Resources & Opportunities for Community & Academic Partners

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Events

- **Webinar: Policy News from Springfield: EverThrive IL Legislative Priorities, June 2.** EverThrive IL Health Reform Director Kathy Waligora will present maternal and child health updates, including the progress of three legislative initiatives making their way through Springfield this session. Details: [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2092824000843849731](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2092824000843849731).

- **Power of Fathers Symposium, June 7.** Hosted by Fathers for New Futures, a collaborative to strengthen and support low-income minority fathers’ relationships with their children, family and community. Fathers for New Futures is a collaboration between: Children’s Home + Aid, Family Focus, Metropolitan Family Services and Fathers, Families & Healthy Communities. Details: [http://childrenshomeandaid.org/fathers](http://childrenshomeandaid.org/fathers).

- **22nd National Health Equity Research Webcast: Political Power, Policy, and Health Equity, June 7.** Hosted by the University of North Carolina. Speakers will discuss importance of policy for advancing health equity, importance of political power for policy development & implementation, and factors that influence distribution of political power such as: public relations, media and lobbying, partisan voter redistricting, voter disqualification, accessibility of polling times & places, handling of absentee and provisional ballots; and vote counting irregularities. Details: [http://sph.unc.edu/mhp/nat-health-equity-research-webcast/](http://sph.unc.edu/mhp/nat-health-equity-research-webcast/).


- **Stakeholder Health: Insights from New Systems of Health, June 9.** This meeting is an opportunity for health systems in the Midwest to learn about and join the Stakeholder Health movement and to begin to identify opportunities for forward-leaning partnerships that fundamentally improve the health and quality of life in the communities we serve. Details: [http://files.ctctcdn.com/138b72bf301/b9a832c9-dddc-4b3a-b746-837d70cc70cd.pdf?ver=1463695619000](http://files.ctctcdn.com/138b72bf301/b9a832c9-dddc-4b3a-b746-837d70cc70cd.pdf?ver=1463695619000).

- **Inequality of Life Expectancy in Chicago, June 10,** 10:30 am - 12 pm. Chicago Dept of Public Health offices at Jackson & State, 2nd Floor Board Room. The presentation from Judith Singleton, DePaul University, focuses on the inequality of life expectancy in the city of Chicago. We use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) as a method and tool to assess public health data and examine correlations among various factors that contribute to disparities in life expectancy across Chicago neighborhoods. Visualizations and maps are powerful tools that can inform us about the relationship between inequality and health disparities in a readily communicated manner. Contact: [dblock@csu.edu](mailto:dblock@csu.edu)


- **14th Annual Disparities in Health Summer Workshop: Disparities in Health in America: Working Toward Social Justice, June 20-25, Houston.** The goal of the Workshop is to provide a comprehensive understanding of health disparities to investigate approaches to enhancing health equity, and to provide participants with a broad base of knowledge related to a biopsychosocial approach in addressing health disparities in a minority and the medically underserved populations. Details: [http://tinyurl.com/gwzhzz6](http://tinyurl.com/gwzhzz6).

- **7th Living Knowledge Conference, June 22-24, Dublin, Ireland.** Are you interested in exchanging and developing knowledge and practices on how best to bring local communities, civil society organizations, students, researchers and educators together to collaboratively undertake responsible research and innovations? Focus on science shops, community-based research, and other knowledge exchange and
creation collaborations between local communities, civil society organizations, researchers, and educators. Details: http://www.livingknowledge.org/lk7/

- **Webinar: Incorporating Health Literacy Strategies in Your Practice, June 23.** Starting Strong Illinois latest webinar series on the Affordable Care Act. This webinar, presented by Stephanie Altman (Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law) and Kristen Hartsaw (DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform), will review practical, low-cost strategies front line health and social service providers may incorporate to improve client and patient understanding of health care services and opportunities. Details: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5503769654919616772.

- **Webinar: Community-Based Participatory Research: How to Identify Social Determinants of Health and Engage Hard-to-Reach Populations in Your Community, June 28.** Many organizations, including health care and community-based organizations, are working hard to address the impact of social, economic, and environmental factors that negatively affect the overall health of a community. These social determinants of health can be difficult to identify, disproportionately strike hard-to-reach populations, and require targeted responses that engage members and help them stay connected to appropriate services, treatments, and interventions. During this webinar, experts from HMA Community Strategies and the San Francisco Jewish Women’s Fund will outline one such initiative to explore qualitatively what the most important needs of a specific population are, and the solutions that they suggest would be helpful. Details: http://bit.ly/1Tzafqq.

