

**News from the Office of the Regional Health Administrator
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HHS News

*****11.3 million individuals nationwide are signed up through the Health Insurance Marketplaces** – According to a new report released, more than 11.3 million people are signed up for coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplaces in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. For more information, visit <http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/01/07/11-million-individuals-nationwide-are-signed-up-through-the-health-insurance-marketplaces.html>

*****HHS and USDA Release New Dietary Guidelines to Encourage Healthy Eating Patterns to Prevent Chronic Diseases** – Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia M. Burwell and Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack released updated nutritional guidelines that encourage Americans to adopt a series of science-based recommendations to improve how they eat to reduce obesity and prevent chronic diseases like Type 2 diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease. For information, visit <http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/01/07/hhs-and-usda-release-new-dietary-guidelines-encourage-healthy-eating-patterns-prevent-chronic.html>

*****New Hospitals and Health Care Providers Join Successful, Cutting-Edge Federal Initiative that Cuts Costs and Puts Patients at the Center of Their Care** – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced 121 new participants in Medicare Accountable Care Organization initiatives designed to improve the care patients receive in the health care system and lower costs. With this announcement, ACOs now represent 49 states and the District of Columbia. For information, visit <http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/01/11/new-hospitals-and-health-care-providers-join-successful-cutting-edge-federal-initiative.html>

*****First-ever CMS Innovation Center pilot project to test improving patients' health by addressing their social needs** – HHS announced a new funding opportunity of up to \$157 million to test whether screening beneficiaries for health-related social needs and associated referrals to and navigation of community-based services will improve quality and affordability in Medicare and Medicaid. For more information, visit <http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/01/05/first-ever-cms-innovation-center-pilot-project-test-improving-patients-health.html>

*****Walgreens Provided Up To \$15 Million Worth of Free Flu Shot Vouchers for Uninsured and Underinsured –** HHS is assisting with the voucher distribution effort as program enters sixth year. The collaboration aims to improve immunization rates among uninsured Americans and has been instrumental in helping to protect more people from the flu each season, with Walgreens providing more than \$40 million worth of vouchers since the program’s inception. Individuals who are eligible can call 1-800-925-4733 to find the nearest Walgreens location with flu shot vouchers available, as availability is on a first come, first served basis while supplies last. For information, visit <http://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/Content.aspx?ID=10274&lvl=2&lvlid=8>

*****Statement by HHS Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell on H.R. 3762 -** “We are in the final weeks of Open Enrollment for 2016 under the Affordable Care Act and saw unprecedented demand for January 2016 coverage. Yet at the same time, we continue to see efforts to repeal the ACA and turn back the clock. “President Obama has clearly said he will veto this bill. The President’s action will protect Americans from going back to a time when they faced bankruptcy due to lifetime caps on coverage, could be denied coverage due to pre-existing conditions or couldn’t qualify for Medicaid coverage when struggling to make ends meet. For information, visit <http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/01/06/statement-hhs-secretary-sylvia-m-burwell-hr-3762.html>

February Health Observances

- [American Heart Month](#)
- [Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month](#)
- 5 [National Wear Red Day](#)
- 7 [National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#)

For more news from HHS, view recent press releases here <http://www.hhs.gov/news/>

Funding Opportunities

*****HHS Health Resources and Services Administration: Bridging the Word Gap Challenge –** will award \$300,000 in prizes to support innovative solutions that can help promote early-language development among children from low-income families in the U.S. <http://www.wordgapchallenge.hrsa.gov/>; Phase 1 Submission Deadline: January 29

*****HHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Childhood Obesity Research Demonstration 2.0 –** The purpose of this FOA is to test a model of quality clinical care addressing childhood obesity for U.S. low-income children, especially those enrolled in or eligible for health care coverage under the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or Medicaid. Specifically, the purpose of this FOA is to implement and test the ability of a model of clinical childhood obesity management along with a EHR-referral-based, family-centered pediatric weight management program, to reduce body mass index (BMI) in children with obesity, or overweight with risks (including, e.g., medical and behavioral risks, and family history). <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=280155>; Deadline: Jan 29, 2016

