

## June 2009, HP/DP Updates and Funding Opportunities

### Updates

1. The IHS Head Start Program, in partnership with the IHS lead dental consultant has developed the new **American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Head Start Oral Health Tool Kit**. The kits were mailed to all AI/AN Head Start grantees and the grantees can order additional sets for their respective classrooms. The IHS Head Start Program requested assistance in disseminating the kit to all IHS/Tribal dental providers. If interested in obtaining additional kits for your local dental programs, please contact the IHS Head Start Program at 505-248-7694 or email the program at [IHSHeadstart@ihs.gov](mailto:IHSHeadstart@ihs.gov).

### **2. THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION HANDBOOK: ACTION GUIDES TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY HEALTH**, from CDC.

This is a comprehensive evidence-based tool guides public health practitioners and others interested in promoting health through implementation of effective community-level health promotion practices. For more information visit:

<http://www.cdc.gov/healthycommunitiesprogram/tools/communityhealthpromotionhandbook.htm> or for the action guides on diabetes, physical activity, and tobacco-use visit: <http://www.prevent.org/actionguides/Handbook>.

**3. Establishing a Community-Based Walking Group Program to Increase Physical Activity Among Youth and Adults**, this guide is a social support for physical activity and available at: <http://www.prevent.org/content/view/158/177/>

**4. Just Move It California 2009 Challenge** continues with many T/U programs promoting physical activity at the local level. The CAO HP/DP web section has several documents to help you promote your Just Move It activities, including a PDF illustrating how to post stories on the Just Move It website, visit: <http://www.ihs.gov/FacilitiesServices/AreaOffices/California/Universal/PageMain.cfm?p=68> . All JMI partners are encouraged to share their stories at: [www.justmoveit.org](http://www.justmoveit.org).

**5. 2008 Physical Activity Guide**, the first-ever Federal Government physical activity guidelines for Americans. The guidelines describe the types and amounts of physical activity that offer substantial health benefits to Americans and are good reference for program development or grant proposals. visit: <http://www.health.gov/paguidelines/>

**6. The Dietary Guidelines for Americans** has been published jointly every 5 years since 1980 by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of Agriculture (USDA). These guidelines provide authoritative advice for people two years and older about how good dietary habits can promote health and reduce risk for major chronic diseases. They serve as the basis for Federal food and nutrition education programs, should be used in development of nutrition programs and reference in grant proposals. visit: <http://www.health.gov/DietaryGuidelines/> and for information on the development of the 2010 Dietary Guidelines visit: [www.dietaryguidelines.gov](http://www.dietaryguidelines.gov)

**7. Breastfeeding Success** is shown to increase when physicians recommend breastfeeding to their patients. Research also shows physicians do not receive adequate training about how to best support breastfeeding. **Increasing Breastfeeding Success: Why it Matters and What the Research Shows** is a set of ten lactation presentations designed to educate physicians and their staff in the in-patient or out-patient setting. Each presentation utilizes evidence-based research and is designed to be an hour long including time for discussion. The education materials cost \$23, this includes shipping and handling. For more information visit:  
[http://www.breastfeedingwa.org/lac\\_order#form](http://www.breastfeedingwa.org/lac_order#form)

**8. Take Charge of Your Health**, a guide for teenagers from CDC is available at:  
[http://win.niddk.nih.gov/publications/take\\_charge.htm](http://win.niddk.nih.gov/publications/take_charge.htm)

**9. Food and Justice**, initiatives on community food security in CA visit:  
[http://www.foodsecurity.org/california/CA\\_Policy\\_Platform.pdf](http://www.foodsecurity.org/california/CA_Policy_Platform.pdf)

**10. Web-based Communication Skills Trainings**, some award winning trainings to help you improve your communication skills and earn CE credit at your. Topics include, **Building Relationships with Clients Handling, Workplace Conflicts, Problem Solving Among Co-Workers, and Make Your Meeting Work** visit:  
<http://www.diabetes.ihs.gov/index.cfm?module=trainingWebCommSkills>

## **Funding Opportunities:**

1. National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) funding to **encourage and test innovative interventions that would improve children's health by preventing overweight and obesity-related morbidity and mortality**, and coordinate with the research coordinating unit. Solicitations for cooperative agreement applications from institutions to conduct randomized controlled trials to test innovative interventions that address issues immediately germane to the childhood obesity epidemic and runs parallel with a separate Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) that solicits applications a Research Coordinating Unit. **Application due date: Oct. 6, 2009** for more information visit: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HL-10-004.html>