- **DePaul University’s 9th Annual 2016 Health Disparities & Social Justice Conference, August 12.** Attendees will learn about identifying and addressing a wide variety of health disparities in diverse communities. The conference offers a valuable opportunity for dialogue among a range of community health experts who share DePaul’s mission of addressing social injustices. Details: http://www.healththequitychicago.org/.

- **Advancing the Science of Community Engaged Research (CEnR), August 25-26, Washington, DC.** Theme: “Innovative and Effective Methods of Engagement”. During the past two decades, community and stakeholder engagement have emerged as essential approaches to accelerate the translation of research into practice and translational research programs are expected to ensure community engagement in all phases of research. Details: http://advancingCEnRconference.com.

- **The Scholarship of Engagement Conference, Dublin, September 9.** This conference will bring together higher education practitioners with academic, administrative and leadership roles related to engagement between Higher Education and the full range of societal partners, along with representatives of societal partners, to exchange practice and to imagine the future. Details: http://www.scholarshipengage.com/.

- **2016 NIH Regional Seminar, Chicago, October 26-28,** Palmer House, Chicago. This two-day event offers first-hand information from the NIH about policy review and program and grants management for investigators and administrators. Sessions and workshops will cover topics such as: • Grant writing for success • Career development • Peer review and compliance • Electronic tools and resources • Intellectual property and data sharing • Research integrity • Animals and humans in research • Federal regulations and policies. Details: http://regionalseminars.od.nih.gov/chicago2016/.

**Grant Opportunities**

- **State Health Access Reform Evaluation (SHARE) 2016 Call for Proposals.** Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is launching a call for proposals to support research studying how states are implementing the Affordable Care Act’s health reforms to inform current implementation efforts and future policy. RWJF is looking to fund research that could tell us how the different ways states are implementing the law could affect the way people get health insurance and access care. Up to $1.3 million in funding will be awarded, with individual grants ranging from $50K-$150K. Deadline: June 1. Details: http://rwjf.ws/1YSppIA.

- **Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) Healthy Chicago Community Seed Grants.** As part of the City’s ongoing work to engage and invest in neighborhoods, CDPH is providing up to six seed grants ranging from $10,000-$20,000 to launch and or expand community capacity to implement one or more Healthy Chicago 2.0 strategies. Deadline: June 10. Details: http://bit.ly/1QSgaSN.

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Engaging Businesses for Health.** Seeking to build the evidence base for how private-sector investment can help build a Culture of Health. Funded studies are expected to include...
rigorous empirical research that will inform the business case for promoting greater well-being and health equity for all. **Deadline:** June 14. **Details:** [http://rwjf.ws/24bxREh](http://rwjf.ws/24bxREh).

- **Russell Sage Foundation Seeks Letters of Inquiry for Social Inequality Research.** Funding is available for secondary analysis of data or for original data collection. They are especially interested in novel uses of existing data, as well as analyses of new or under-utilized data. Proposals to conduct laboratory or field experiments, in-depth qualitative interviews, and ethnographies are also encouraged. Smaller projects might consist of exploratory fieldwork, a pilot study, or the analysis of existing data. **Deadline:** June 15. **Details:** [http://www.russellsage.org/research/funding/social-inequality](http://www.russellsage.org/research/funding/social-inequality).

- **Grants to Support the Hispanic Health Services Research Grant Program.** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announces funds to assist researchers in conducting health services research for 2016. The purpose is to implement Hispanic health services research activities to meet the needs of diverse CMS beneficiary populations. **Deadline:** June 29. **Details:** [http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=283148](http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=283148).

- **Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Pipeline to Proposal Awards Independent Tier III – Proposal Development Projects.** Awards are for capacity building, community engagement, formation of partnerships, and other preparations to lay the groundwork for a later research proposal. Awards are not for research. Emphasis on actively integrating patients, caregivers, clinicians, and other healthcare stakeholders as members of the patient-centered outcomes research/comparative effectiveness research (PCOR/CER) process. In Independent Tier III, applicants must be research partnership teams who have identified a comparative effectiveness research question and would benefit from increasing their partnership to craft a CER proposal. Up to $50K for 9-month project. **LOI Deadline:** June 30. **Details:** [http://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/announcement/pipeline-proposal-awards-independent-tier-iii-%E2%80%93-proposal](http://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/announcement/pipeline-proposal-awards-independent-tier-iii-%E2%80%93-proposal).