*****Integration of Infectious Diseases and Substance Abuse Intervention Services for Individuals Living with HIV (R01) –** The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to develop and test organizational and systems level interventions to determine how best to provide comprehensive, high quality, integrated, sustainable, cost-effective interventions to improve the health outcomes of people living with HIV (PLWH) with substance use disorders and other comorbid conditions. <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-16-011.html>; Submission Deadline: February 2, 2016

*****HHS Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services: Accountable Health Communities Model** – for the purpose of testing whether systematically identifying the health-related social needs of community-dwelling Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, and addressing their identified needs impacts those beneficiaries' total health care costs and their inpatient and outpatient utilization of health care services.

<https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/ahcm/>; <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280812>;

Interested applicants may submit a non-binding Letter of Intent (LOI) until February 8, 2016. Applicants will receive a confirmation email after the submission of their LOI.

*****HHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Centers for Autism and Developmental Disabilities Research and Epidemiology (CADDRE): Study to Explore Early Development (SEED) 3** –

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280289>; Submission Deadline: February 11, 2016

*****HHS Administration for Community Living: State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Base** –the SHIP was created by Congress in 1990 to provide education and assistance to Medicare-eligible individuals, their families and caregivers to assist in making informed health insurance decisions.

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280543>; Submission Deadline: February 15, 2016

*****HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment: Targeted Capacity Expansion-Peer-to-Peer** – The purpose of this program is to expand and enhance service capacity through the provision of peer recovery support services for those individuals with substance use disorders (SUDs) and their family members.

<http://www.grants.gov/search-grants.html?agencies%3DHHS%7CDepartment%20of%20Health%20and%20Human%20Services>; Submission

deadline: February 15, 2016

*****[Grants to States to Support Oral Health Workforce Activities \(HRSA-16-038\)](#)** – The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to support States in developing and implementing innovative programs to address the oral health workforce needs of designated Dental HPSAs. http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280277&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery;

Submission Deadline: February 16, 2016

*****HHS Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration: Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment Grants (Short Title: SBIRT)** – The purpose of this program is to implement screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment services for adults in primary care and community health settings for substance misuse and substance use disorders (SUD).

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280615>; Submission Deadline: February 17, 2016

*****Early HIV Treatment to Optimize Patient Health and HIV Prevention** – The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is accepting proposals for the Early HIV Treatment to Optimize Patient Health and HIV Prevention project. The purpose of this project is to evaluate the feasibility of initiating antiretroviral therapy (ART) in persons diagnosed with acute or early HIV infection.

<http://www.grants.gov/search-grants.html?agencies%3DHHS%7CDepartment%20of%20Health%20and%20Human%20Services>;

Submission Deadline: February 19, 2016

*****HHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Study to Assess the Incidence of Type 1 Diabetes in Young Adults** – The purpose of this FOA is a study to develop, implement, and evaluate a surveillance system to assess the incidence of type 1 diabetes in young adults (age 20 to 45 years) in the United States. <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280646>; Submission Deadline: February 23, 2016

*****HHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Supporting and Maintaining the Surveillance System for Chronic Kidney Disease in the United States** – This award will build upon previous work to continue developing, supporting and improving the CKD Surveillance System in the United States, to monitor the burden and trends of CKD and its risk factors over time, and monitor and evaluate trends in achieving Healthy People 2020 objectives. <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280500>; Submission Deadline: Feb 29, 2016

*****HHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Core State Violence and Injury Prevention Program (Core SVIPP)** – The overall purpose of this funding is to: 1) decrease and prevent injury and violence related morbidity and mortality and 2) increase sustainability of injury prevention programs and practices. This will be achieved through support to State Health Departments (SHDs) in the implementation, evaluation and dissemination of programs, practices, and policies with the best available evidence (see Glossary for best available evidence definition). <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>; Search for Funding Opportunity Number: CDC-RFA-CE16-1602; Letter of Intent Deadline: March 1, 2016 (Recommended but not required), Application Deadline: April 8, 2016

