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2003 Nebraska Rural Health Association Annual Conference

September 2 – 4, 2003

Holiday Inn and Convention Center; Kearney, Nebraska - 800.284.4460

Theme - Rural Health: Care In Place

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Chuck Fluharty, a rural development specialist with the University of Missouri, will be the keynote speaker at the 2003 Nebraska Rural Health Association annual conference. Dr. Fluharty is a well-known expert on rural issues and development strategies. He is the Director of the Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI) at the University of Missouri. This conference will be an excellent opportunity for communities to learn about successful networking strategies to build "Care in Place".

Agenda and Registration Form will be mailed and available on NeRHA's website in July.

Annual Award Nomination Categories -- DEADLINE: July 31, 2003

Award nomination forms can be downloaded from <http://www.nebraskaruralhealth.org/ConfCover.html>, or contact the NeRHA Conference Office at 402-421-7543, (fax) 425-940-6196, or brenda_linder@yahoo.com

Rural Health Consumer Advocate Award

Rural health care delivery systems will survive with the involvement of rural consumers who recognize that health care is always changing the input of consumers and will best help the system meet the needs of rural Nebraskans. This award recognizes an individual for: a) active participation within his/her community and/or region regarding rural health policy service delivery issues, and b) involvement in community, regional, or state public policy education efforts surrounding rural health issues

Integrated Rural Healthcare Award

The Integrated Rural Healthcare Award is open to any provider giving primary care, mental health, and substance abuse collaborative care in rural areas of our state. We are interested in the collaborative model, the methodology, the types of providers, the issues they are having problems with and the successes they have seen. The provider can be an individual, a team, a system or collaboration. Integration can be with two or all three of the components (primary care, mental health, and substance abuse). Nominations are accepted from patients, fellow providers, payors, or employees of the provider. Awardee will receive a plaque and \$250 at the Nebraska Rural Health Conference in September. Nominee and/or provider must provide an article to be put in the ACCESS newsletter about their integrated rural healthcare program.

Outstanding Rural Health Practitioner Award

This award recognizes an individual that is a direct service provider who has exhibited outstanding leadership in bringing and/or improving health services in rural Nebraska. Factors taken into consideration include providing outstanding care; collaboration and multi-disciplinary teamwork; involvement in the community; involvement in education; and lasting contribution to the rural health care system. Those eligible for this award are individuals who provide direct patient care and include, but are not limited to physicians, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, etc.

Outstanding Rural Health Achievement Award

This award recognizes an individual for leadership and noteworthy initiative in promoting the development of community oriented rural health care delivery. Factors for selection should include: distinctive efforts to promote and/or improve rural healthcare; provide leadership; involvement in the community; and lasting contributions to health care.

Partners and Exhibitors

Are you interested in being a Conference partner or Conference Exhibitor? Forms can be downloaded from NeRHA's website, or contact the NeRHA Conference Office at 402-421-7543, (fax) 425-940-6196, or brenda_linder@yahoo.com

Continuing Education Units

An application has been submitted for contact hours to the Nebraska Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Nursing Home Administrator CEUs will be applied for. Call 402-421-7543 for more information.

For More Information

<http://www.NebraskaRuralHealth.org>

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2003 Public Health Association of Nebraska Annual Conference

October 9 & 10, 2003

Howard Johnson Riverside Inn; 3333 Ramada Road; Grand Island, Nebraska; 1-800-422-3485

Theme: Public Health Nebraska: Shaping the Future

Thursday, October 9, 2003

Meetings and workshops are scheduled for Thursday, October 9. Workshops include topics on suicide prevention, vulnerable populations and strategic planning. The Annual Award Banquet will be held the evening of October 9th.

Friday, October 10, 2003

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Michael Bird, MSW, MPH, was the first American Indian president of the American Public Health Association (2001) and is the current director of the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center in Oakland, CA. He will be the Keynote Speaker on October 10th at the Public Health Association of Nebraska Annual Conference in Grand Island.

General sessions and concurrent sessions will give participants the opportunity to hear on current national and state legislative issues, women and heart disease, behavioral health, and public health activities.

Agenda and Registration Form will be mailed and available on PHAN's website in July.

Call for Posters

The Public Health Association of Nebraska is soliciting entries for a Poster Session to be held at the Annual Entry forms can be downloaded from PHAN's website and must be postmarked by August 1, 2003.

Annual Award Nomination Categories

DEADLINE: August 15, 2003

Nomination forms are available on PHAN's website at <http://www.publichealthne.org/id30.htm>

Outstanding Student of Public Health Award. This award recognizes a student who has exhibited noteworthy leadership and initiative in promoting community oriented health care delivery. Factors for selection include distinctive efforts to design, provide or promote public health activities; leadership and initiative; and involvement in the community.

PHAN Lifetime Membership Award. This award recognizes significant long-term service to public health in Nebraska. Factors for selection include distinctive efforts to promote and/or improve the public health system; leadership; involvement in the community; and lasting contributions to public health.

