple data sources, including: claims data, program operations data, client surveys, and client, staff and provider interviews

**Stage of Work:** Defining key outcomes measures for each program and defining comparison groups
Type of Feedback Requested: Feedback on plans for program evaluation, cross-program evaluation, sustainability and regional spread

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES


The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The Innovative Programs to Enhance Research Training (IPERT) R25 funding opportunity announcement from NIGMS seeks applications that propose creative and innovative educational activities to complement and/or enhance the training of a workforce to meet the nation’s biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs. The goal of this NIGMS R25 program is to support educational activities that complement and/or enhance the training of a workforce to meet the nation’s biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs. To this end, this funding opportunity announcement encourages activities with a primary focus on courses for skills development, structured mentoring activities, and outreach programs.

Multidisciplinary Studies of HIV/AIDS and Aging (NIH);

- R01: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-12-175.html

This FOA invites applications proposing to study HIV infection, HIV-associated conditions, HIV treatment, and/or biobehavioral or social factors associated with HIV/AIDS in the context of aging and/or in older adults. Research approaches of interest include clinical translational, observational, and intervention studies in domestic and international settings.


Avenir means future in French, and this award looks toward the future by supporting early stage investigators proposing highly innovative studies. The award will support those in an early stage of their career who may lack the preliminary data required for an R01 grant, but who propose high impact research and who show promise of being tomorrow's leaders in the field. NIDA has developed two Avenir Award Programs, one for HIV/AIDS research and the other for genetics or epigenetics studies. The Avenir Award Program for Research on Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS will support creative individuals who wish to pursue innovative research at the nexus of substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. The Avenir Award Program for Research on Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS will support research approaches for substance using populations with or at risk for HIV/AIDS that may lead to improved preventive interventions, improved therapies and/or long term retention in care, and ultimately, eradication of HIV.

Maximizing the Affordable Care Act: Improving Recidivism and Health Outcomes for the Justice-Involved Population (DOJ); https://www.bja.gov/Funding/14MaximizingACAsol.pdf

Because of the Medicaid expansion to childless adults and the subsidies to make private health insurance more affordable under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), a significant portion of the justice-involved population will gain eligibility, for the first time, for Medicaid and/or private health insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. Justice-involved individuals are seven times as likely as the general population to experience mental illness, substance abuse disorders, infectious disease, and chronic health conditions, making reentry from jails and prison an especially critical juncture. For individuals reentering communities after incarceration, disruptions in medical care and treatment contribute to increased rates of reincarceration, increased drug use, and poor and costly health outcomes, including a 12-fold increase in the risk of death in the first 2 weeks after release. State and local criminal justice systems can play an important role in ensuring justice-involved populations
receive assistance and support in applying for health coverage, which can help divert individuals from the criminal justice system, reduce recidivism, and also provide a continuum of care for individuals preparing to reenter back into their communities. This solicitation seeks a national training and technical assistance provider to assist select state and local criminal justice systems in maximizing the opportunities for expanded health care coverage under the PPACA, as well as develop resources to assist the broader criminal justice field nationwide. As a result of improved coverage, state and local justice systems may experience considerable cost savings by utilizing expanded coverage options under Medicaid and the Marketplace.

**Prescription Drug Overdose: Boost for State Prevention (CDC):**

The overall goal of this FOA is to advance and evaluate comprehensive state-level interventions for preventing prescription drug misuse, abuse, and overdose. The Injury Center is requesting applications from State Health Departments or their bona fide agents to advance at least two of the following three key state-level prevention strategies to prevent prescription drug misuse, diversion, and overdose:

- Enhancing and maximizing PDMPs
- Improving and evaluating public insurer mechanisms, and
- Evaluating state-level laws, policies, and regulations

**Important Dates:**
Informational conference call for potential applicants: Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 1:00pm ET. Conference call number: 866-919-4067, Participant passcode: 86927256.

**Gay & Lesbian Medical Association – Lesbian Health Fund (LHF):**
http://www.glma.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&pageID=922&nodeID=1

**Description:** The Lesbian Health Fund is especially interested in applications that address the diversity of sexual minority women's communities and studies of health promotion and health improvement in lesbian and bisexual women, as well as studies that are potentially publishable and which are conducted as first steps toward larger grant. Research areas include understanding social, family, and interpersonal influences as sources of stress or support; Development and testing of interventions to address mental and physical health needs of lesbians and other SMW, including but not limited to depression, identity related issues, eating disorders, substance abuse, obesity, cancer risks, cardiovascular disease and sexually transmitted infections; Sexual and reproductive health, including family & parenting issues.

