

Subject: The Partnership Center Newsletter: Back To School!

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The Partnership Center Newsletter

September 8, 2010

Dear Partners,

Over the past few weeks, many parents have been buying school supplies and picking out their kids' favorite (healthy!) lunches, which means one thing: back-to-school season is officially here! This week, we wanted to share some resources with you to help keep kids healthy as they begin the school year. We include a number of resources that can help ensure that all children in your community receive their vaccinations.

Making sure that children of all ages receive all their vaccinations on time is one of the most important things parents can do to keep their kids and communities healthy. [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) [offers tips](#) on keeping children up-to-date on their vaccinations so they're protected from serious diseases. Parents seeking information about who should receive vaccinations can also visit the CDC's "[FAQs about Vaccines & Diseases They Prevent](#)." The CDC also provides information in [Spanish](#).

Please also see our Featured Updates below on the [Vaccines for Children](#) (VFC) program, which provides vaccines at no cost to certain eligible children. We also feature the [Let's Move! Action Plan for Parents](#), which promotes healthier habits for individuals, families and communities.

As always, the latter section of our newsletter includes updated grants that faith-based and community non-profits can pursue. Remember that it's always important to review the funding announcement thoroughly to ensure that the grant is one that is appropriate to your organization's mission, size and scope.

Sincerely,

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Featured Update – The Vaccines for Children Program

The [Vaccines for Children](#) (VFC) program is a federally funded program that makes vaccines available at no cost to children who might not otherwise receive their vaccinations because of inability to pay.

The program was implemented in 1994 and is administered by the CDC, which purchases the vaccines at a discounted rate and distributes them to grantees, such as state health departments and certain local public health

agencies, who then distribute them at no cost to private physicians' offices and public health clinics that are registered as VFC providers.

Children age 18 and under are [eligible](#) to receive vaccinations through VFC if they are eligible for [Medicaid](#), uninsured, American Indian or Alaska Native, or underinsured. VFC vaccines can be offered by any enrolled VFC program provider. **For help locating a VFC enrolled provider near your home**, please see the complete list of [State/Territory VFC Coordinators](#) and contact the coordinator for where you live.

Featured Update – Let's Move! Action Plan for Parents

The [Let's Move!](#) campaign, started by First Lady Michelle Obama, has an ambitious national goal of solving the challenge of childhood obesity within a generation.

Let's Move! [encourages parents](#) and caregivers to work together and help develop healthier habits for the entire family. The [Let's Move! Action Plan for Parents](#) offers simple steps – from planning a healthy menu to organizing a school health team – for parents to help their kids be more active, eat better and get healthy.

To learn more, check out the *Let's Move!* [blog](#) and [sign up](#) for email updates.

Grant Opportunities

[Health Resources and Services Administration](#)

Title: Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program

Description: The purpose of the Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program (Network Planning) program is to expand access to, coordinate and improve the quality of essential health care services and enhance the delivery of health care, in rural areas. The program provides 1 year grants to rural entities to plan and develop a formal health care network.

Link to Full Announcement: [LINK TO FULL ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

Last Day to Apply: October 8, 2010

Number of Grants Available: 30

Grant is administered by the: [Health Resources and Services Administration](#)

Title: Health Center New Access Points Funded Under the Affordable Care Act of 2010

Description: The purpose of the New Access Points opportunity is to establish health service delivery sites to improve the health of the Nation's underserved communities and vulnerable populations by assuring access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services.

Link to Full Announcement: [LINK TO FULL ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

Last Day to Apply: November 17, 2010

Number of Grants Available: 350

Grant is administered by the: [Health Resources and Services Administration](#)

Title: Public Education Efforts to Increase Solid Organ Donation

Description: The purpose of this program is to support the implementation of public education and outreach programs that show promise of increasing organ donation. Specifically, this program supports the replication of strategies that have been identified through the research grant program of the Division of Transplantation as effective in increasing donation or strategies identified in the public health literature as being effective in modifying health behavior.

Link to Full Announcement: [LINK TO FULL ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

Last Day to Apply: December 1, 2010

Number of Grants Available: 5

Grant is administered by the: [Health Resources and Services Administration](#)

Title: Social and Behavioral Interventions to Increase Organ and Tissue Donation

Description: The goal of the grant program is to assist eligible entities in the evaluation of, or the implementation and

evaluation of, highly promising strategies and approaches that can serve as model interventions for increasing solid organ donation. Projects may focus on community education and outreach initiatives or hospital based efforts focused on family consent for donation when a death has occurred.

Link to Full Announcement: [LINK TO FULL ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

Last Day to Apply: December 14, 2010

Number of Grants Available: 4

Grant is administered by the: [Health Resources and Services Administration](#)

[National Institutes of Health](#)

Title: Reinvigorating HIV Prevention for Men who have Sex with Men

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), encourages research applications to develop and test new HIV prevention interventions, which, if implemented to scale, would help to curb the spread of HIV infection, reduce HIV-associated morbidity and mortality, and reduce health disparities in HIV rates among the most at-risk men who have sex with men (MSM).

