

Community Engagement & Health Policy eNews

Connections

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Welcome to **Connections**, a bimonthly eNewsletter with information and resources to support community-engaged health research at UCSF.

Connections is brought to you by the UCSF CTSI Community Engagement & Health Policy (CE&HP) Program.

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1. CE&HP Program Services

The CTSI Community Engagement & Health Policy Program provides consultation, training and networking services to UCSF and current and prospective community partners. [Contact us](#) ✉ for more information.

Consultation

We offer individual and multidisciplinary consultations by faculty and community experts for community-engaged research projects on community research methods, policy impact, partnership strategies, dissemination, evaluation goals, advisory board development, or any issue that will further a current or prospective translational research project concerning community health or and/or policy issues. Our CE Navigators triage each request, help set up the appropriate consultation format, prepare consultees and consultants, and make consultation arrangements.

Group consultations take place on the 4th Wednesday morning of every month. Look for regular announcements about our monthly group consultation meetings. To request a consultation, please complete an [online consultation request form](#) or [email us](#) ✉. Note: the online request process requires a quick login/account set-up procedure, and then you can fill out your electronic request.

Training

Our trainings serve both UCSF and community audiences and focus on community-university collaborative research or developing translational research skills.

Training for Community-Based Organizations

The CTSI Community Engagement & Health Policy Program offers a 3-hour orientation to research and evaluation: *CBOs Engaged in Research and Evaluation - Introduction to Creating Your Own Evidence*. Developed in collaboration with San Francisco State University's Health Equity Initiative, this training is now available to individual community-based organizations and small groups of agency representatives. Email us to request training or learn more.

Linkage

If you work at UCSF or in a community clinic, community agency, or are part of a community health effort and are looking for a partner for a UCSF-community research project, contact the Community Engagement Program. Our Navigators will help you to identify a potential partner through our linkage service. To request a linkage, please complete an online consultation request.

Community Clinician Registry

With the help of UCSF faculty and community partners, CE and the Collaborative Research Network have developed a survey to gather information about community clinicians' practice environments, their research interests and priorities. We now have over 500 survey responses from clinicians who have agreed to be included in a clinician registry, the first step toward development of a multidiscipline primary health care practice-based research network (PBRN). Community clinicians interested in filling out the survey and becoming part of this network can complete the survey [here](#) or contact James Rouse ✉ or Michael Potter ✉ with any questions.

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2. CE & HP Calendar

Multidisciplinary Consultations

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

San Francisco General Hospital, Building 3, Room 505

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| 9:30-10:40 | Consultation to Malini Nijagal, MD
Marin County HHS/Prima Medical Foundation
<i>Establishing a Women's Health Research Program in the Context of Health Care Coverage Changes</i> |
| 10:50-12:00 | Consultation to Scott Loeliger, MD, MS
Faculty, Contra Costa Family Medicine Residency
<i>Loss Of Access: An Endangered Safety Net for Undocumented Patients in Contra Costa County, California</i> |

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3. CE&HP Program News & Announcements

Publications

A Selection of Recent Publications by CE&HP Program Faculty and Partners

[Adaptation of the FLU-FOBT program for a Primary Care Clinic Serving a Low-Income Chinese American Community: New Evidence of Effectiveness.](#) **Potter, M**, Yu, TM, Gildengorin, G, Yu, AY, Chan, K, McPhee, SJ, Green LW, Walsh, JME. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved* 22 (2011): 284–295.

We sought to adapt and evaluate the FLU-FOBT Program for a primary care clinic serving a low-income Chinese American community. **Methods.** We compared colorectal cancer screening (CRCS) rate changes for patients who received flu shots versus those who did not receive flu shots during the FLU-FOBT Program. Analysis of data from the year prior to the intervention was used to validate the results. Rates of CRCS increased by 18.0 percentage points for flu shot recipients during the FLU-FOBT Program vs. 1.7 percentage points for flu shot non-recipients (p,.001 for change difference). [Read more here.](#)

[Savoring The Taste of Home: The Pervasiveness of Lead Poisoning From Ceramic and Its Implications In Transnational Care Packages.](#) Perez, RL, **Handley, MA**, Grieshop, J. *NAPA Bulletin*, 34: 105–125.