- **Institute of Medicine Chicago & Portes Foundation.** Seeking research projects in health promotion and education, and disease prevention and screening. In 2016, up to 3 grants will be awarded, max of $35K each for 1 yr. Inviting proposals in health promotion and education (including patient and family as well as health professional), screening and detection, and disease prevention education. Projects in patient education or health professions education will also be considered as long as they relate to health promotion or disease prevention and have a thorough evaluation component. **LOI Deadline:** July 1. **Details:** [http://www.portesfoundation.org/index.php/apply-for-awards](http://www.portesfoundation.org/index.php/apply-for-awards).

- **NIHCM Foundation Healthcare Management Research Projects.** Seeking innovative research projects with the potential to advance the existing knowledge base in the areas of healthcare financing, delivery, management, and/or policy. In 2016-17 funding cycle, will award 4-5 grants totaling $250K for studies that have strong potential to yield insights that can be used to have a positive impact on the US healthcare system by reducing spending, improving quality of care, and/or expanding access to insurance coverage and health care services. **LOI Deadline:** July 22. **Details:** [http://www.nihcm.org/grants/research-grants](http://www.nihcm.org/grants/research-grants).

- **CATCH Planning, Implementation, and Resident Grants.** Community Access to Child Health, a program of the American Academy of Pediatrics, provides support to pediatricians interested in collaborating within their communities to ensure that all children have access to needed health services. Accepting applications for 3 community health grant opportunities, including CATCH Planning and Implementation Grants program and CATCH Resident Grants program. **Deadline:** July 29. **Details:** [http://www2.aap.org/catch/funding.htm](http://www2.aap.org/catch/funding.htm).

- **Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI): Strategies to Prevent Unsafe Opioid Prescribing in Primary Care among Patients with Acute or Chronic Non-cancer Pain.** Seeks to fund up to 8 pragmatic randomized controlled trials or well-designed, prospective observational studies that will compare two or more alternatives to prevent unsafe opioid prescribing in primary care among patients with acute and chronic non-cancer pain, while ensuring adequate or improved pain management. **LOI Deadline:** Sept 14. **Details:** [http://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/announcement/strategies-prevent-unsafe-opioid-prescribing-primary-care-among](http://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/announcement/strategies-prevent-unsafe-opioid-prescribing-primary-care-among).

- **Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI): Community-based Palliative Care Delivery for Adult Patients with Advanced Illnesses & their Caregivers.** Overarching goal is to generate needed evidence to: a) support care planning over time that is consistent with the goals and preferences of adult patients with advanced illnesses & their caregivers, & b) support the delivery of coordinated, community-based palliative care that effectively implements those care plans. Seeks to fund multiple, large, multi-site, community-based studies to generate evidence in support of this goal. **LOI Deadline:** Sept 14. **Details:**

NUCATS Vouchers. The Northwestern University Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute has a funding mechanism (Tier 1) designed to accelerate research by providing rapid, targeted funding to address small, but critical gaps in clinical and translational research work that is otherwise at present not funded by other sources. Up to $2500. 500 word application. **Accepted on ongoing basis.** Review within 2 weeks. **Details:** http://www.nucats.northwestern.edu/funding/pilot-funding/voucher-pilot-programs

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health. Aims to provide individuals, organizations, communities, policymakers, and researchers with the empirical evidence needed to address the key determinants of health encompassed in the Culture of Health Action Framework. Will also support efforts to assess outcomes and set priorities for action by encouraging and supporting creative, rigorous research on the impact of innovative programs, policies and partnerships on health and well-being, and on novel approaches to measuring health determinants and outcomes. Approx. $2.2 million awarded annually. Expect 5-12 grants/year for periods of up to 30 months. **Deadline:** Rolling. **Details:** http://bit.ly/1KQES8c

Northwestern Interdisciplinary Program 1-2-3 Seed Funding Program. The Office for Research and Deans seed-funding platform to cultivate investigator-initiated visionary "Big Ideas." Designed to enable faculty to "jump start" bold, innovative science. 3-tiers of non-sequential, funds that address different needs: Ideas (I1), Innovative Initiatives (I2) and Innovative Initiatives Incubators (I3). Funding and guidance to bring together new teams and shepherd "Big Science" from idea inception to securing external funding and possible maturation into University Research Center, focusing on interdisciplinary, innovation, and societal impact. In addition, program will provide project management, assistance in identifying funding opps, proposal development and Team-Science guidance. **Ideas (I1):** up to $1K for 1-day workshop to brainstorm new, interdisciplinary **Ideas**, by bringing together key faculty including external collaborators, staff and students. **Innovative Initiatives (I2):** Up to $15K to cover expenses that are pertinent to the preparation of a large proposal for external funding. Incubators (I3): Up to $60K for up to 2 years to assemble team, develop collaboration track record, generate pilot data, submit large/center grant. **Deadlines:** I1 & I2 accepted on rolling basis. I3 has annual call. **Details:** http://www.research.northwestern.edu/interdisciplinary123/

Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Awards - These awards encourage the more active integration of patients, caregivers, clinicians/providers, industry, payers/purchasers, researchers, and other stakeholders, as integral members of the research enterprise. The awards program provides a platform to expand the role of all stakeholders in the research continuum and support the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute's (PCORI's) engagement goals. Three categories: Knowledge Awards, Training and Development Awards, and Dissemination Awards. PCORI will award up to $15.5 million in this program. **Deadline:** Rolling. **Details:** http://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/eugene-washington-pcori-engagement-awards/

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Funding

- **Health Services Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01):** Encouraging innovative health services research that can directly and demonstrably contribute to the improvement of minority health and/or the reduction of health disparities at the health care system-level as well as within clinical settings. **Details:** http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-221.html.

- **Developing New Clinical Decision Support to Disseminate and Implement Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Findings (R18):** Inviting applications for developing new clinical decision support (CDS) to facilitate the dissemination and implementation of patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) findings. The purposes are to develop new, reliable, valid, & usable CDS from PCOR findings and then demonstrate its effectiveness to improve care in clinical practice. **Details:** http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-282.html.
- **Stimulating Innovations in Behavioral Intervention Research for Cancer Prevention and Control (R21):** To provide support for development of innovative interventions that improve cancer-related health behaviors across diverse racial/ethnic populations. Specifically, intended to stimulate research aimed at 1) testing new theories and conceptual frameworks; 2) developing and evaluating novel strategies to improve cancer-related health behaviors; 3) investigating multi-level and multi-behavioral approaches; and 4) utilizing innovative research designs, methodologies, and technologies. Cancer-related health behaviors to be targeted are diet, obesity, physical activity & sedentary behavior, smoking, sleep and circadian dysfunction, alcohol use, and/or adherence to cancer-related medical regimens. Research can involve any aspect of the cancer continuum and any phase of the translational spectrum. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-16-278.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-16-278.html).

- **Scaling Established Clinical Decision Support to Facilitate the Dissemination and Implementation of Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Findings (R18):** Seeking research projects to scale and spread existing clinical decision support (CDS) to facilitate the dissemination and implementation of findings from Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) into clinical practice. Purposes are to extend the implementation ("scale") and evaluation of well-established and effective CDS beyond initial clinical setting or institution in which CDS was originally developed and implemented, thereby extending impact on clinical practice. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-283.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-283.html).

- **Methodology and Measurement in the Behavioral and Social Sciences (R01):** The behavioral and social sciences offer significant fundamental insights into the comprehensive understanding of human health, including disease etiology, prevention, treatment, and the promotion of health and well-being. To advance the investigation of behavioral and social factors in health and disease, and enhance the rigor and reproducibility of study results, the participating Institutes and Centers (ICs) invite qualified researchers to submit research grant applications on methodology and measurement in the behavioral and social sciences relevant to the missions of the NIH ICs. **Details:** [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-16-260.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-16-260.html).

- **Methodology and Measurement in the Behavioral and Social Sciences (R21):** Seeking applications aimed at improving and developing methodology in the behavioral and social sciences through innovations in research design, measurement, data collection and data analysis techniques. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-261.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-261.html).

- **Obesity Policy Evaluation Research (R01):** Seeking applications that propose to evaluate policies or large scale programs that are expected to influence obesity related behaviors (e.g., dietary intake, physical activity, or sedentary behavior) and/or weight outcomes have the potential to prevent or reduce rates of obesity. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-165.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-165.html).

- **Diet and Physical Activity Assessment Methodology (R01):** Seeking innovative research to enhance the quality of measurements of dietary intake and physical activity. Encouraged to include development of: novel assessment approaches; better methods to evaluate instruments; assessment tools for culturally diverse populations or various age groups, including children and older adults; improved technology or applications of existing technology; statistical methods/modeling to improve assessment and/or to correct for measurement errors or biases; methods to investigate the multidimensionality of diet and physical activity behavior through pattern analysis; or integrated measurement of diet and physical activity along with the environmental context of such behaviors. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-167.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-167.html).