Jim Dills Distinguished Public Health Service Award. This award was established to honor career public health leader, Jim Dills. The award is intended to recognize an individual, agency, organization or business exhibiting outstanding leadership in establishing or improving public health services at the community or state level in Nebraska. Factors for selection include designing and providing innovative services; collaboration and multi-disciplinary teamwork; promotion of community collaboration or partnering, and leading others to interest and excitement in public health.

PHAN Service Award This award recognizes a member of the Public Health Association of Nebraska who has made a significant contribution to the successful operation of PHAN.

Exhibitors

Are you interested in being a Conference Exhibitor? Forms can be downloaded from PHAN's website - <http://www.publichealthne.org/id30.htm> or contact the PHAN Office at 402-483-1039.

Continuing Education Units

An application will be submitted for contact hours to the Nebraska Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Contact itsmybagne@aol.com for more information.

For More Information

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You Drink & Drive. You Lose Mobilization

June 27 - July 13, 2003

This Summer Season Keep America's Families Safe from Impaired Drivers, Join the You Drink & Drive. You Lose National Crackdown. For most Americans, summer is a fun time to join family and friends in relaxing and enjoying the outdoors. Unfortunately, the summer season is also one of the deadliest times of the year on America's highways for impaired driving. That's why every July; thousands of traffic safety partners in all 50 States join forces to protect citizens from this deadly crime.

Need More Help?

If you need additional information on the crackdown, available materials or key points of contacts, please go to the NHTSA Web site - www.nhtsa.dot.gov page - and click the You Drink & Drive. You Lose image on the home page.

Free Risk Management Primer

The National Center for Small Communities has produced a risk management primer, Limiting Small Town Liability. It is designed to introduce the concept of risk management to elected officials of small communities that have no risk manager. The publication is available for free in bulk orders only - 65 copies per box. Those requesting bulk orders can also receive a trainer's guide in three-ring binder form which includes a PowerPoint presentation that summarizes the primer, trainer's notes on running effective meetings, and the primer itself. The PowerPoint presentation and trainer's notes are in print, but all three sets of materials are also on a CD that is included with the binder.

To preview the materials, go to <http://www.smallcommunities.org/ncsc/> and click on the New Resources tab. To order, please email your request to ncsc@sso.org along with your mailing address and the number of boxes you would like. (Please, no P.O. Boxes.)

Reviewers Wanted

The Children's Bureau is looking for new reviewers for one or both of the weeks of August 3rd and August 17th. The Children's Bureau is especially interested in potential reviewers with a child welfare background. Please visit www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/grantreview for instructions on submitting a résumé and a writing sample. If you need assistance, you may call the reviewer's toll-free help line 877-663-0250, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST. Even if you are unable to participate in the August 2003 panels, please sign up to be a reviewer if you are interested in participating in future panels.

Health Departments Take Action: Case Studies

ASTHO is pleased to release "Health Departments Take Action: Case Studies of State and Local Models Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health." This document was produced in partnership with the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to compliment the 2001 publication "Health Departments Take Action: A Compendium of State and Local Models Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health." Staff from both associations conducted focus groups with program leaders and community stakeholders from seven of the programs featured in the original publication over the past year. Copies were mailed to state and local public health agency officials. The publication is also available online at:

http://www.astho.org/templates/display_pub.php?u=JnB1YI9pZD00NTE%3D and a limited number of additional copies are available through ASTHO by contacting Lauren Raskin at lraskin@astho.org.

Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Materials Available

The Annie E. Casey Foundation recently released the 2003 KIDS COUNT Data Book which provides statistics on the status of children in the United States on a national and state-by-state level. Ranked indicators include low birthweight, infant mortality, child death rate, and children in poverty. Findings indicate widespread improvements in states with every state improving on at least four out of ten measures and most states improving on six out of ten measures. Specific findings include:

- The U.S. infant mortality rate declined from 9.2 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1990 to 6.9 deaths in 2000, an improvement that was reflected in almost every state;
- Between 1990 and 2000, the child death rate decreased in 48 states and the District of Columbia; and
- The rate of teen deaths by accident, homicide, and suicide decreased by 28 percent between 1990 and 2000, with this decline evident in 46 states and the District of Columbia.

The KIDS COUNT Pocket Guide is also available and provides summary statistics on state-by-state data in easy-to-read charts and tables. For more information, go to <http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/databook/>. ASTHO has a limited number of copies of the KIDS Count materials available. To request a copy, send an email to msinghal@astho.org.