The Mexican State has known for decades that its rural ceramic producing communities have had to increase the lead content of their glaze in response to lower grade fuel supplies for their adobe kilns. This has resulted in increased Blood Lead Levels (BLLs) among their poorer populations who not only produce the ceramic but also depend on it as their primary source of cookware. Lead is a subtlecrippler that produces many health maladies that mimic those resulting from poverty. The close correlation has allowed lead toxicity to be obscured and the state to defer or minimize its role in prevention and treatment. This same ceramic ware is used to produce foodstuffs that are sent to families across the globe as gifts from home and appears to be the greatest source of lead toxicity among Mexican migrant communities in California. This research reviews an interdisciplinary applied anthropology project that integrated the three communities who formed the triadic sphere of ceramic production, ceramic use, and food consumption across two nations to address the problem of lead in their lives from a local level.

Now Available! Resource Manuals and Guides to Community-Engaged Research *Exciting New Resources For Researchers and Community Partners*



Both [online](#) and in hard copy, these resources recently published by the UCSF CTSI Community Engagement Program are useful for answering frequently asked questions about collaborative research projects and how they can make a difference in the health of communities. Targeted to researchers, community clinicians, community-based organizations and agencies, these guides and manuals can be used to introduce research activities to potential partners or inform projects already underway. Hard copies are available for sale. [Email Paula Fleisher](#) ✉ for more information.

Grants Awarded

A Selection of Grants Recently Awarded to CE &HP Faculty

The AHRQ-sponsored Accelerating Change and Transformation in Organizations and Networks (ACTION II) promotes and accelerates the development, implementation, dissemination and sustainability of innovations

in health care.

Kaiser Permanente Northern California (represented by **Julie A. Schmittiel, PhD**) and the HMO Research Network, in partnership with UCSF, the Palo Alto Medical Foundation Research Institute, and the Sutter Health Institute for Research and Evaluation, have been awarded one of 17 ACTION II partnerships to conduct practice-based implementation research focused on testing and expanding new innovations in health care; implementing proven interventions in new settings; spreading or taking to scale proven innovations; and evaluating and supporting sustainability of health care improvement. ACTION II is a five-year task order contract model of practice-based implementation research; AHRQ expects to start releasing Requests for Task Orders (RFTOs) early in 2011 to its network of awardees.

In the News

SF Bay CRN Featured Nationally

The UCSF CTSI's new Practice-Based Research Network, the **SF Bay Collaborative Research Network (CRN)** is featured in this month's [Agency for Health Care Quality and Research newsletter](#) (see section 3). The SF Bay CRN, directed by CE & HP's **Michael Potter, MD**, welcomes the participation of community clinicians and practices interested in research collaborations with UCSF investigators. Please contact [James Rouse Iniguez](#) ✉ (415.206.4048) and watch the CTSI website for more information.

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4. Partnership Snapshot



Two-by-Two = Access to Online Research Publications for SF DPH

Roberto A. Vargas

In late 2009, UCSF began a partnership with San Francisco Department of Public Health (SF DPH), Stanford University's CTSA and the Santa Clara Public Health Department to build infrastructure for partnership that would benefit the work of all partners, particularly to support improved public health practice. This partnership has come to be called "Two-by-Two".

Early on, Two-by-Two partners identified an opportunity to do just that. SFDPH leadership requested assistance for personnel who wanted easier and lower cost access to published research articles online. When epidemiologists at SFDPH use public health information to make sense of trends, for example, it is helpful for them to examine how others have done so to inform what they see taking place with the health of San Franciscans and to help their colleagues make decisions about how to best address health disparities, how to allocate departmental resources, etc.

Contacts by UCSF's CTSI Community Engagement and Health Policy staff with UCSF librarians yielded some pessimism about the prospects for providing access to public health practitioners who were not clinicians at SFGH, where agreements were in place to provide access to information by way of the Barnett-Briggs Library

of UCSF's Dean's Office. But Joy Graham, one persistent librarian with a passion for providing people access to the information they need, helped figure out a way.

In the past year, Roberto Ariel Vargas, Community Engagement and Health Policy staff, has worked with Ms. Graham and partners at SFDPH to enroll over 225 users on Loansome Doc, a library service that provides access to journal articles through shared collections between libraries across the US.