*****HHS Health Resources and Services Administration: Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Program** – <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280808>; Submission Deadline: March 4, 2016

*****HHS Health Resources and Services Administration: Telehealth Resource Center Grant Program** – <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280809>; Submission Deadline: March 4, 2016

*****AHRQ Funding To Address Opioid Abuse Disorders in Rural Areas** – In support of growing federal efforts to reduce the abuse of opioid drugs, AHRQ has issued a funding opportunity announcement for research to expand access to evidence-based treatment for opioid abuse disorders in rural areas. Up to \$12 million will be available to fund as many as four research demonstration projects to support implementation of medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder in rural primary care practices. <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HS-16-001.html>; Submission Deadline: March 4, 2016

*****HHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, NCCDPHP: Sodium Reduction in Communities** – This FOA will fund grantees to implement and evaluate promising, broad-reaching, and sustainable strategies in priority venues and entities with an added focus on collaboration with the food sector (e.g. vendors, suppliers, and/or related trade association affiliates). Grantees will conduct sodium reduction efforts as part of a sustainable comprehensive strategy aimed at improving the food environment. <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280919>; Submission Deadline: March 15, 2016

*****HHS Health Resources and Services Administration Early Comprehensive Childhood Systems Impact (ECCS Impact)** – The purpose of this program is to enhance early childhood (EC) systems building and demonstrate improved outcomes in population-based children's developmental health and family well-being indicators using a Collaborative Innovation and Improvement Network (CollIN) approach.

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=281007>; Submission Deadline: March 15, 2016

*****HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services and Center for Substance Abuse Treatment: 2016 Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals** – CABHI grants will increase capacity to provide accessible, effective, comprehensive, coordinated, integrated, and evidence-based treatment services; permanent supportive housing; peer supports; and other critical services. <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> – Funding Opportunity Number: SM-16-007; Submission Deadline: March 15, 2016

*****HHS National Institutes of Health: Risk of Adolescence and Injury in HIV Susceptibility (RAIS) (R01)** – The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to support the innovative biomedical and proof-of-concept research needed to understand how reproductive maturation or injury alters the mucosal environments at HIV susceptible sites. <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280344>; Submission Deadline: Mar 16, 2016

*****HHS Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration: Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program** – This funding opportunity establishes and strengthens collaboration among communities, public and private non-profit agencies; as well as federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth. They also seek to reduce substance use among youth and, over time, reduce substance abuse among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse. <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sp-16-001>; Submission Deadline: March 18, 2016

*****HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health: Providing Capacity Building Assistance to Office of Adolescent Health (OAH) Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Grantees** – The goal of this FOA is to provide CBA to OAH-funded TPP grantees in five key priority areas. OAH currently funds 58 grantees to replicate evidence-based TPP programs (Tier 1) and 26 grantees to develop and evaluate new and innovative approaches to preventing teen pregnancy (Tier 2). CBA is defined as the transmission of knowledge and building of skills to enhance the ability of organizations to implement, evaluate, and sustain TPP programs. <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280828>; Submission Deadline: Apr 8, 2016

*****HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health: Secondary Data Analysis of Evidence-Based Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Programs** – to solicit applications for projects that will contribute to the evidence base by enhancing our understanding of interventions identified as effective by the HHS Pregnancy Prevention Evidence Review in reducing rates of teen pregnancy and existing disparities. <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280741>; Submission Deadline: Apr 8, 2016

*****HHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention NCIPC Core State Violence and Injury Prevention Program (Core SVIPP)** – The overall purpose of this funding is to: 1) decrease and prevent injury and violence related morbidity and mortality and 2) increase sustainability of injury prevention programs and practices. <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280410>; Submission Deadline: Apr 8, 2016

*****HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health: Phase I Research on Research Integrity** – The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to foster innovative approaches to empirical research on societal, organizational, group, and individual factors that affect, both positively and negatively, integrity in

research. <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280999>; Submission Deadline: Apr 22, 2016