**Deadline:** May 15, 2014
**Amount:** $500 to $10,000 one-time grants.
**Eligibility:** A Curriculum Vitae of the PI, Co-Investigator, and Faculty Supervisor if the PI is a student, and of any other project member mentioned by name in the application is required. If a faculty supervisor is involved, submit letter of support from that faculty member for supervising the project. Current LHF grantees may not participate in a new grant as PI or Co-Investigator until LHF receives their written Final Report.

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization:**

Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization (HCFO) supports research, policy analysis and evaluation projects that provide policy leaders timely information on health care policy, financing and organization issues. Supported projects include: examining significant issues and interventions related to health care financing and organization and their effects on health care costs, quality and access; and exploring or testing major new ways to finance and organize health care that have the potential to improve access to more affordable and higher quality health services.
The Kresge Foundation Community Health Partnerships Grant Program: Innovative Approaches to Improve Community Health; [http://kresge.org/programs/health/community-health-partnerships#innovative%20approaches](http://kresge.org/programs/health/community-health-partnerships#innovative%20approaches)

This program supports promising new practices that serve vulnerable populations by advancing prevention, improving access and integrating primary community and clinical care and looks for efforts that foster connections between the clinical health care and community health, integrating patient care with activity to recognize and "treat" the social and environmental factors that contribute to poor health.


The purpose of the RIDGE (Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics) Center for Targeted Studies is to invest in innovative social sciences-based research that explores the food and nutrition assistance challenges of rural people and places. The program is especially interested in a wide array of topics and issues. Proposals that focus on Native Americans, Hispanics, African Americans, and other racial/ethnic populations, as well as children and low-wealth individuals/households, are strongly encouraged.

WORKSHOPS, LECTURES, AND CONFERENCES

PSU’s Charles Shireman Memorial Lecture; [http://www.pdx.edu/ssw/upcoming-events](http://www.pdx.edu/ssw/upcoming-events)

*Date:* Thursday, April 17th  
*Time:* 5:30pm - 6:30pm  
*Location:* PSU, Native American Student & Community Center at 710 SW Jackson Street

Mr. James Bell, Founder and Executive Director of the W. Haywood Burns Institute, will speak about the forces that move youth (and disproportionally youth from low income communities and communities of color) into the adult justice system and a new campaign in California called "Reclaiming Childhood" at. This event is free and open to all.

CEU registration information can be found at: [http://www.pdx.edu/ssw/upcoming-events](http://www.pdx.edu/ssw/upcoming-events)

Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop;  
[http://opha.memberclicks.net/assets/Events/building%20bridges%20registration%20instructions.pdf](http://opha.memberclicks.net/assets/Events/building%20bridges%20registration%20instructions.pdf)

*When:* There are two different Bridges Out of Poverty workshop opportunities, depending on your availability:

- **Full day (6 hour) workshop:** 8:30 – 3:30, Tuesday April 22, 2014,
- **Condensed half day (3.5 hour) training:** 8:30 – 11:30, Wednesday April 23, 2014.

*Where:* Both sessions will be held at the Ambridge Event Center located at 1333 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Portland, OR 97232

Bridges Out of Poverty is a transformational workshop that introduces a comprehensive approach to understanding the dynamics that cause and maintain poverty from the individual to the systemic level. Nationally recognized trainer Jodi Pfarr draws on her own experience growing up in poverty and working with youth in the criminal justice and healthcare systems. She highlights the economic realities of poverty, middle class, and wealth and how these impact individuals, communities, systems, and structures.
Participants from state and local public health, social service agencies and healthcare providers will explore mindsets and world views that we hold as individuals, institutions, and communities and examine how these impact health equity and the relationships we have with our clients/customers/co-workers.

This workshop will be held at the Ambridge Center in Portland and is provided at no cost through support by the Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. In order to provide these workshops at no cost, we will not be providing refreshments or meals.

Registration: http://opha.memberclicks.net/assets/Events/building%20bridges%20registration%20instructions.pdf

15th Annual Child Abuse & Family Violence Summit: The Power of One in Collaboration with Others; Hosted by: Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office Child Abuse Team; http://act.alz.org/site/Calendar?view=Detail&id=111403

When: April 22 - 25, 2014
Where: Red Lion Hotel on the River Portland, Oregon

This 3 ½ day multidisciplinary conference is for professionals working in the area of law, law enforcement, medical, parole and probation, prevention/education, protective services, and treatment of child abuse, neglect and family violence.