Together, the partners of Two By Two are planning work to increase enrollment in this service, assess the needs across SFDPH for more tailored access to information, and will work to address these needs through partnership. For more information or to get SFDPH staff access to Loansome Doc or other library resources, please email [Roberto Ariel Vargas, MPH](mailto:Roberto.Ariel.Vargas@ucsf.edu) ✉, or call 415-206-6961.

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5. Workshops, Conferences & Training Opportunities

At UCSF

3rd Annual UCSF LGBTI Health Issues Forum

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25 - 26, 2011

Friday: 5pm-9pm

Saturday: 9am-5pm

Forum plenaries will focus on LGBT health disparities and barriers to care, LGBTQ youth issues, same-sex marriage, and more--and will be complemented by an LGBTQI patient panel.

Breakout topics will include:

MSM health; LBQ women's health; Bisexual wellness; Transgender health; Intersex/DSD concerns; HIV and aging; LGBT elders; LGBTQ parenting; LGBTQ youth; BDSM; LGBTQ mental health; Health professional "outness"

Get more information and register [here](#).

UCSF Certificate Program in Implementation and Dissemination Science

Applications Due: Feb 28, 2011

Implementation and dissemination science (IDS) focuses on the translation of research results into everyday clinic- and community-based practice, and the translation of community priorities and challenges into relevant research. This one-year, part-time IDS training program is designed for a broad range of health professionals who are currently engaged in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs to promote and improve health and health care quality. Those interested in interdisciplinary collaboration, mixed methods research, and community engaged-research may be particularly interested in the program. Participants will learn to: 1) Design and implement more effective interventions; 2) Conduct more comprehensive evaluations of interventions; 2) Develop better funding proposals. Both UCSF and non-UCSF applicants are welcome.

Classes meet once a week at China Basin, across from AT&T Park.

Classes start March 31, 2011.

Several full-tuition scholarships will be awarded in 2011.

For more information and on-line application available [here](#) or contact the IDS Program Coordinator, [Sara Ackerman](#) ✉.

National Transgender Health Summit

UCSF Center of Excellence in Transgender Health

April 8 - 9, 2011

This conference promises two exciting days of scientific presentations focused on best practices in the provision of health care for transgender patients. We invite health care providers and health profession students interested in improving health care for transgender people to attend this groundbreaking Summit, which will include plenary sessions by world-renowned experts in the field of transgender health care, as well as workshops, films, and networking opportunities. Food and drink will be provided. A limited number of scholarships are available for health professionals.

Space is limited, please [RSVP](#) ✉.

Workshop tracks/themes include:

- Clinical care (e.g. surgical and hormonal care, and post-operative care)
- Mental health care (e.g. care in the age of the Gender Identity Disorder diagnosis, quality of life issues, PTSD and suicidality among transgender people)
- Care in practice (e.g. case studies, problem-based learning)
- Specific populations (e.g. youth, elders, people of color)
- Specific medical issues (e.g. HIV care and treatment, street hormones and silicone use, substance abuse treatment, sexual health promotion)

For additional information, including scholarship applications, please [email](#) ✉ or visit our [website](#).

Beyond UCSF

Multilevel Interventions in Health Care

Building the Foundation for Future Research

March 4-5, 2011

Las Vegas, NV

This conference will serve as a forum for discussing multilevel theory, models, and methods from several disciplines; exploring interactions across levels, including mediator and moderator effects; and exploring the efficacy of multilevel interventions in cancer care, as well as other health conditions. The conference will also identify priorities for future research and explore research designs and measurement approaches that address the challenges of developing multilevel interventions that affect individuals' health, health behavior, and organizational-level or system-level health outcomes. The adoption of health care reform and the need for relevant evidence to address the complexities of cancer control within the new health care context reinforce the timeliness of this topic.

For the purposes of this meeting, a multilevel intervention addresses the health outcomes for patients as well as at least two additional levels of contextual influence. We are thereby targeting at least three levels in a multilevel model of improving health status. While there is a long history of interventions targeted at patients and providers in specific contexts, such as the patient's network of social support, or the type of organization (HMO, PPO, MCO) within which care is provided, we are encouraging consideration of a wider set of factors affecting the health behaviors and outcomes of patients seeking care.

Who should attend?