*****HHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention NCIPC: Core State Violence and Injury Prevention Program (Core SVIPP)** – The overall purpose of this funding is to: 1) decrease and prevent injury and violence related morbidity and mortality and 2) increase sustainability of injury prevention programs and practices. This will be achieved through support to State Health Departments (SHDs) in the implementation, evaluation and dissemination of programs, practices, and policies with the best available evidence (see Glossary for best available evidence definition). <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280410>; Submission Deadline: May 8, 2016

*****AHRQ Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award (K08)** – This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) solicits individual Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development (K08) grant applications from applicant organizations. The overall goal of AHRQ-supported career development programs is to help ensure that a diverse pool of highly trained health services researchers are available in adequate numbers and in appropriate research areas to address the mission and priorities of AHRQ. <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=210633>; Submission Deadline: May 24, 2016.

*****Time-Sensitive Obesity Policy and Program Evaluation (R01)** – This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) establishes an accelerated review/award process to support time-sensitive research to evaluate a new policy or program that is likely to influence obesity related behaviors (e.g., dietary intake, physical activity, or sedentary behavior) and/or weight outcomes in an effort to prevent or reduce obesity. This FOA is intended to support research where opportunities for empirical study are, by their very nature, only available through expedited review and funding. For more information, visit <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=279064>; Submission Deadline: September 13, 2018

*****Let's Move! Salad Bars to Schools** – offers grants for salad bars. To apply for a grant, please [click here](#). No deadline.

Associate and Fellowship Opportunities

*****ASPPH/CDC Allan Rosenfield Global Health Fellowship Program** – The Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health, with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention established a fellowship in honor of Dr. Allan Rosenfield, former Dean of the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. The Allan Rosenfield Global Health Fellowship Program provides training opportunities in global public health for recent graduates of ASPPH member CEPH-accredited schools and programs of public health. Submission deadline is January 28, 2016. For information, visit <https://fellowships.aspph.org/programs/details.cfm?programID=2>

*****AACN/CDC Cardiovascular Disease Prevention & Health Promotion Nursing Fellow** – The WISEWOMAN (Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation) Program is administered through CDC's Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention (DHDSP) and provides low-income, under-insured or uninsured women with chronic disease risk factor screening, lifestyle programs, and referral services in an effort to prevent cardiovascular disease. Submission deadline is January 29, 2016, 5 pm EST. For information, visit http://cfusion.sph.emory.edu/PHEC/index.cfm?action=job_Details&JobID=51908

*****James A. Ferguson Emerging Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program** – The Dr. James A. Ferguson Emerging Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program is a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-funded, nine-week summer program providing educational and professional development opportunities for fellows interested in infectious diseases research and health disparities. Submission deadline is January 31, 2016. For information, visit <http://www.kennedykrieger.org/professional-training/professional-training-programs/rise-programs/ferguson-fellowship>

*****Applied Public Health Informatics Fellowship (APHIF)** – The Applied Public Health Informatics Fellowship (APHIF) trains recent graduates in the expanding field of applied public health informatics. Participating Fellows will receive one year of on-the-job training at a state or local health agency under the guidance of experienced mentors. The goal of the Fellowship is to provide a high quality training experience and to secure long-term career placement for Fellows at the state or local level. APHIF is supported by the Association of the State and Territorial Health Officials, the CDC, the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, the National Association of County and City Health Officials, and the Public Health Informatics Institute, otherwise known as the SHINE (Strengthening Health Systems through Inter-professional Education) partners. For more information and to apply for the fellowship online, visit the [APHIF website](#). Application Deadline: February 1, 2016.