This year’s Summit highlights an expansive list of presenters (57) in 7 different tracks: Law Enforcement/Investigations, Medical, Interviewing, Treatment, Law, Family Violence, Computer Crimes, as well as 2 computer labs and over 100 sessions.

The Summit’s goal is to educate professionals on the complex issues associated with child abuse and family violence, to broaden each professional’s knowledge base in multiple areas, and to increase understanding of the other agencies’ roles and responsibilities with the latest research and promising practices.

Registration is limited: http://act.alz.org/site/Calendar?view=Detail&id=111403

Fee includes all workshops, continental breakfast each day, refreshment breaks & one conference notebook and USB thumb drive.

*For more information & to register on-line, go to www.childabusesummit.com or contact Julie L. Collinson, Conference Coordinator | 503-557-5827 | jcollinson@co.clackamas.or.us


When: April 24, 2014 from 8:30am–4:30pm (check-in at 8:00am)
Where: Ambridge Event Center in Portland

We Can Do Better is not your typical non-profit, and each year we host a not-soypical conference as illustrated by this comment. What to expect: our conference is a place that presents timely and pertinent information and listens to participants incorporating their perspectives into our next steps. In order to achieve fundamental change we need people from across the spectrum to engage and provide input in this important process. The Sixth Annual We Can Do Better Conference will offer a range of benefits to speakers and attendees. In our 2014 conference, we will:

• Present a framework we can use to improve our health care system.
• Offer updates on federal and state health policy.
• Identify the priority areas for action to improve health and provide better care.
• Create powerful health caucuses that come from the community instead of a political party.

2014 Conference Speakers include:

• Keynote Speaker Regina Holliday
• Rep. Earl Blumenauer (OR-3)
• John Santa, MD, MPH

BIRCWH Northwest Women’s Health Research Conference;
http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/584646

When: May 9th from 8:00am-6:00pm
Where: Oregon Health & Science University - Doernbecher Vey Auditorium; 700 SW Campus Drive, Portland, OR 97239

This year marks the inaugural BIRCWH Northwest Women’s Health Research Conference at Oregon Health & Science University. We are excited to be able to promote scientific connections and share resources among researchers across the Northwest who conduct women’s health research. The daylong conference will feature a national keynote speaker as well as appearances by many leading women’s health researchers in clinical, basic, behavioral, and translational science from across the Northwest. As researchers face more challenges in finding funding, novel interdisciplinary research collaborations are essential.

Come join us as we build interdisciplinary research collaborations to advance women’s health research in the Northwest. And please feel free to forward this information to other researchers who might be interested in the BIRCWH Northwest Women’s Health Research Conference.

Registration: http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/584646
Registration Fee: $50 (includes lunch, a reception, and parking at OHSU)
*If you have trouble with conference payment, please contact bircwh@ohsu.edu; 503 494-1859

The 4th International Conference on Families with Parental Mental Health Challenges - Addressing the Needs of the Whole Family; http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca/MentalHealth2014/

This conference will bring researchers, educators, policy-makers, and providers from across disciplines together with members of the judiciary and those with lived experience. The primary aim is to share knowledge and experience, to advance the rights and highlight the needs of families striving to live well with parental mental health challenges.

Second Annual Military and Veteran Social Work Conference;

The purpose of the conference is to generate and nurture ideas to advance our understanding of social work practice with veterans, military personnel and their families as well as effective teaching and training of social work students in military/veteran social work. The theme of the conference is Veterans in Transition. There are two conference tracks: 1) Clinician track - focusing on social work service providers, spanning two days June 6 & 7, and 2) Educator track - focusing on social worker educators in higher education on June 7.

National Hispanic and Latino ATTC Conference - Integrating Research, Education, and Services to Reduce Behavioral Health Disparities in Hispanic and Latino Populations;
http://www.hispaniclatinoattcconference.com/
The proposed conference is based on the fundamental assumption that Hispanic and Latino populations have behavioral health disparities. This conference will benefit participants as it promotes an understanding of these disparities in services to Hispanic populations in need for access to quality substance abuse treatment; giving priority to the geographic areas, communities, service organizations and workforce members. In the process, the Conference will also promote the achievement of system transformation. Disparities will be addressed through research, education and service models combined with science based knowledge in an educational structure and environment.