Link to Full Announcement: [R21, R01](#)

Last Day to Apply: January 04, 2011

Number of Grants Available: See Full Announcement

Grant is administered by the: [National Institutes of Health](#)

Title: Reducing Risk Behaviors by Promoting Positive Youth Development

Description: This purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement is to encourage Research Project Grant applications from institutions/ organizations that propose to enhance our understanding of effective positive youth development programs and the mechanisms responsible for positive health and developmental outcomes.

Link to Full Announcement: [LINK TO FULL ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

Last Day to Apply: September 7, 2011

Number of Grants Available: See Full Announcement

Grant is administered by the: [National Institutes of Health](#)

Title: Rapid Assessment Post-Impact of Disaster

Description: The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to provide a rapid funding mechanism for research on the post-impact of disasters, in order to permit access to a disaster area in the immediate aftermath of the event.

Link to Full Announcement: [LINK TO FULL ANNOUNCEMENT, 2](#)

Last Day to Apply: April 22, 2012

Number of Grants Available: See Full Announcement

Grant is administered by the: [National Institutes of Health](#)

Title: Community-Based Partnerships for Childhood Obesity Prevention and Control

Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity is to enhance childhood obesity research by fostering the formation of local, state, or regional teams consisting of researchers, policymakers, and other relevant stakeholders (e.g., community representatives, public health practitioners or officials, educators) in order to identify research questions and hypotheses, design and implement the relevant research, and translate the research into evidence relevant to potential policy efforts in this area.

Link to Full Announcement: [LINK TO FULL ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

Last Day to Apply: May 7, 2012

Number of Grants Available: See Full Announcement

Grant is administered by the: [National Institutes of Health](#)

Title: Research on Teen Dating Violence

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages investigator-initiated research grant applications from institutions/ organizations that propose to conduct behavioral and/or biomedical research aimed at better understanding the etiologies and precursors for, reducing risk for, and incidence of, teen dating violence (TDV). Research is also sought that examines the linkages and gaps among perceptions of appropriate responses to teen dating violence from service providers, the criminal justice system, teens themselves, victims, perpetrators and bystanders.

Link to Full Announcement: [LINK TO FULL ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

Last Day to Apply: September 7, 2012

Number of Grants Available: See Full Announcement

Grant is administered by the: [National Institutes of Health](#)

Title: HIV/AIDS, Drug Use, and Vulnerable Populations in the US

Description: Identify the role(s) that drug abuse plays in fueling the HIV/AIDS epidemic in vulnerable groups (racial/ethnic minorities, men who have sex with men, youth) in the United States and to develop effective interventions to prevent new infections and to improve the health and well-being of those living with HIV/AIDS.

Link to Full Announcement: [LINK TO FULL ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

Last Day to Apply: September 7, 2012

Number of Grants Available: See Full Announcement

Grant is administered by the: [National Institutes of Health](#)

Title: Obesity Policy Research: Evaluation and Measures

Description: This grant will be awarded to applicants who plan to: (1) conduct evaluation research on obesity-related natural experiments (defined here as community and other population-level public policy interventions that may affect diet and physical activity behavior), and/or (2) develop and/or validate relevant community-level measures (instruments and methodologies to assess the food and physical activity environments at the community level). The overarching goal of this FOA is to inform public policy and research relevant to (1) diet and physical activity behavior, and (2) weight and health outcomes of Americans.

Link to Full Announcement: [LINK TO FULL ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

Last Day to Apply: January 7, 2013

Number of Grants Available: See Full Announcement

Grant is administered by the: [National Institutes of Health](#)

Title: Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy

Description: The ultimate goal of this program announcement is to encourage empirical research on health literacy concepts, theory, and interventions as these relate to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services public health priorities that are outlined in its Healthy People initiative. Health literacy is defined as the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions.

Link to Full Announcement: [LINK TO FULL ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

Last Day to Apply: May 7, 2013

Number of Grants Available: See Full Announcement

Grant is administered by the: [National Institutes of Health](#)

Title: Behavioral and Social Science Research on Understanding and Reducing Health Disparities

Description: The purpose of this grant is to encourage behavioral and social science research on the causes and solutions to health and disabilities disparities in the U.S. population. Health disparities between, on the one hand, racial/ethnic populations, lower socioeconomic classes, and rural residents and, on the other hand, the overall U.S. population are major public health concerns. Emphasis is placed on research in and among three broad areas of action: 1) public policy, 2) health care, and 3) disease/disability prevention.

Link to Full Announcement: [LINK TO FULL ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

Last Day to Apply: May 11, 2013

Number of Grants Available: See Full Announcement

Grant is administered by the: [National Institutes of Health](#)

Title: Health Promotion Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Males

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages Research Project (R01) grant applications from applicants that propose to stimulate and expand research in the health of minority men. Specifically, this initiative is intended to: 1) enhance our understanding of the numerous factors (e.g., sociodemographic, community, societal, personal) influencing the health promoting behaviors of racial and ethnic minority males and their subpopulations across the life cycle, and 2) encourage applications focusing on the development and testing of culturally and linguistically appropriate health-promoting interventions designed to reduce health disparities among racially and ethnically diverse males and their subpopulations age 21 and older.

Link to Full Announcement: [LINK TO FULL ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

Last Day to Apply: September 7, 2013

Number of Grants Available: See Full Announcement

Grant is administered by the: [National Institutes of Health](#)