- **Understanding Factors in Infancy and Early Childhood (Birth to 24 months) That Influence Obesity Development (R01):** Seeking applications which propose to characterize or identify factors in early childhood (birth-24 months) that may increase or mitigate risk for obesity and/or excessive weight gain and/or to fill methodological research gaps relevant to the understanding of risk for development of obesity in children. Studies should propose research in children from birth to 24 months, although any proposed follow-up assessments, if applicable, may continue past this period. Studies may also assess factors relevant to families and/or caregivers of children from birth to 24 months. Should seek to fill unique research needs and involve expertise across disciplines as appropriate for the proposed research question. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-169.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-169.html).

- **Population Health Interventions (PHIs): Integrating Individual and Group Level Evidence (R01 & R21) –** To improve health and reduce disease burden, scientific research is best implemented at the biological, clinical and population level. The goal is to promote research that aims to integrate individual factors with community and environmental factors. Population health studies focus on the "upstream" level determinants of health – those basic and primary social factors that are fundamental to group level differences in health.
Implications of New Digital Media Use for Underage Drinking, Drinking-Related Behaviors, and Prevention Research (R01 & R21) - Seeking research on whether, and how, heavy involvement in new digital media usage, particularly social media and social networking sites, may influence adolescent alcohol use and drinking patterns, as well as drinking-related problems. Also encourages exploring ways in which new digital media may be utilized as platforms for preventive interventions aimed at underage drinking & related problems. Deadline: July 5/July 17. Details: http://1.usa.gov/1bLqkAE

Education and Health: New Frontiers (R01): The goal of this funding opportunity announcement is to support research that will further elucidate the pathways involved in the relationship between education and health outcomes and in doing so to carefully identify the specific aspects and qualities of education that are responsible for this relationship and what the mediating factors are that affect the nature of the causal relationship. Details: http://1.usa.gov/1ZxRF7Y

Research to Actions: Assessing and Addressing Community Exposures to Environmental Contaminants (R01): This Funding Opportunity Announcement encourages applications using community-engaged research methods to investigate the potential health risks of environmental exposures of concern to the community and to implement an environmental public health action plan based on research findings. The overall goal is to support changes to prevent or reduce exposure to harmful environmental exposures and improve the health of a community. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-083.html

Reducing Health Disparities Among Minority and Undeserved Children (R01, R03). Encourages research that targets the reduction of health disparities among children. Specific targeted areas include biobehavioral studies that incorporate multiple factors that influence child health disparities such as biological (e.g., genetics, cellular, organ systems). Lifestyle factors, environmental (e.g., physical and family environments) social (e.g., peers), economic, institutional, and cultural and family influences; studies that target the specific health promotion needs of children with a known health condition and/or disability; and studies that test and evaluate the comparative effectiveness of health promotion interventions conducted in traditional and nontraditional settings. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-033.html

Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01, R03, R21). Supports Research that will identify, develop, evaluate, and refine effective and efficient methods, systems, infrastructures, and strategies to disseminate and implement research-tested health behavior change interventions, evidence-based prevention, early detection, diagnostic, treatment and management, and quality of life improvement services, and data monitoring and surveillance reporting tools into public health and clinical practice settings that focus on patient outcomes. May include incorporation of stakeholder relevant outcomes of research (including relevant outcomes for patients, families, providers, administrators, policymakers). Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-13-055.html

Health of Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Populations (R01/R03/R15/21) supports research that will increase scientific understanding of the health status of diverse population groups and thereby improve the effectiveness of health interventions and services for individuals within those groups. Priority is placed on understudied populations with distinctive health risk profiles. Focuses on sexual and gender minority (SGM) populations, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex populations. Basic, social, behavioral, clinical, and services research relevant to the missions of the sponsoring Institutes and Centers may be proposed. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-263.html#sthash.0izZkGrL.dpuf

Research on Informal and Formal Caregiving for Alzheimer's Disease (R01/R21): Supports basic and translational research on caregiving for individuals with Alzheimer’s disease (AD), at the individual, family, community, and population level. Scope includes interventions to reduce caregiver burden and improve patient outcomes across various settings; population- and community-based research on the scope and impact of AD caregiving; improved characterization of informal and formal caregiving and the burden of caregiving across the full spectrum of the disease, including differences among socioeconomic, racial/ethnic and geographic sub-populations; and research addressing the unique challenges related to the provision of advanced AD care, including disparities in access to care. Details: http://1.usa.gov/1JmZUoW
- **Health Disparities and Alzheimer's Disease (AD) (R01/R03):** Supports studies on health disparities in AD and related disorders. Should include the study of biological, behavioral, sociocultural, and environmental factors that influence population level health differences. Approaches of interest include 1) improving recruitment and retention of populations underrepresented in AD research, 2) identifying priority factors or locating pathways and mechanisms that create and sustain AD health disparities, 3) addressing challenges faced by informal/family caregivers from diverse racial, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds associated with growing population of individuals with AD, and 4) understanding disparities in access to and utilization of formal long-term supports and services for those with dementia. **Details:** [http://1.usa.gov/1NORdJF](http://1.usa.gov/1NORdJF)