*****White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Internship Program** – The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders offers full-time internships year round (spring, summer, and fall). Submission deadline for the summer session is March 8, 2016, for fall session is July 19, 2016. For information, visit <https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/aapi/internships>

*****AHRQ Individual Awards for Postdoctoral Fellows (F32) National Research Service Awards (NRSA)** – The purpose of this individual postdoctoral research training fellowship is to provide support to promising fellows with the potential to become productive, independent investigators in health services research, with a research interest in areas and priorities relevant to the mission of AHRQ. The total amount to be awarded and the number of F32 fellowships awarded will depend on the quality and scientific merit of the applications received, their relevance to the program priorities of AHRQ and the availability of funds. For more information and to apply online, visit <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=190633>; Application Deadline: May 24, 2016.

*****Evaluators for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Fellowship** – The Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention (DHDSP) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have a mission to provide public health leadership to improve cardiovascular health for all, reduce the burden and eliminate disparities associated with heart disease and stroke. For information, visit <http://orise.orau.gov/cdc/applicants/description.aspx?JobId=19131>

Call for Nominations

*****Planning is underway for the 2nd edition of the [Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans!](#)** – The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has begun planning for the expected release of the 2nd edition of the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans (PAG), expected to be released in 2018. The [1st edition of the PAG](#) was released in 2008, followed by the [Midcourse Report](#) focused on strategies to increase physical activity in youth in 2013. The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) is seeking nominations to serve on the 2018 PAG Advisory Committee. Nominations will be accepted until 6 p.m. ET, Friday, February 5. [See the Federal Register notice](#) for more information. For email updates, [join the PAG Supporter Network](#).

National Activities

*****VIEW ALL UPCOMING AFFORDABLE CARE ACT CONFERENCE CALLS/WEBINARS HERE:**

http://www.hhs.gov/partnerships/resources/aca_101-invite.html

*****Accountable Health Communities Model Overview & Application Requirements** – webinar hosted by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to describe funding opportunity
Wednesday, January 27, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. (EST) - [To register](#)

*****Tobacco-Free College Campus Initiative (TFCCI) TFCCI Webinar Series: “Smoking Cessation: Strategies to Help Your Campus Quit”** – Looking for ways to help your campus quit tobacco? Join us for the first installment of the 2016 TFCCI Webinar Series where we will explore how college campuses are addressing cessation across the country, as well as take an in-depth look at This is Quitting, a novel, multimedia cessation program for young adult smokers developed by the Schroeder Institute for Tobacco Research and Policy Studies at Truth Initiative.
February 4, 2PM ET / 11AM PT | [Sign up here!](#)

Visit www.tobaccofreecampus.org for more information on this webinar, the upcoming 1DayStand (this coming March 17), and more!

*****Webinar on Improving Medicaid and CHIP Quality for Children; “Amplify Your Impact on Child Health Quality: Learning from the CHIPRA Quality Demonstration Grant Program”** – Join the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on February 11 at 2:00 p.m. ET for a free webinar. Speakers will highlight promising practices and key lessons learned from the 5-year grant program to improve health care quality for children in Medicaid and CHIP. You will also hear about an exciting new opportunity for technical assistance and peer-to-peer learning aimed at States that did not participate in the demonstration so they can benefit from the experiences of the 18 States that did.
Thursday, February 11, 2016 2:00-3:30pm ET
1-877-267-1577 Meeting Number: 991 841 205

*****2016 Webinar Series: Promoting Healthy Eating and Active Living through Partnerships and the National Prevention Strategy: “The Role of Individuals & Families”** – Thursday, February 18, 2016; 2:00 – 3:30 pm, MT (4:00-5:30 ET). To Register: https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/nps_webinar_event/event/registration.html
Please contact: RegionVIIIFedPartners@HHS.GOV with any questions, to be added to our direct webinar series distribution list, or to request a written transcript of this event.