Health services, community, and clinical researchers; public health practitioners; clinicians; and health professionals interested in multilevel intervention and evaluation research. There is no registration fee. Register for the conference and get more information [here](#). [Contact Elizabeth Zimmerman](#) ✉ with questions.

4th Annual NIH Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation: Policy and Practice

March 21-22, 2011

Bethesda North Marriott

Bethesda, MD

Registration Deadline: 11:59 PM Eastern Time, February 18, 2011

There is no fee to register for this conference. This year's conference will NOT be available for viewing online.

There is a recognized need to close the gap between research evidence and clinical and public health practice and policy. How is this best accomplished? Dissemination and implementation research in health seeks to answer this question, and is gaining momentum as a field of scientific inquiry. The goal of the annual NIH Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation is to facilitate growth in the research base by providing a forum for communicating and networking about the science of dissemination and implementation.

Researchers, evaluators and implementers who are interested in identifying opportunities and strategies for overcoming obstacles for dissemination and implementation research/evaluation are encouraged to attend this meeting. The goal is to engage in dialog, exchange ideas, explore contemporary topics and challenge one another to identify and test research approaches that will advance dissemination and implementation science.

The National Conference for Physician-Scholars in the Social Sciences and Humanities American Physician Scientists Association (APSA)

Charting the Bench and the Bedside

April 16- 17 2011

Chicago, Illinois

This meeting for MD/PhD graduates and trainees in the social sciences and humanities will highlight scholarship and careers that bridge the social sciences and humanities with medicine and health. In playing upon the phrase "from bench to bedside" -- used by our colleagues in the basic sciences to describe the goals of translational research -- we encourage participants to survey and interrogate what the bench and the bedside mean as paradigmatic sites of medical knowledge and practice.

For a conference description, information on registration, and call for papers, please visit the [conference blog](#).

Please [email](#) ✉ comments and questions.

CU Expo Conference: Community-University Partnerships: Bringing Global Perspectives to Local Action

May 10-14, 2011

Waterloo Region, ON Canada

As a major partner, Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) is fully supporting CU Expo in lieu of our own major conference in 2011. A discounted registration rate will be offered to CCPH members.

CU Expo 2011 is a Canadian-led conference designed to showcase the exemplars in community-university partnerships worldwide, and together to introduce creative ways of strengthening our local communities. Complex social issues require global perspectives to inform local action. Community-university partnerships can be an effective way to stimulate innovative solutions for the pressing concerns within our communities. Visit the [conference website](#) for the latest updates.

2011 Mobile Health (mHealth) Summer Institute

National Institutes of Health Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research

June 20-24, 2011

San Diego, CA

Application Deadline: March 3, 2011

This institute will provide early career investigators (doctoral level degree) with opportunities to learn about mHealth research with mentorship from leaders in the fields of engineering, medicine and the behavioral and social sciences. The institute will bring together leaders in mobile technology, behavioral sciences and clinical research to lead a cross-training event for early career investigators with interest in mHealth. The training curriculum will cover the current state of the science in mobile technology and engineering, behavior change theory and clinical applications, and highlight the intersection among these areas for research related to health. Daily didactic sessions will target the major cross-cutting research issues. Afternoons will be devoted to small, mentored, interdisciplinary teams developing potential mHealth research projects. Participants should expect to leave the Institute with experience creating mHealth projects in an interdisciplinary setting. More information [here](#).

Improvement Science Summit

Academic Center for Evidence-Based Practice (ACE)

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk

San Antonio, TX

June 28 - 29, 2011

Learn how to evaluate improvement strategies. Experience a full immersion in the latest advances in healthcare improvement research. Build the science and apply the science to improve care and patient outcomes. [Learn more](#).

Summer Institute on Evidence-Based Practice

Academic Center for Evidence-Based Practice (ACE)

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk

San Antonio, TX


June 30 - July 2, 2011

(Pre Conferences June 29, 2011)

Call for Abstracts

Abstract Submission Deadline: Monday, February 28, 2011

Improve care through evidence, implementation and outcomes. Noted EBP leaders guide participants in this unique coordinated-curriculum conference to build capacity and shape quality and safety. [Learn more](#).

The Summer Institute brochure will be available online only. For notification, [email your address](#) .