- **Time-Sensitive Obesity Policy and Program Evaluation (R01):** Accelerated review/ award process to support time-sensitive research to evaluate new policy or program likely to influence obesity related behaviors (e.g., dietary intake, physical activity, or sedentary behavior) and/or weight outcomes in effort to prevent or reduce obesity. Applications must demonstrate that evaluation of an obesity related policy and/or program offers uncommon and scientifically compelling research opportunity only available if initiated with minimum delay. Selected apps awarded within 4 mos. of due date. **Details:** [http://1.usa.gov/1YzmTbQ](http://1.usa.gov/1YzmTbQ)

- **Novel Behavioral Targets to Improve Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Interventions (R01 & R34).** Part of a trans-NIH initiative, Collaborative Research on Addiction. Areas supported include generation and refinement of novel targets for substance abuse treatment and prevention interventions, modules or adjuncts to existing treatments and prevention interventions that target and modulate behavioral or neurobehavioral processes (e.g., impulsivity, risk-taking propensity, sensation and novelty seeking, distress tolerance, delay discounting, self-regulation, stress reactivity) in adolescents. Additionally, studies to include theoretical links that explore relationship(s) between neural circuitry and treatment and prevention effects, and in particular, how behavioral targets might be affected by treatment and prevention interventions, and how that might be used to improve targeted treatment and prevention development, that translate to reduced morbidity and mortality. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-035.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-035.html)

- **Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease in Older Adults (R01/R21/R03).** Supporting basic, clinical, and epidemiological outcomes research on impact of age on the development of, diagnosis, and management of diabetes and cardiovascular disease (CVD) complications in older persons or animal models. Research may focus on 1) epidemiology of increasing incidence and prevalence of DM with advancing age, particularly regarding potential racial-ethnic disparities, 2) elucidation of age-related mechanisms predisposing older adults to diabetes and resultant CVD, 3) understanding role of aging in increased incidence and severity of CVD outcomes in older diabetics, and 4) determining age-specific prevention, screening, diagnostic, and management strategies of DM in older persons and CVD complications. Research expected to elucidate role of aging mechanisms that underlie increased vulnerability of older adults to DM and its CVD complications and to provide evidence-based guidance to improve more appropriate diagnostic criteria, risk stratification, and intervention recommendations to prevent the onset, or improve short- and long-term outcomes, of DM and CVD in older persons. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-037.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-037.html)


- **Systems Science and Health in the Behavioral and Social Sciences (R01 & R21):** Supports breadth and scope of topics addressed with systems science methodologies and calls for research that is applied and/or basic in nature (including methodological and measurement development), have human behavioral and/or social science focus, and employs methodologies suited to addressing complexity inherent in behavioral and social phenomena, referred to as systems science methodologies. Seeks to promote interdisciplinary collaboration among health researchers and experts in computational approaches to further the development of modeling- and simulation-based systems science methodologies and their application to important public health challenges. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-15-048.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-15-048.html)

- **Arts-Based Approaches in Palliative Care for Symptom Management (R01):** Support mechanistic clinical studies aimed at understanding the impact of arts-based approaches in palliative care for symptom management. Supports mechanistic clinical studies to provide an evidence base for the use of arts in palliative care for symptom management. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-14-294.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-14-294.html)
- **Advancing Interventions to Improve Medication Adherence (R01 & R21).** Seeks proposed interventions to significantly improve medication adherence in individuals. May target medication adherence in context of treatment for single illness or chronic condition (e.g., hypertension), to stave off disease recurrence (e.g., cancer) or for multiple comorbid conditions (e.g., hypertension, diabetes, alcohol use disorders and HIV/AIDS). Primary outcomes can include patient self-report of medication adherence, but must also at least one non-self-report measure of medication adherence (e.g., pharmacy refill records, electronic monitoring, etc.). In addition, research encouraged to include relevant health outcome or biomarker (e.g., blood pressure, viral load in HIV-infected individuals, cholesterol levels, HbA1c) that is expected to be affected by changes in the targeted adherence behavior. Details: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-334.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-334.html)