*****Missed the Guide to Successful Grant Proposals Webinar Series?** – If you missed the recent webinar series on creating successful federal grant applications, you can access the recording and slides. Designed for community-based, faith-based and other organizations that want to learn the basics of creating successful federal grant applications, the three-part series walks through the foundations of grant writing, logic models and federal grant opportunities. [Listen to the series.](#)

*****Strategies to Address Opioid & Prescription Drug Misuse** – 5-part Learning Series that will outline Strategies to Address Opioid and Prescription Drug Misuse in the healthcare setting. This Learning Series is offered free of charge to all clinicians serving HRSA programs. Continuing Education is being pursued for a variety of health professions. For more information with the dates and to register, please visit: <http://attcnetwork.org/regional-centers/content.aspx?rc=centralrockies&content=STCUSTOM1>

*****Science of Sex and Gender in Human Health** – NIH’s Office of Research on Women’s Health (ORWH) is pleased to introduce the Science of Sex and Gender in Human Health series! Learn how differences between women and men influence disease manifestation, treatment, and outcome. This is the newest CME/CNE/CPE course offering in a series developed by ORWH, in collaboration with the U.S Food and Drug Administration Office of Women’s Health. For information, visit <https://sexandgendercourse.od.nih.gov/index.aspx>

*****The Region VIII National Prevention Strategy Webinar Series** – This annual webinar series is presented by the Region VIII Federal Partners, a group of representatives from various federal agencies who meet on a regular basis to identify ways to effectively and efficiently work together in reaching and serving the public. Each webinar highlights ways Federal agencies and communities are working to increase the number of Americans who are healthy at every stage of life - physically and mentally - by shifting the nation from a focus on sickness and disease to one based on prevention and wellness.

Links to recordings for many of the webinars, as well as continuing education credits are provided below.

Continuing education credits for physicians; nurses; health educators; and general continuing education for those courses specified below is available through the CDC Training and Continuing Education Online system (CDC TCEO). To apply for CEUs, go to CDC TCEO at <http://www.cdc.gov/tceonline/> and follow the instructions. For any questions or problems contact: CDC/ATSDR Training and Continuing Education Online at 1-800-41TRAIN or Email at ce@cdc.gov.

- *Bridging the Community with Federal Programs*
<https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/p6mwwi8079v/>
- *Nutrition in the Community*
<https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/p9rzn9tzfw1/>
- *Healthy Aging*
<https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/p9kjo5r24jd/>
- *Designing Healthy Communities - Promoting Universal Design, Affordable, Accessible, Safe, and Healthy Communities*
<https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/p2of0q49h71/>
- *Exercise is Medicine - The Impact of Physical Activity on Health and Wellness*
<https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/p4codwukzsn/>
- *Designing Healthy Communities: Promoting Universal Design, Affordable, Accessible, Safe, and Healthy Communities*
<https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/p2of0q49h71/>
- *Community and Historical Trauma: Surviving and Recovering*
<https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/p8t93fybo6f/>
CEU expiration date: July 18, 2016. Web on Demand course number: WD2261C
- *Recognizing and Responding to Trauma: The ACE Study and Trauma-Informed Care*
<https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/p8on7d5mxa/>
CEU expiration date: April 22, 2016. Web on Demand course number: WD2261D
- *Reducing Stigma and Misunderstanding of Mental Health*
<https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/p9tepru2bce/>
CEU expiration date: July 15, 2016. Web on Demand course number: WD2261E
- *The Role of Individuals and Families*
<https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/p51hodmqkam/>
CEU expiration date: March 24, 2017. Web on Demand course number: WD2261I.

- *The Role of Community, Non-Profit and Faith-Based Organizations*
<https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/p4esz8r1jn0/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal>
 CEU expiration date: April 21, 2017. Web on Demand course number: WD2261J

*****HealthyPeople 2020 Webinars & Events Archive** – Watch webinar recordings, download agendas, and view presentations on various health topics, such as the most recent 1/21 session: “Who’s Leading the Leading Health Indicators? Webinar: Injury and Violence.” <http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/webinars-events/Webinars-and-Events-Archive>

Regional Activities

*****Register Today! “A Clarion Call for Collaborative Action” Continuing the Conversation: Human Trafficking and the Faith-Based Community** – engage in conversation about human trafficking, lessons learned on human trafficking, and barriers to helping survivors of trafficking in the faith community. Learn how to become a catalyst for broader public awareness in the faith community, providing direction for all levels of engagement in the efforts to protect vulnerable individuals, and end trafficking in our neighborhoods. The conversation will conclude with an action plan on how to improve access to victim services.