Weeklong Summer Institute in Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) for Health Equity

San Francisco State University in collaboration with the University of California, Berkeley

August 8-12, 2011

The Institute is designed to cover building and maintaining partnerships, collaborative study design and methods, intervention co-development, policy change, and issues of sustainability and fundraising. It includes: keynote speakers, case presentations of CBPR and community-engaged partnerships, and opportunities for discussion and skill building about your own research collaborations. Open to researchers, faculty, community partners, health professionals, students, fellows with course credit available.

Aug 8: Intro to CBPR, Building & Maintaining Partnerships, Working with Institutional Review Boards (IRBs)

Keynote speakers: Arnold Perkins and Lawrence Green

Aug 9: Collaborative Study Design, Data Collection and Data Analysis with Communities

Keynote speaker: Bonnie Duran

Aug 10: Collaborative Intervention Development, Implementation and Evaluation with Diverse Populations

Keynote speaker: Nina Wallerstein


Aug 11: The Intersection of CBPR and Policy Change

Keynote speaker: Meredith Minkler

Aug 12: Fundraising/Grant Writing for CBPR

Keynote speakers: Marj Plumb and Marion Standish

Course Fees: \$650/week or \$150/day; reduced fees for eligible students and community members of \$300/week or \$75/day

Credit: Course fees will be waived for SFSU and UCB students who enroll for credit. [Email](#)  or check our [website](#) for more information and registration.

1st Biennial Global Implementation Conference (GIC)

August 15-17th, 2011

Washington, D.C.

The Global Implementation Conference (GIC) will bring together scientists, policymakers, practitioners and community leaders for an unprecedented focus on how evidence-based practices can be implemented effectively to improve outcomes for people and organizations. By providing a forum for reporting research and evaluations of implementation, sharing implementation best practices, and working to establish public policies to support and fund implementation research and practice, the GIC will further the science and practice of implementation.

More information and registration [here](#).

Online Learning Opportunities

AREOL -- Action Research and Evaluation On Line

Action Learning Action Research Association (ALARA)

14 weekly sessions over 4 months are available online.

As with earlier programs, the theme is the integration of effective change with rigorous research. In some respects, it is a combination of the principles of community and organizational change with those for change-oriented qualitative research, sometimes with use of quantitative research too. The program does not attempt to cover all varieties of action research. Nor does it analyse the philosophy of action research in any depth. The main intention is to allow participants to understand some processes which combine action and research, and which can be used in practice. Later sessions briefly describe an action research approach to evaluation. Online sessions are supplemented by archived files on various aspects of action research and evaluation.

There is no charge (apart from usual connect charges, if any).

Areol materials that provide readers with an idea of the contents and style of the course are available [here](#).

Participants can also work through these web materials at their own pace. This is an alternative to the email version. It doesn't include the discussion group and learning groups of the email version. It isn't revised as often as the email version.

Evaluations of previous areol courses are available [here](#) and [here](#). A course outline is available [here](#) with links to an earlier version of the course.

To subscribe to the next email version of areol, please [email us](#) ✉.

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6. Funding Announcements

Also see the [CTSI website's listing](#) of current funding opportunities for community-engaged and "T2" research.

Intramural Grants

UCSF Resource Allocation Program (RAP)

Application deadline February 28, 2011

Areas include: Basic Laboratory Sciences, Clinical and Translational Sciences, Population Science, Bioinformatics or Computational Biology, Translational Technology Development, Novel Clinical/Translational Methods, and Pilot Research Awards

Open to faculty from all UCSF schools and affiliates

Pilot Research Awards for Junior Investigators Utilizing CTSI Clinical Research Services

Application deadline February 28, 2011

Maximum budget \$10,000 for the conduct of research in inpatient or outpatient settings

Open to fellows and junior faculty in all series from all UCSF schools and affiliates

Non-Governmental Extramural Grants

California Breast Cancer Research Program

Funding for Community Research Collaborations (CRC) Awards

Application Deadline: February 24, 2011

Two funding mechanisms are available:

The CRC Pilot award is for a maximum of \$150,000 in direct costs for a period of up to 18 months. The Pilot award supports the initial phase of the project, which includes strengthening collaborations, developing feasible methods and tools, and collecting pilot data.

