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Opportunities

CATCH Planning Funds Call for Proposals

from Carla Amato, Manager, AAP CATCH Grant Program

The AAP CATCH grant program is pleased to announce that the CATCH Planning Funds Program and CATCH Resident Funds Program Call for Proposals is now available! Applications from pediatricians and pediatric residents will be accepted through July. For more information and to access the online application, please go to:

<http://www.aap.org/catch/planninggrants.htm> (Planning Grants), or

<http://www.aap.org/catch/residentgrants.htm> (Resident Grants)

Technical assistance is available from the Chapter CATCH Facilitator or your District Resident CATCH Liaison. Please see the Website for how to contact your facilitator or liaison.

Faculty Loan Repayment Program

The Faculty Loan Repayment Program provides a financial incentive for degree-trained health professionals from disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue academic careers. Individuals selected agree to serve on the faculty of an accredited health professions college or university for a minimum of two years. In return, the Federal government agrees to pay, for each year of faculty service, up to \$20,000 of the outstanding principal and interest on the participant's educational loans. To learn more about the Faculty Loan Repayment Program and for application information, please visit <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/dsa/flrp/> or contact the HRSA Call Center at 1-800-221-9393.

AAP Division of Community-based Initiatives May Funding Announcement Now Available

from AAP Division of Community-based Initiatives



The AAP Division of Community-based Initiatives Funding Announcement for May is now available. This announcement contains current funding opportunities available from the AAP and other agencies for a variety of health topics and target populations. The announcement is available on the AAP Web site at: <http://www.aap.org/commpeds/funding.html>.

Reports, Articles, Web Sites

2008 BRFSS Data, Documentation, and Online Tables Now Available

from CityMatCH NewsBriefs, May 7, 2009

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Behavioral Surveillance Branch is pleased to announce the release of the 2008 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) data and documentation and prevalence and trends tables.

The BRFSS is a unique, state-based surveillance system active in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U. S. Virgin Islands, and Guam. Information on health risk behaviors, clinical preventive health practices, and health care access (primarily related to chronic disease and injury) is obtained from a representative sample of noninstitutionalized adults aged 18 years and older in each state. The BRFSS provides flexible, timely, and ongoing data collection that allows for state-to-state and state-to-nation comparisons. State-specific data including racial-and-ethnic-specific data from the BRFSS provide a sound basis for developing and evaluating public health programs, including programs targeted to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in health risks. The BRFSS is the largest telephone-based surveillance system in the world, with more than 400,000 interviews conducted in 2008.

The 2008 BRFSS data and documentation files are available at:

http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/technical_infodata/surveydata/2008.htm. The 2008 BRFSS prevalence and trends data are available at: <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/brfss/index.asp>.

For more information about the data, please contact the BRFSS office at (770) 488-2455.

Resources & Tools

New Guide Offers Comprehensive Obesity Prevention Policies for Schools

from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Policy-makers, educators, health professionals and parents working to curb the childhood obesity epidemic have a new tool at their disposal: *Preventing Childhood Obesity: A School Health Policy Guide*. This policy brief from the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) distills volumes of the most recent developments in the field into an easy-to-access policy brief that is an essential resource for anyone interested in reversing the childhood obesity epidemic.

Preventing Childhood Obesity distinguishes itself from other data and policy guides by synthesizing research on obesity and physical activity to deliver useful integrated policy models for stakeholders. Key elements from sections on physical activity, physical education, competitive foods, and nutrition and health education are woven into model policies that can be adapted by state and local authorities based on their specific needs. Support for this policy guide was provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation through its *Leadership for Healthy Communities* national program. To download the policy brief visit <http://www.rwjf.org/childhoodobesity/product.jsp?id=42472>.

Leadership for Healthy Communities' Action Strategies Toolkit Offers Concrete Resources for Policy-Makers Working to Prevent Childhood Obesity

from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

With nearly one-third of American youth either obese or overweight, there is a critical need to expand opportunities for physical activity and improve access to healthy foods in schools and communities across the country. And policy-makers and community leaders at all levels of government have an important role



to play in helping children lead healthier lives. To provide guidance on some of the current best approaches policy-makers can use to make their states, communities and schools healthier places to live, *Leadership for Healthy Communities*, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, created the *Action Strategies Toolkit* in close collaboration with the following 11 national policy-maker organizations.

The toolkit offers practical examples of policy approaches and resources that can help state and local policy-makers prevent childhood obesity and improve children's health. It covers a wide range of issues, including increasing access to parks and recreation centers, improving safety for bicyclists and pedestrians, offering healthier foods in schools, and attracting grocery stores that provide healthy, affordable foods to lower-income communities. Each section recommends targeted strategies based on the setting, identifies key stakeholders, outlines policy and program options, provides direction on how to start programs, describes resources that can help inform the process, and includes examples of how other states and localities have achieved progress. To download the full toolkit and executive summary visit <http://www.rwjf.org/childhoodobesity/product.jsp?id=42514>.

Conferences, Seminars, Teleconferences, Webinars

2009 Future of Pediatrics Sessions Recordings Available

Get a complete synchronized audio/visual recording of the AAP/ACOP 2009 Future of Pediatrics Conference, which includes all of the PowerPoint presentations from the educational sessions, as they were presented. The audio/visual recording of the Conference is available on CD-ROM or flash drive. To view a sample audio/visual recording before you purchase, visit http://www.dcpvideronline.com/aap/?event_id=AAP1. To place your order for a CD-ROM or flash drive, visit www.dcporder.com/aap.

Registration Now Open for 19th Annual CityMatCH Urban Maternal and Child Health Leadership Conference

from CityMatCH

Registration is now open for the 19th Annual CityMatCH Urban Maternal and Child Health Leadership Conference "Reinventing MCH Practice: Rising to the Challenge, Committing to the Future". The conference will be held in New Orleans, LA from August 22-25, 2009. For more information about the conference and to register visit <http://www.citymatch.org/Conference>.

New America's Promise Alliance Web Site Launched

from America's Promise Alliance

America's Promise Alliance is pleased to introduce their new, enhanced web site (www.americaspromise.org) that features outstanding resources, news and information about and for those focused on supporting children and youth so they live healthy and successful lives. The APB design has changed to reflect the new look and feel of the web site.

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