- **Self-Management for Health in Chronic Conditions (R01, R15, R21).** Recent report from Institute of Medicine identifies epidemic of chronic condition as nation’s leading health challenge and calls for cross-cutting, coordinated public health actions for “living well with chronic illness”. Focuses on self-management as mainstream science in order to reduce burden of chronic illnesses/conditions. Self-management is ability of individual, in conjunction with family, community, and healthcare professionals, to manage symptoms, treatments, lifestyle changes, and psychosocial, cultural, and spiritual consequences associated with chronic illness or condition. Details: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-344.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-344.html)

- **Improving Delivery of HIV Prevention and Treatment through Implementation Science and Translational Research (R01 & R21):** Supports research to increase public health impact of efficacious HIV/AIDS-related interventions for prevention & treatment. To maximize impact of available interventions, significant progress needed to advance science designed to get interventions to men, women, & children who need them. The goals are to learn how best to deliver interventions more efficiently and effectively in real-world communities/clinics, to more readily transfer interventions from one setting or population to another, & to make better informed choices for combination intervention packages. Details: [http://1.usa.gov/1qsjFdx](http://1.usa.gov/1qsjFdx)

- **Testing and Developing Interventions for Health-Enhancing Physical Activity (R01/R21/R33).** Seeking highly innovative & promising research that tests multi-level intervention programs of 1-2 years in length designed to increase health-enhancing physical activity: 1) in persons or groups that can benefit from such activity; and 2) that could be made scalable & sustainable for broad use across US. R01 provides support for up to 5 yrs for research planning, intervention delivery, and follow-up activities. R21 provides support for up to 2 years for research planning activities and feasibility studies, followed by a possible transition to expanded research support (R33 phase). Details: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-14-315.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-14-315.html)

**Calls for Papers/Proposals/Other Opportunities**

- **Call for Applications for Northwestern University Faculty & Staff: Change Makers 2016-17 Cohort.** This program is an opportunity for Northwestern staff to learn from each other's experiences and to gain insight and understanding from our varying unique identities. Change Makers become part of a growing community empowered to become effective agents of change at both Northwestern and at home. This program consists of a 2-day kick-off in October and monthly meetings over lunch throughout the academic year. Details: [http://www.northwestern.edu/womenscenter/programs-events/change-makers/index.html](http://www.northwestern.edu/womenscenter/programs-events/change-makers/index.html)

- **NIH National Institute on Minority Health & Health Disparities Summer Institute on Health Disparities Science, Aug 15-19.** The program will support the development of individual research projects by promising scientists early in their careers and will stimulate research in the disciplines supported by science on minority health and health disparities. Feature lectures, seminars, and small group discussions on research relevant to minority health and health disparities. It will also include sessions with NIH scientific staff engaged in related health disparities research across the various Institutes and Centers. Deadline: June 1. Details: [http://www.nimhd.nih.gov/programs/Ed_Training_Outreach/2016_HDcourse.html](http://www.nimhd.nih.gov/programs/Ed_Training_Outreach/2016_HDcourse.html)

- **Health Connect One Request for Proposals: Doula Map Project - Market Research/Policy.** Market research project (with policy component) that includes robust study of doula programs in and outside of HC One’s network. Project will provide foundation for understanding how scalable current programs are, identify where current funding pipelines exist, and will help HC One identify modifications to offer in our product line of services. Deadline: Jun 15. Details: [http://www.healthconnectone.org/filebin/pdf/RFP_HealthConnect_One_Doula_Map_Project.pdf](http://www.healthconnectone.org/filebin/pdf/RFP_HealthConnect_One_Doula_Map_Project.pdf)

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Children’s Wellbeing Initiative.** Ashoka Changemakers and RWJF have launched an initiative to promote children’s wellbeing in the US. Help revolutionize how we approach...
issues in education, government, health, family services, and community development. What inspires you to champion wellbeing of children every day? Submit ideas for an opportunity to join cohort of innovative people working to advance a new vision for children. **Deadline:** Jun 22. **Details:** [https://network.changemakers.com/challenge/childrenswellbeing/brief](https://network.changemakers.com/challenge/childrenswellbeing/brief).