The CRC Full award is for a maximum of \$600,000 in direct costs for a period of up to three years. The Full award funds projects with a fully developed research plan and supporting preliminary data, carried out by a well-integrated, experienced team of scientists and community members. Typically, a CRC Full application is for support of the completion of a research plan successfully carried out with a previous Pilot award.

View the [CRC Call for Applications](#) for more information.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Public Health Law Research: Making the Case for Laws That Improve Health 2011 Call for Proposals - Round 3

Application Deadline: April 20, 2011, 3:00 PM EDT

To build the evidence for and strengthen the use of regulatory, legal and policy solutions to improve public health and help people lead healthier lives. PHLR is equally interested in identifying and ameliorating laws and legal practices that unintentionally harm health. PHLR's purpose is to answer important questions, such as: How does law influence health and health behavior? Which laws have the greatest impact? Can current laws be made more effective through better enforcement, or do they require amendment?

More information, including award amounts, eligibility & selection criteria, key dates and applications are available [here](#).

Contact: [Public Health Law Research Grant Solicitation Helpdesk](#) ✉. Phone: (215) 204-2134.

Federal Grants

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities Comprehensive Centers of Excellence (P60)

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

To establish an Comprehensive NIMHD Center of Excellence (COE) to support infrastructure and capacity building, building and sustaining novel partnerships, research training, innovative basic biomedical and behavioral clinical, or population-based research and intervention and prevention studies contributing to either the improvement of minority health, the elimination of health disparities, or both.

Letters of Intent Due: March 14, 2011

Earliest Anticipated Start Date: December 1, 2011

Expiration Date: April 15, 2011

See: [RFA-MD-11-003](#).

Affordable Care Act (ACA): Childhood Obesity Research Demonstration (U18)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP/CDC)

Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity (DNPAO)

Health Resources and Services Administration

The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Administration for Children and Families

Applications Due: April 8, 2011, by 5:00 PM ET

Letters of Intent Due: February 22, 2011

The objective of the demonstrations is to determine whether an integrated model of primary care and public health approaches in the community can improve underserved children's risk factors for obesity. These approaches may include policy, systems, and environmental supports that encourage nutrition and physical activity for underserved children and their families.

Grantees will develop, implement, and evaluate multi-sectoral, multi-level intervention demonstration projects for underserved children ages 2-12 years and their families utilizing the Obesity Chronic Care Model and other similar models.

See: [RFA-DP-11-007](#).

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)

Challenge Area - Childhood Obesity Prevention

US Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Applications Due: May 18, 2011

To reduce the prevalence of overweight and obesity among children and adolescents ages 2 to 19 years. In order to achieve this outcome, this program will support multi-function Integrated Research, Education, and/or Extension Projects and Food and Agricultural Science Enhancement (FASE) Grants that address one of the Program Area Priorities which collectively contributes to the achievement of the following goals:

1. Generation of new knowledge about behavioral and environmental factors that influence excessive weight gain by children.
2. Development of effective behavioral and environmental interventions to increase dietary intakes of fruits and vegetables; increase the variety of vegetables in the diet, decrease dietary intakes of foods high in solid fats and added sugars; increase the number of children that meet guidelines for television viewing and computer use; increase physical activity in children; and ultimately to decrease the proportion of children and adolescents who are overweight or obese. The development of new, more effective evaluation tools may be necessary.
3. Expansion of interventions proven effective and assessment of their impact.
4. An increase in the number of educators, practitioners, and researchers who receive the training needed to address the complex problem of childhood obesity prevention.

In FY 2011, pre-adolescent and early adolescent children (ages 9-14 years) will be targeted. It is anticipated that adolescents ages 15-19 years will be targeted in FY 2012.

See: [USDA-NIFA-AFRI-003410](#)

Economic Research Service: Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program (FY2011) Grant

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Proposals Due: April 4, 2011

U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service (ERS) invites applications to conduct economic research that focuses on USDA's domestic food assistance and nutrition programs. The three priority research areas are (1) Food Assistance and the Macroeconomy, (2) Food Assistance and Food Choices, and (3) Using Behavioral Economics and Incentives to Promote Child Nutrition. ERS will accept proposals under this program for funding levels, inclusive of indirect cost when applicable, between \$100,000 and \$300,000 (for the duration of the grant and/or the cooperative agreement, not to exceed 3 years).