The 11th National Conference on Immunization and Health Coalitions: Partnering for Prevention from Sea to Summit; www.healthcoalitionsconference.org

When: May 21–23rd
Where: Seattle Westin; 1900 5th Avenue Seattle, WA 98101

This conference is a unique opportunity to network with colleagues and learn up-to-date immunization and coalition-building skills. Attendees will have the opportunity to:

- Learn how to use collaboration and partnership to improve the health status of their communities
- Engage with world-class speakers such as David Williams and Bill Foege.
- Participate in the design and launch of a social media campaign with Every Child by Two
- Connect with colleagues (and potential partners) from across the nation
- Attend the first-ever NCIHC Film Festival featuring award-winning documentaries
- Design an agenda that meets their specific needs with diverse topics ranging from social media to coalition-building skills

For a complete conference agenda & to register for this event, please visit: www.healthcoalitionsconference.org


Title: Fast Track Medicaid for SNAP Participants
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2014
Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT
Registration limited: https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/316903663

Join the Coalition for Access and Opportunity for a webinar that looks at the “Fast Track” Medicaid option, also known as Strategy 3 in May 2013 guidance issued from CMS. This time-limited enrollment strategy gives states the option to “fast track” Medicaid enrollment for certain individuals already receiving SNAP benefits. At least five states have already implemented this option with tremendous success. Join us to hear ideas from advocates about engaging state partners in this extraordinary opportunity to connect vulnerable individuals to benefits. We have also built in an opportunity for dialogue in the question-and-answer session at the end.

Presenters:
- Shelby Gonzales, Senior Policy Analyst, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (Moderator)
- Phillip Bergquist, Director of Health Center Operations and CHIPRA Project Director, Michigan Primary Care Association
- Elizabeth Landsberg, Director of Legislative Advocacy, Western Center on Law and Poverty
- Rachel Cahill, Director of Policy, Benefits Data Trust

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

System Requirements:
PC-based attendees: Required: Windows® 8, 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server
Mac®-based attendees: Required: Mac OS® X 10.6 or newer
Mobile attendees: Required: iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet

51st IMCL Conference on Making Cities Healthy for All; Student Scholarships & Volunteer Positions; http://www.livablecities.org/conferences/51st-imcl-conference

Date: June 8-12, 2014
Location: Governor's Hotel, Downtown Portland
Application Deadline: May 1, 2014

A limited number of Student Scholarships for Ph.D. students, and Volunteer Positions for Graduate students are available. Both positions waive the student registration fee.

This Conference will be a landmark event, with an unprecedented gathering of world renowned experts in planning, urban design, public health, social sciences, and allied fields. Please see the website for more details - http://www.livablecities.org/conferences/51st-imcl-conference

Scholarships waive the registration fee. They do not offer funds towards expenses.

Volunteers can attend all the sessions they choose. Most responsibilities are in helping exhibitors set up their exhibiton Sunday morning, June 8, and helping at registration on Sunday afternoon; breaking down exhibits on the Wednesday and Thursday morning; being available (if you have PowerPoint skills) if presenters need technical help (in the sessions of your choice); and helping to man the publications table. Volunteer positions offer great access to speakers and exhibitors.

Application Requirements: Interested students should send their resume, a short statement (250 words) why the conference is of interest to them, and to which program they are applying, before May 1st to suzanne.lennard@livablecities.org.

CALL FOR PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

Call for Abstracts: 9th International Conference on HIV Treatment and Prevention Adherence; https://www.xcdsystem.com/iapac2014/abstract/index.cfm?ID=3WUAOTH

Abstract submissions are encouraged in a wide variety of specific domains, including: Antiretroviral therapy medication and medication adherence; linkage, retention, and re-engagement in HIV care; adherence and engagement in biomedical HIV prevention strategies; engagement in multiple areas in the continuum of HIV care.

Call for Papers: 26th National Symposium on Doctoral Research in Social Work; http://csw.osu.edu/degrees-programs/phd/doctoral-student-symposium/

The Ohio State University College of Social Work announces the Call for Papers for the 26th National Symposium on Doctoral Research in Social Work to be held September 19, 2014, on the campus of the Ohio State University. The symposium showcases dissertation research of recent Ph.D. and D.S.W. recipients. Dissertations completed between January 2013 and May 2014 are eligible for consideration; selected presenters will receive a $250 honorarium.


The goal of the Poster Session is to offer a venue for researchers from academia, industry, and government agencies to present original research on health, health data, and statistics, and provide a forum for informal discussion with interested colleagues. Although all researchers are encouraged to submit an abstract, there will be a special focus on students.
RESOURCES


The NCS-2 was a re-interview of 5,001 individuals who participated in the Baseline (NCS-1). The study was conducted a decade after the initial baseline survey. The aim was to collect information about changes in mental disorders, substance use disorders, and the predictors and consequences of these changes over the ten years between the two surveys. The collection contains three major sections: the main survey, demographic data, and diagnostic data. This is freely accessible data.


