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- Centers on the Demography and Economics of Aging (P30) [http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=236758]

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See below for more details on each:
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Up to $4 million total over a maximum of three years. Seeks to fund studies that focus on reducing adverse outcomes due to poorly controlled asthma in African-American and Hispanic/Latino individuals, populations, and subgroups. More specifically, seeking comparative effectiveness research that tests interventions to improve clinician and patient adherence to guidelines produced by the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

Disseminating Patient Centered Outcomes Research To Improve Healthcare Delivery (R18) [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HS-14-003.html]
Up to $1 million per year for up to four years. The purpose of this opportunity is to disseminate and implement existing evidence for improving the quality of health care delivery. Applicants are required to demonstrate the ability and commitment to leverage the capacities of existing broad-based networks of providers and other key stakeholders in their dissemination and implementation activities.

Research to Understand and Inform Interventions that Promote the Research Careers of Students in Biomedical and Behavioral Sciences (R01)
Deadline: October 18, 2013 (National Institutes of Health)
http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&opplId=236755
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits applications that propose research designed to test assumptions and hypotheses on the role of social and behavioral factors in interventions intended to increase interest, motivation and preparedness for careers in biomedical and behavioral research. These research findings should guide the design and implementation of potential interventions. Click here for more information.

Centers on the Demography and Economics of Aging (P30)
http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&opplId=236758
Deadline: September 26, 2013 (National Institutes of Health)
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits Research and Development Center (P30) grant applications in the areas of demography and economics of aging, including relevant interdisciplinary areas rooted in population-based social science research. Center grant applications must include two mandatory Cores and may choose among four optional Cores. Click here for more information.
Call for Proposals

Community–Campus Partnerships for Health 13th International Conference
Deadline: September 30, 2013

Community–Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) is convening our 13th International Conference, April 30 – May 3, 2014 in Chicago, Illinois. At a time when community–campus partnerships are increasingly recognized as vital to solving our most pressing health, social, environmental and economic challenges, the CCPH conference promises to be our best yet as hundreds of community members, faculty, staff, students, funders and policy makers from around the world convene for four days of skill–building, networking and agenda–setting! 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. Click here for more information.

Training Opportunities

Advanced Methods Webinars: Contributions to Planning, Executing, Analyzing, and Reporting Research on Delivery System Improvement
Formative Evaluation Webinar
July 15, 2013
An upcoming Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) webinar will focus on formative evaluation, a process that occurs before or during a project’s implementation to improve its design and performance. The webinar, to be held on July 15 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. EDT, will feature Jeffrey Smith, Ph.D., Implementation Research Coordinator of the Virginia Mental Health Quality Enhancement Research Initiative. Dr. Smith's presentation will focus on Formative Evaluation: Fostering Real–Time Adaptions and Refinements to Improve the Effectiveness of Patient–Centered Medical Home
Interventions, an AHRQ Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Research Methods Brief posted on AHRQ’s PCMH Web site. Other webinar participants are Cheryl McDonnell, Ph.D., Director at James Bell Associates and AHRQ’s Michael Harrison, Ph.D., Senior Social Scientist. Click here for more information.

The Campbell Collaboration Methods Trainings
The Campbell Collaboration provides more information for individuals who would like to learn more about the methodological aspects of summarizing research or how to conduct research on effects. We provide advice, slide presentations and more. Topics include The Introductory Methods; The Advanced Methods/Applied Topics; How to conduct meta-analysis; Workshop Agenda, Systematic Reviews and Meta-analysis; Methods Links; and Evaluation of training sessions/workshops. Click here for more information.

The Reach the Decision Makers 2013 Training Program

Are you a scientist, community-based leader, public health or health care professional with experience in environmental or reproductive health? You should consider joining the Reach the Decision Makers training program!

Through Reach the Decision Makers you will:

- Learn to educate the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) on reproductive environmental health issues of importance to you and/or your community.
- Develop the skills and tools necessary to effectively engage US EPA policy makers.
- Begin to establish relationships and partnerships with US EPA staff.
- Become a powerful communicator on environmental and reproductive health science.

We encourage both individuals and pre-formed teams to apply.

Pre-formed team. This could be an existing coalition or any group of individuals who want to form a team of four to six individuals. Reach would prefer teams that include a diverse mix of community-based leaders, researchers, health care professionals, and
public health professionals.

Individuals. Researchers, community-based leaders, public health professionals, and health care professionals with experience in reproductive or environmental health are encouraged to apply.

Reach the Decision Makers is a program of the UCSF Program for Reproductive Health and the Environment (PRHE). PRHE’s mission is to create a healthier environment for human reproduction and child development through advancing scientific inquiry, clinical care and health policies that prevent exposures to harmful chemicals in our environment. PRHE applies respected scientific expertise to answer complex environmental health-related questions and to develop science-based policy strategies.

This one-year training program is made possible through a grant from the Kresge Foundation. Costs associated with the program (travel, housing, food, teleconference costs) will be covered by the program and each fellow will receive a $500 stipend for participating. Out-of-pocket costs to participants are expected to be minimal beyond the time commitment required for participation. Please see the application for exact dates of in-person and webinar trainings.