See: [FANRP2011001](#).

Homeless Families Demonstration Small Grant Research Program Grant

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Applications Due: March 1, 2011

To enhance the demonstration project conducted by the Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) that focuses on Homeless Families by providing a vehicle for conducting a number of small research projects aimed at collecting additional/supplemental information and analyses. PD&R is also conducting several other major demonstrations in the following areas: Family Self-Sufficiency; Pre-Purchase Homeownership Counseling; and Sustainable Building Practices in Indian Country. In the near future, Notices of Public Interest will be published requesting applications for grants to support the research obtained from these demonstrations.

See: [FR-5415-N-23](#).

Transformation Initiative: Sustainable Communities Research Grant Program

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Applications Due: March 4, 2011

To fill key data and information gaps, and to begin to develop and evaluate policy alternatives that communities can adopt to facilitate decision making about various community investments. Additionally, HUD believes that the results from the program will enable it to develop a broader sustainability agenda beyond current departmental priorities, as well as any future efforts or initiatives that may be considered based on the results of the research. Interest will be published requesting applications for grants to support the research obtained from these demonstrations.

See: [FR-5415-N-24](#).

Environmental Justice Small Grants

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Closing Date: March 31, 2011

To help build the capacity of the communities with environmental justice concerns and create self-sustaining, community-based partnerships that will continue to improve

local environments in the future. Through the 2011 Environmental Justice Small Grants Program, EPA will award grants that support two types of activities:

- 1) Activities designed to educate, empower and enable communities to understand the environmental and public health issues and to identify ways to address these issues at the local level; and
- 2) Research activities related to Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, Section 311(c) (CERCLA)- To support activities of a research nature only that examine issues related to

a community's exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks, i.e., survey, research, collecting and analyzing data which will be used to expand scientific knowledge or understanding of the subject studied. Research projects, however, need not be limited to academic studies. The EPA has interpreted "research" to include studies that extend to socioeconomic, institutional, and public policy issues, as well as the "natural" sciences. The application must include a description of how the research projects will examine and address the issue of multiple environmental harms and risks.

More information on these grants is available [here](#). Full RFP is available [here](#).

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7. Publications of Interest

Kleinman, LC. *White Paper Encouraging an Agenda for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences to Advance Measurement Serving Community-Based Research*. (Search for Author: Kleinman).

The evaluation and assessment of community health and of interventions designed to improve it are critical for informed health planning and policy-making. In recognition of the importance of communities to the nation's health, the NIH has identified community engagement as a core component of its Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA). Social, behavioral, and economic scientists should collaborate with community researchers to enhance the conceptualization and measurement of community health, the mechanisms and outcomes of interventions designed to improve health, and the impact of local contexts on both communities and outcomes. Critical goals include: 1) develop theories to describe the impact of simple and complex interventions in communities; 2) standardize and promote measurement of context variables so that relevant local factors are measured and accounted for; 3) develop an understanding of how to employ existing data regarding context to enhance our capacity to generalize beyond local communities; and 4) identify factors and metrics needed for the design of studies in which communities are randomized with appropriate measurement and statistical control of key confounders at the community level. The development of community health research as an applied translational science needs the focus of social, behavioral, and economic scientists. The public health depends upon it.

Backer TE, Guerra NG. [Mobilizing Communities to Implement Evidence-Based Practices in Youth Violence Prevention: The State of the Art](#). *American Journal of Community Psychology* 2011 Jan 15. [Epub ahead of print].

Community mobilization can increase the effective implementation of evidence-based practices (EBPs) in youth violence prevention. These strategies bring together people and organizations in a community to try to solve or reduce a problem. They help communities address the challenges of identifying EBPs, disseminating them to local decision-makers, and then implementing and sustaining them if they are successful. Science-based systems for implementing EBPs such as PROSPER and Communities That Care can help to integrate this complex work in communities. Further insight about implementing EBPs in youth violence prevention is being developed through the CDC-funded Academic Centers for Excellence in Youth Violence Prevention. Community mobilization approaches for seven of these programs are discussed, highlighting successful approaches and challenges encountered.