Details: Friday, January 29, 2016; 9:00 AM — 3:00 PM; Metcalfe Federal Building, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois -- [Register for this Free event here](#)

*****Regional Adolescent Health Network Introductory Calls, 2/2 and 2/4** – The Region V Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health is establishing a Regional Adolescent Health Network that will serve as a forum for adolescent health and social service providers to information share about challenges faced, innovative and successful policies, programs, and screening, intervention, and referral practices in adolescent services.

Participate in a webinar discussion to learn more and share how you’d like the Network to function and what you’d like it to address. Participate in ONE of these instant webinar meetings:

- February 2 at 10am CT / 11am ET
- February 4 at 1pm CT / 2pm ET

Use the following call lines: Dial: 866-823-3966; Passcode: 916887#

View the presentation slides here: <http://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=747012864&p=&t=c>

*****Black Lives Matter: Research, Policy and Program: In honor of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day** – A free, full-day conference to launch an action plan addressing structural determinants of HIV vulnerability among Black gay and bisexual men. National and Chicago-area health experts, providers and legislators will meet to shape the future of HIV.

Details: Monday, Feb. 8, 2016; 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; West Point Missionary Baptist Church, 3566 S Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, IL

<http://events.aidschicago.org/site/Calendar?id=101721&view=Detail>

RSVP: aidschicago.org/blacklivesmatter

PLUS

PrEP4Love Live Presents: Crazy, Sexy, Cool – Get to know PrEP4Love, a new, cutting-edge HIV awareness campaign in Chicago. Enjoy dancing, a photo booth, food and more!

Details: Monday, Feb. 8, 2016; 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.; West Point Missionary Baptist Church, 3566 S Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, IL

RSVP: aidschicago.org/PrEP4LoveLIVE

*****Register Today! Adolescent Health: [Effective Screening, Counseling, and Referral for Tobacco Use in Adolescents](#)** – Region V Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health is hosting this session taking place February 11 at 4:00 p.m. ET. This session will discuss methods for screening and interventions, such as counseling techniques, as well as referral processes to help patients quit using tobacco. It will highlight not only ways to interact with adolescents, but also their families to develop a health care office environment that contributes to the prevention and cessation of tobacco use. Participate in person in Chicago, IL or via live webcast. Visit <http://adolescenthealthseries.net> to register.

Public Comment and Request for Information

*****Public Comment Period regarding Office of Population Affairs' work in health IT regarding the de-identification of EHR-derived family planning encounter data** – Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE) is accepting public comments on two documents (a Supplement and a White Paper) describing the proposed de-identification algorithms that ITI is recommending OPA implement for future FPAR reporting. This de-identification effort seeks to best protect and secure information regarding Title X clients yet still retain the integrity of the data for performance measurement. Entities wishing to submit comments can do so at: http://ihe.net/Public_Comment/#IT; Deadline: February 5, 2016.

*****HHS Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy Viral Hepatitis Community Stakeholder Report** – this report will share information about activities led by non-federal partners in 2014 and 2015. To collect this information the Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy has just published a [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) in the Federal Register. Selected information collected in response to this RFI will be compiled into a Viral Hepatitis Community Stakeholder Report highlighting innovative actions in support of the goals of the [Viral Hepatitis Action Plan](#). The report will be made available to the public to foster further innovation and collaborations and to inform future efforts.

Details on how to respond to the RFI are included in the [Federal Register](#) and a related blog post is available at www.aids.gov/hepatitis. Submissions are due within 60 days of the RFI publication, on or before 5:00 p.m. EST on February 8, 2015.