INFO CALLS

Informational conference calls will be held on the following dates and times. Please join us during that time to learn more about Reach and to have your questions answered:

Monday, July 8, 12:00pm – 1:00pm PST; 3:00 – 4:00pm EST

Wednesday, July 10, 12:00pm – 1:00pm PST; 3:00 – 4:00pm EST

Tuesday, July 26, 12:00pm – 1:00pm PST; 3:00 – 4:00pm EST

Please join us during one of these times to learn more about Reach the Decision Makers and to have your questions answered. Please register for one of these calls by sending an email to: reach@obgyn.ucsf.edu. Call-in information will be provided at the time of registration.
APPLY NOW!

If you are interested in applying for the 2013 Reach the Decision Makers fellowship, please complete the application available at http://prhe.ucsf.edu/prhe/REACH.html and submit it to reach@obgyn.ucsf.edu. If you have any questions about the program or eligibility requirements, please email the program at reach@obgyn.ucsf.edu. Applications are due August 9, 2013 at 5:00pm PST. Selection notices will be sent to applicants on August 22, 2013.

Join the Oregon Health Equity Alliance to celebrate our 2013 victories!

Oregon’s leading people of color organizations came together in 2013 based on common values. Each fights to ensure health equity for all Oregonians and improve the health outcomes for underserved communities, particularly communities of color, immigrants and refugees. We have cultivated an alliance that is powered by real stories, real people and a grassroots movement.

2013 has seen some incredible wins in the Oregon Legislature. Join us for an update on our work in 2013 on:

Tuition equity for immigrant students
Oregon’s Safe Roads Act, with all drivers licensed and insured
Improved data collection and analysis in health & human services
Cultural competency training for health professionals
Prenatal care for all women
Please join community members, leaders, and elected officials for our end of session celebration!

WHEN: Wednesday, July 10th, 2013

TIME: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

WHERE: Old Town Pizza. 5201 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd

WHAT: A celebration of the incredible victories of the Oregon Health Equity Alliance and our partners! Light refreshments provided, cash bar.
Please RSVP here by July 5th to confirm your attendance.

OHEA Steering Committee: APANO, Causa Oregon, Center for Intercultural Organizing, Oregon Action, Oregon Latino Health Coalition, the Urban League of Portland.

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Message from CCPH re Institute of Medicine Report

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From: Sarena Seifer <sarena.seifer@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jun 25, 2013 at 7:59 AM
Subject: [CBPR] Institute of Medicine report on NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) Program strongly supports community engagement
To: cbpr@u.washington.edu

Dear CBPR colleagues,

The Institute of Medicine has released its report on the CTSA program at http://iom.edu/Reports/2013/The-CTSA-Program-at-NIH-Opportunities-for-Advancing-Clinical-and-Translational-Research.aspx

Our message has been heard! The IOM committee:

*Identifies community engagement as one of "three crosscutting domains that...are integral to effectively advancing clinical and translational science."
*Recommends that "Community engagement should not be a stand-alone program requirement; it must be crosscutting and embedded in leadership, implementation, research, and communication strategies across all levels of the CTSA Program."
*Observes that "The initial commitment to community engagement within the CTSA Program should be commended. However, NCATS’s vision for how community engagement will be a part of the CTSA Program moving forward remains unclear. Although indications point to community engagement remaining an important feature of the program, there are serious concerns that if it is not an explicit requirement for all CTSAs, it may fade in importance. The IOM committee fully supports community
engagement and involvement throughout the entire research process and believes that this program component is essential and needs to be preserved, nurtured, and expanded. Because involving the community in the continuum of research is a new experience for many researchers, the CTSA Program and NCATS must provide clear guidance and leadership that effectively define and communicate goals and expectations."

Below is the report recommendation that specifically pertains to community engagement.

Recommendation 6: Ensure Community Engagement in All Phases of Research

NCATS and the CTSA Program should ensure that patients, family members, health care providers, clinical researchers, and other community stakeholders are involved across the continuum of clinical and translational research. NCATS and the CTSA Program should
* define community engagement broadly and use this definition consistently in requests for applications and communications about the CTSA Program;
* ensure active and substantive community stakeholder participation in priority setting and decision making across all phases of clinical and translational research and in the leadership and governance of the CTSA Program;
* define and clearly communicate goals and expectations for community engagement at the individual CTSA level and across the program and ensure the broad dissemination of best practices in community engagement; and
* explore opportunities and incentives to engage a more diverse community.

It is also gratifying to see that the report extensively cites the comments we submitted in response to the NCATS request for information on enhancing community-engaged research through the CTSA program, our letter to NCATS Director Dr. Austin, and the Delphi study conducted by CCPH and the Center for Community Health Education Research and Service.

If you're involved in the CTSA program and haven't yet joined the CCPH-CTSA member interest group, please let me know and we'll get you signed up. The group, chaired by Gail Newton, Director, Community Health Partnerships, Center for Community Health, University of Rochester Medical Center, meets monthly by conference call to share best practices, address common challenges and concerns, and advance community engagement in the CTSA program.
Thanks!

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