This interactive map shows the wage gap in all 50 states plus DC and links to fact sheets on the wage gap in each state.

Rural Assistance Center (RAC) Rural Mental Health and Substance Abuse Toolkit; http://www raconline.org/communityhealth/mental-health?utm_source=racupdate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=update040314

The Rural Mental Health and Substance Abuse Toolkit is designed to aid in the development and implementation of programs to improve community mental health using proven approaches and strategies. The toolkit is made up of several modules. Each concentrates on different aspects of mental health and substance abuse programs.

Health Landscape Interactive Tool; http://www.healthlandscape.org/index.cfm

Health Landscape is an interactive web-based mapping tool that allows health professionals, policy makers, academic researchers, and planners to combine, analyze and display information in ways that promote better understanding of health and the forces that affect it. The tool brings together various sources of health, socio-economic and environmental information in a convenient, central location to help answer questions about and improve health and healthcare. Health Landscape can be used to create maps from publicly available data sets including regional criminal justice, education, healthcare, and demographic data, allowing users to discover community characteristics and share information with health professionals, policy makers, and legislators.


RWJF's 20-year investment to reduce harm from alcohol and other drugs in the U.S. is examined in this latest retrospective.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Urban League of Portland; Organizing Coordinator & Field Organizer Positions; http://ulpdx.org/programs/workforceprogram/jobs/

Organizing Coordinator
The Urban League of Portland is seeking an Organizing Coordinator to join a dynamic team of organizers working to increase the power, voice and leadership of Oregon's African American/Black communities. The ideal candidate has a strong background in racial and social justice movement building, is results oriented, enjoys working as a team, and has at least three years of organizing experience. The Organizing Coordinator will supervise issue campaigns, field organizing, project associates/interns and lead volunteers.
The Urban League of Portland empowers African Americans and others to achieve social justice and racial equity in employment, education, health, economic security and quality of life. The Advocacy and Civic Engagement department advances the Urban League of Portland’s mission of economic empowerment and social justice through advocacy, outreach and community organizing, research, policy analysis, issue campaigns and publications.

The Organizing Coordinator will lead the Advocacy and Civic Engagement Department’s Organizing Program; responsible for its grassroots organizing and base-building, leadership development program, civic engagement and campaign management. S/he will work with the Director of Advocacy and Public Policy to align our organizing projects and campaigns with our statewide policy advocacy, informed by the Urban League’s State of Black Oregon.

Full job description: [http://ulpdx.org/?p=4901](http://ulpdx.org/?p=4901)

**Field Organizer**

The Urban League of Portland is looking for a motivated, creative, and organized Field Organizer to develop and meet organizing goals towards building power, voice and leadership within the African American/Black community in Oregon to advance racial and social justice. The ideal candidate will be a results-oriented, self-starter able to work independently and collectively within a team.

The Field Organizer is responsible for organizing efforts around all of the Urban League ACE Department’s priority campaigns in coordination with the Organizing Team, with their focus in 2014-2015 on our Jobs and Economic Justice campaigns and our Basebuilding program. The position may involve travel in the city and throughout the state; and involves regular evening and weekend hours.


**National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA); Community Development Specialist; [www.nicwa.org/careers/](http://www.nicwa.org/careers/)**

NICWA in recruiting interested applicants for a community development specialist for children’s mental health position. The closing date is May 5th.

The National Indian Child Welfare Association in Portland, Oregon, is seeking a community development specialist for children’s mental health, accountable for empowering client communities to improve the lives of their children and families. Requirements: Experience working in American Indian and Alaska Native communities and systems change work; knowledge of Indian Country, tribal children’s mental health services, and tribal government structures; as well as experience with the Indian Child Welfare Act.

Qualifications include a graduate degree in social services, related human services field, public administration, or equivalent specialized experience; ability to communicate in a culturally competent fashion with people at various levels of tribal governments and federal partners; ability to help communities that are changing their children’s mental health systems assess their needs and coordinate the appropriate technical assistance or training activities; knowledge of tribal, state, and federal public social service systems (including funding structures and policy), and expertise in Indian child welfare. National and regional travel 50% of the work year.

Job Description: [www.nicwa.org/careers/](http://www.nicwa.org/careers/)