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8. Other Resources & Opportunities

Call for Nominations

The San Francisco Foundation 2011 Community Leadership Awards

Nominations Deadline: Tuesday, March 1, 2011, 5:00 PM

In these extraordinary times, we turn to extraordinary leaders for their innovations and solutions as we work toward a more vibrant region. The San Francisco Foundation Community Leadership Awards recognize individuals and organizations whose leadership has made a significant impact in their particular Bay Area communities. This work may confront societal or civic issues, address health or environmental concerns, or promote arts and humanities. One of the four Awards is designated for an under-recognized, mature artist who has made a significant and ongoing contribution in the Bay Area. Awards are \$10,000 for individuals and \$20,000 for organizations. Individuals and nonprofit organizations in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo Counties are eligible.

More information about the nomination process and the online nomination form are available [here](#).

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Health Matters Website Featuring San Francisco

Community Vital Signs Health Goals and Indicators and Monthly Stakeholder Meetings

The [Health Matters in San Francisco website](#) was developed by the *Building A Healthier San Francisco* coalition (BHSF) and the [Healthy Communities Institute](#). BHSF is a citywide collaborative of nonprofit hospitals, San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH), McKesson Foundation, San Francisco Foundation, United Way of the Bay Area, Metta Fund, Blue Cross of California-State Sponsored Business, and a variety of health organizations and philanthropic foundations. This cooperative effort established in 1994 conducts a community health needs assessment for San Francisco every three years as set forth in Senate Bill 697. A main feature of the Health Matters site, [Community Vital Signs](#), is designed to provide a clear and dynamic path forward in promoting the health priorities of San Francisco.

Workshops

Please join us for a series of monthly Community Vital Signs workshops. Each meeting will be an opportunity to discuss key issues with other passionate community health stakeholders. Join us for any or all health goals. Workshops will be held at the

San Francisco Department of Public Health

101 Grove Street, Room 220

10 a.m. to noon

- March 4: Improve Health and Health Care Access for Persons with Disabilities/Promote Healthy Aging
- April 1: Stop the Spread of Infectious Diseases/Prevent and Detect Cancer
- May 6: Increase Access to Quality Medical Care/Raise Healthy Kids
- June 3: Increase Physical Activity and Healthy Eating to Reduce Chronic Disease/Eliminate Health Disparities

Please RSVP to [Frances Culp](#) ✉.

The Atlantic Philanthropies: The Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program

Application Deadline: May 20, 2011

The Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program is a unique opportunity for professionals in health and aging to receive the experience and skills necessary to make a positive contribution to the development and implementation of health policies that affect older Americans. More information [here](#).

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) Graduate Fellowship Program

This fellowship offers exceptional Latinos exposure to experiences in the underserved public policy areas of education (secondary, higher) health, housing, law, international affairs, and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). More information [here](#).

Date Resource: Migration Information

US Focus: Frequently Requested Statistics on Immigrants and Immigration in the United States.

California Strategic Growth Council Health in All Policies Task Force Report

In December 2010, the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) accepted the first report of the Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force and charged the Task Force with continuing its work into the next administration to identify priority recommendations and develop implementation plans. The report outlines a set of recommended policies, programs, and strategies that State agencies can implement to advance health while promoting other key sustainability goals.

The recommendations put forth in this report are geared at improving the efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and collaborative nature of State government, while promoting both health and other goals of the SGC. They address two strategic directions:

1. Building healthy and safe communities with opportunities for active transportation; safe, healthy, affordable housing; places to be active, including parks, green space, and healthy tree canopy; the ability to be active without fear of violence or crime; and access to healthy, affordable foods.
2. Finding opportunities to add a health lens in public policy and program development and increase collaboration across agencies and with communities.

More information [here](#).

Program Brief: *Health Care for Minority Women: Recent Findings.*

Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ)

[Read Full Report](#)

Public Health Systems Research Interest Group Presentation Opportunities, Scholarships, and Awards

The Public Health Systems Research (PHSR) Interest Group has several opportunities for public health students, researchers, and professionals. Updates on all public health events and resources are available [here](#).

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9. Feedback

We want to know what our readers think! [Here's our quick eNews survey](#) – just 7 easy questions to give us feedback on this newsletter. We want to hear from you! Thanks!

The deadline for submissions to the next (January/February 2011) **Connections** is Friday, January 14, 2011.

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