*****CMS Quality Measures Public Comment Page** – This web page serves as the designated site for CMS to solicit public comments on proposed quality measures. The public comment period provides an opportunity for the widest array of interested parties to provide input on the measures under development and can provide critical suggestions not previously considered by the measure contractor or its technical expert panel (TEP). View the various public comment postings here: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/MMS/CallforPublicComment.html>

Other Announcements

*****Who are America's Adolescents?** – Adolescents are generally healthy; however, they face challenges to their health and well-being that are different from those of children and adults. The OAH website's new feature, [America's Adolescents](#), profiles who America's adolescents are, what they do, and what health issues they face. For additional information about adolescent health topics, please visit the [OAH website](#).

*****New Information: Adolescent Health: Think, Act, GrowSM (TAG)** – a national call to action to improve adolescent health supported by the HHS Office of Adolescent Health. New TAG information for you and your networks:

- [TAG in Action Tools](#)
- [Healthy Students, Promising Futures](#): State and Local Action Steps and Practices to Improve School-Based Health
- [Resources for Families](#)
- [TAG Stories](#) and [Talking about TAG](#)

If you want to help us promote TAG in your community or you have a successful strategy to share, please write to us at TAGTeam@hhs.gov. Thanks again for your interest.

*****Know the Facts First Campaign** – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health has launched "Know the Facts First Campaign." This campaign addresses HIV and STI prevention education in an age-appropriate manner. For information, visit <http://www.girlshealth.gov/know-the-facts-first/index.html>

*****KnowBullying: SAMHSA's Bullying Prevention App** – Get Connected with SAMHSA's Free Mobile Apps. KnowBullying provides information and guidance on ways to prevent bullying and build resilience in children. For information, visit <http://store.samhsa.gov/apps/>

*****National HIV/AIDS Strategy Released in Spanish!** – A Spanish version of the NHAS update is now available on AIDS.gov. In July 2015, the White House released the [National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States: Updated to 2020](#). This Update reflects the work accomplished and the new scientific developments since the original Strategy was released in 2010. The other resources are not yet available in Spanish. The Spanish version to share with Spanish speaking partners and/or Latino-serving organizations: [Estrategia Nacional Contra El VIH/SIDA para los Estados Unidos: Actualizada Hasta 2020](#) [PDF]

*****Opportunity for Technical Support for Physical and Mental Health Integration** – CMS IAP is currently accepting [Expression of Interest forms](#) from state Medicaid agencies interested in participating in the IAP Physical and Mental Health Integration (PMH) initiative. The IAP PMH initiative will provide targeted program support to states seeking to expand and/or refine existing physical and mental health integration efforts. More information about IAP PMH can be found at <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/innovation-accelerator-program/physical-and-mental-health-integration/physical-and-mental-health-integration.html>. For any question about the IAP PMH opportunity, please send an email to MedicaidIAP@cms.hhs.gov with "PMH Integration" in the subject line. Interested states should submit their forms by January 29, 2016.

*****Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Vital Signs report on E-cigarette Ads and Youth** – About 7 in 10 middle and high school students see e-cigarette advertising in stores, online, in newspapers and magazines, or on television and in movies. View the [blog post here](#) and the *Vital Signs* Report here: <http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/>

*****Media-Smart Youth: Eat, Think, and Be Active!** – a free program that helps young people ages 11 to 13 better understand the complex media world and how it can influence their health. Developed by the National Institutes of Health, the Media-Smart Youth curriculum includes 10 lessons that encourage kids to eat healthy, be active, and think critically about marketing messages.

NIH provides [free program materials](#) and an [on-demand webinar training](#) to help facilitators successfully carry out the program, independently or in partnership with schools, after-school programs, or other local youth-

serving organizations. *Webinar participants may receive a certificate of completion or, for Certified Health Education Specialists, one hour of continuing education credit.*

*****CDC has released *Interim Guidelines for Pregnant Women During a Zika Virus Outbreak — United States, 2016***. The guidelines can be found here: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6502e1er.htm>

*****Office on Women’s Health (OWH) Blog: “Bottom Line: Mammograms are Still Covered”** – the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recently released its breast cancer screening recommendations. Read this blog to learn more about mammogram coverage: <http://www.hhs.gov/blog/2016/01/11/bottom-line-mammograms-are-still-covered.html>

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