## **2. Strengthening Communities Fund (SCF) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

The **objective** of the Strengthening Communities Fund (SCF) is to **enable nonprofit organizations to contribute to the economic recovery and help Federal, State, local, and Indian/Native American Tribal governments** ensure that the information and services described in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) reach disadvantaged and hard-to-serve populations. The **focus** of this program is to **build the capacity of nonprofit organizations**, whether secular or faith based, to address the broad economic recovery issues present in their communities, including helping low-income individuals secure and retain employment, earn higher wages, obtain better-quality jobs, and gain greater access to state and Federal benefits and tax credits, including ARRA benefits. The SCF is made up of two separate grant programs.  
**Application due : July 7, 2009**

- I. **Nonprofit Capacity Building Program:** The SCF Nonprofit Capacity Building program will make one-time awards up to \$1 million to experienced lead organizations to provide nonprofit organizations -- or project partners -- with capacity building training, technical assistance, and competitive financial assistance. A minimum of 55% of the Federal funds awarded must be provided to project partners through a competitive process. The grant period for this award is 24 months. Visit: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2009-ACF-OCS-SI-0091.html>
- II. **State, Local, and Tribal Government Capacity Building Program:** The SCF State, Local, and Tribal Government Capacity Building program will make one-time awards up to \$250,000 to State, city, county, and Indian/Native American Tribal government offices (e.g., offices responsible for outreach to faith-based and community organizations or those interested in initiating such an effort), or their designees, to build the capacity of nonprofit faith-based and community organizations to better serve those in need and to increase nonprofit organizations' involvement in the economic recovery. Grantees will use program funds to provide free capacity building services to nonprofit organizations and to build their own capacity to provide such services to nonprofits. The grant period for this award is 24 months. Visit: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2009-ACF-OCS-SN-0092.html>

Information calls were held June 4 and 5, with recorded information and presentations **available on the SCF website** by the end of the day on Friday, June 5. For questions please contact Thom Campbell, Program Manager Telephone: 1-800-281-9519 Fax: (202) 401-4719 or e-mail: [SCF@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:SCF@acf.hhs.gov)

**3. Active Living Research (ALR) Rapid-Response Round 2:** *Letters of intent are being accepted through 2:00 pm PT on July 17, 2009.* The Rapid-Response grants support time-sensitive, **opportunistic studies to evaluate changes in policies or environments with the potential to reach children who are at highest risk for obesity.** Also, the **ALR 2009—RWJF New Connections**, this call for proposals supports studies of policy and environmental **strategies for increasing physical activity, decreasing sedentary behaviors and preventing obesity among children and adolescents.** **Application due date: July 29, 2009** Visit: <http://www.activelivingresearch.org/grantsearch/grantopportunities/current>.

**4. Bikes Belong Offers funding for Bicycle Advocacy and Facilities**, from a national coalition of bicycle suppliers and retailers working together to put more people on bicycles more often. They welcome grant applications from organizations and agencies within the United States that are committed to "putting more people on bicycles more often." The Bikes Belong Grants Program funds projects in two categories: 1) facilities; and 2) advocacy. Request up to \$10,000 and in very limited cases amounts over \$10,000. An average of fifteen grants per year. **Application due date: Quarterly** Visit: <http://bikesbelong.org/>

**5. A special solicitation from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships**, partners with diversity focused funders and other local grantmakers to fund **projects to reduce violence** in specific communities such as those defined by race, ethnicity, tribe, gender, sexual identity or rural/frontier location. Projects must be new, community-based and culturally appropriate, reflecting how language skills, significant cultural differences,

education, income and discrimination affect health outcomes. Matching funds are required, with up to 25 percent of the match allowed to be in-kind services. **2009 proposals process dates are: May 1, 2009; September 1, 2009; January 5, 2010.**

<http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20781&c=OTC-RSS&attr=CP>

**6. Jenny's Heroes is awarding \$25,000** to individuals who submit the best community development project ideas. Projects must have long-lasting impact and be specific in need (e.g. repairs, upgrades, equipment, community improvements). **Application due date: Rolling visit:** [http://www.jennysheroes.com/application\\_form.shtml](http://www.jennysheroes.com/application_form.shtml)

**7. RGK Foundation**, an independent foundation awards **grants in broad areas of education, community, and medicine/health**. Nonprofit organizations may submit one letter of intent per year and the RGK Foundation primarily funds one year, \$25,000 programmatic grants. **Application due date: Rolling visit:** <http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines>

**8. Regional Community Health Grants Program, Aetna Foundation**, the program provides **funding focused on reducing disparities in health care among racial and ethnic populations** in eligible geographic areas Nationwide. **Application due date: Ongoing. visit:** [http://www.aetna.com/foundation/grants\\_req/](http://www.aetna.com/foundation/grants_req/)