- **Faculty Scholars Program in Integrative Healthcare.** Northwestern Medicine Osher Center for Integrative Medicine Faculty Scholars Program in Integrative Healthcare is now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 academic year. All teaching, research and clinical faculty, clinical staff and fellows within the Northwestern Medicine and Northwestern University community are invited to apply. The program prepares faculty to incorporate theoretical, scientific, and clinical information related to complementary, alternative, and integrative therapies into their respective field(s). **Deadline:** July 6. **Details:** [http://ocim.nm.org/](http://ocim.nm.org/).

- **Call for Papers: 2016 Population Health Sciences Research Workshop.** The Boston University School of Public Health invites submissions of full papers to this workshop which brings together scholars from economics, epidemiology, demography, and related disciplines to present papers on topics related to population health. **Deadline:** July 31. **Details:** [https://phbublog.wordpress.com/](https://phbublog.wordpress.com/).

- **Call for Papers: Big Data and its Application in Health Disparities Research.** This Call for Papers arose out of the expressed need for greater discussion of how Big Data can advance the science of health disparities, focusing on precision medicine, genomics, and population health. We welcome contributions from diverse areas of clinical practice, community outreach and research including: medicine, pharmacy, nursing, social work, health services research, implementation science, epidemiology, economics, business, and finance. **Deadline:** Sept 1. **Details:** [https://www.ethndis.org/edonline/index.php/ethndis/announcement/view/7](https://www.ethndis.org/edonline/index.php/ethndis/announcement/view/7).

- **NUCATS Studios:** The Northwestern Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute can help organize a "studio" where leadership from the Institute and its affiliates are brought together to help support and enhance grant submissions. Outcomes of the meeting include a NUCATS Letter of Support and identification of in-kind cost share infrastructure. **Details:** [http://www.nucats.northwestern.edu/about/nucats-faqs.html#researchnav](http://www.nucats.northwestern.edu/about/nucats-faqs.html#researchnav).

**Resources**

- **NUCATS First Monday Faculty Development Seminar Series: Navigating the Research Enterprise.** This annual seminar series takes place on the 1st Monday of every month from October through June. It is offered in an effort to provide support for all early career faculty members and postdoctoral fellows at Northwestern who have protected time for investigation to focus on developing the key skills young scientists require in order to progress beyond just doing good research. **Details:** [http://bit.ly/1r0zbwl](http://bit.ly/1r0zbwl).

- **Discount on Northwestern University Master of Public Health (MPH) - Part-Time Degree.** Discount for Northwestern University, Northwestern Memorial hospital, Jurie Children’s Hospital, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago employees this year, at the rate of $3K/credit ($48K for degree). Take courses at your own pace while benefitting from many resources offered to all degree-seeking students, such as career counseling, academic advising, and robust community partnerships. With Northwestern MPH, you will be equipped with the data and analytic skills and knowledge of population health promotion necessary to tackle today’s public health challenges on a local, national, and global scale. **Deadline for Fall 2016:** July 1. **Details:** [http://www.publichealth.northwestern.edu/prospective-students/mph-combined/mph.html](http://www.publichealth.northwestern.edu/prospective-students/mph-combined/mph.html).

- **Master Courses in Dissemination and Implementation Research in Cancer Control and the Cancer Control Planning and Implementation.** Both courses consist of 2 parts: series of webinars Jun-Oct including online discussions on each topic with expert faculty & one-day, in-person workshop held during World Cancer Congress in Paris, Oct 31. Accepted participants expected to participate in all webinars, discussions, and in-person workshop. **Details:** [www.worldcancercongress.org/programme/master-courses](http://www.worldcancercongress.org/programme/master-courses).

- **Announcing ARCC’s 2016 Community-Engaged Research Partnership Award Winner:** Reducing Cancer Health Disparities Among Chicago-area Latinos/as. This exemplary partnership between ALAS-WINGS and Dr. David Victorson and his team in Medical Social Sciences at Northwestern’s Feinberg School of Medicine collaborates on research projects aimed at improving the health of and resources for Latino/a cancer survivors. ARCC established this Award to recognize community-engaged research partnerships that exemplify strong collaborative community research principles and have made an impact on the health of their community. **Details:** [http://bit.ly/1o6NG1l](http://bit.ly/1o6NG1l).

- **Chicago Community Area Data.** Learn more about each of Chicago’s 77 community areas in IMPACT’s neighborhood data book. Community-level data on race, poverty, employment status, and many other...

- **ARCC Online Resource Directory**: The Directory is an online website providing access to materials and resources to help interested community and faith-based organizations and academic partners to learn about how they can build capacity to conduct community-engaged research and support building, strengthening, and sustaining their partnership. Tools like sample MOU or things to consider if engaging a new partner. Visit: www.ARCCresources.net