New Web Site Profiles Primary Care Practitioners In Many Different Settings

A new website launch supplements a recently released book detailing unique stories about primary care practitioners. "Big Doctoring in America: Profiles in Primary Care," originally released in the fall of 2002, tells the story of 15 primary care practitioners from all walks of American health care life and includes a wrap around essay about the past and future of primary care. The web site provides a brief, informative look at primary care that will be helpful for students of the health sciences and anyone interested in the origins of and current circumstances of primary care in America. This site can be viewed at: <http://bigdoctoring.com>

New Resources On Access To Oral Health Care Released

Three new resources feature information on beginning a safety net dental clinic and increasing access to children's oral health care:

- The Maternal and Child Health Bureau, the Ohio Department of Health, the Indian Health Service and the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors released the "Safety Net Dental Clinic Manual," a practical reference tool that highlights aspects of dental clinic development and operations. The manual includes information on partnerships and planning, facilities and staffing, financing, clinic operations, and quality awareness and improvement. It also includes links to sample policies, budget worksheets and design tips. The manual is targeted toward those interested in starting a dental clinic or those wanting to improve an existing dental clinic facility or existing dental services. The manual is hosted and maintained by the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center and is available at <http://www.dentalclinicmanual.com>.
- The Child Health Insurance Research Initiative (CHIRI(tm)) released "Children's Dental Care Access in Medicaid: The Role of Medical Care Use and Dentist Participation," an issue brief that reports on children's dental care use in the Alabama and Georgia Medicaid programs. The brief reports on which Medicaid-

enrolled children were more likely to receive dental care, what dental services were most frequently used, and whether medical care use and/or the number of participating dentists were associated with greater dental care use. According to the brief, while dentists' participation in Medicaid had some effect on improving dental care access, other factors also influence dental care use in public insurance programs. CHIRI(tm) is a partnership between the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), The David and Lucile Packard Foundation, and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The issue brief is available at <http://www.ahrq.gov/about/cods/chirifind.htm> or by calling the AHRQ Publications Clearinghouse at (800) 358-9295. (Please specify AHRQ Publication No. 03-0032 when ordering the Issue Brief.)

- The National Health Policy Forum released a Background Paper entitled, "Improving Oral Health: Promise and Prospects" which examines issues affecting access to oral health care in the United States. The paper reviews the opportunities and challenges of public financing sources and safety net programs for dental care for low-income children and families, and describes a sampling of privately funded efforts at improving oral health access. The paper also outlines some of the major barriers to dental care. It is available at http://www.nhpf.org/pdfs_bp/BP%5FOralHealth%5F6%2D03%2Epdf.

Action Kit Available To Help States With Language Services

The National Health Law Program and the Access Project released a Language Services Action Kit to aid advocates and health care providers working to ensure that people with limited English proficiency get appropriate language assistance services in medical settings. According to federal laws, health care providers are required to provide language services in all medical settings. The action kit provides information for advocates and health care providers about federal funds that are available to help states pay for language services for patients covered by Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program. The Action Kit also includes materials that explain the federal laws and policies that require health care providers to ensure access to services for people with limited English proficiency and describes models that some states have adopted to reimburse health care providers for language services. The Language Services Action Kit costs \$25.00. Additional information is available at <http://www.accessproject.org/projects.htm>.

New Tobacco Settlement Yields \$160 Million for States

6/19/2003

State attorneys general have resolved a dispute with tobacco companies over the 1998 tobacco settlement, and states will now receive an additional \$160 million from Brown & Williamson and other tobacco firms, Reuters reported June 18.

The National Association of Attorneys General said most of the money would come from Brown & Williamson, which had refused to make payments under the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement for cigarettes it made for Star Tobacco, Inc. Led by the attorney general of Vermont, officials from 52 states and territories sued over the payments last year.

As part of the latest settlement, the tobacco companies agreed to assume responsibility for products they manufacture for other firms.

Deadline Approaching for Affiliate and Student Poster Abstracts

Each year the American Public Health Association Committee on Affiliates sponsors an Affiliate and Student Poster session at the APHA Annual Meeting, which will be held in San Francisco on November 15-19, 2003. All abstracts must be submitted by July 14, 2003. To find out more about the Poster Sessions and to learn how to submit an abstract please visit <http://apha.confex.com/apha/131am/coa.htm>.

National HIV Testing Day

In preparation for National HIV Testing Day on June 27, the Kaiser Family Foundation has prepared a new fact sheet - "HIV Testing in the United States" - that provides an overview of the major issues relating to HIV testing.

National HIV Testing Day was launched in 1995 by the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA) to encourage Americans to get tested, and increase overall awareness of the epidemic. Today, as many as one in three Americans living with HIV/AIDS do not know they are infected. Knowledge about one's status can help extend life while helping to stop the spread of the disease.

This fact sheet provides information on key testing statistics, testing recommendations as advised by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), testing sites and policies, including state specific information, and a summary of the testing methods available.

The fact sheet, along with other materials about HIV/AIDS, is available at <http://www.kff.org/content/2003/6094/>

WasteCap of Lincoln

WasteCap of Lincoln provides free on-site assessments for businesses with commercial, non-hazardous waste in the city of Lincoln. *Statewide expansion is planned in the near future.*

Several resources are available in hard copy and on the web, such as the Recycling 101 Training Program and EPP Purchasing "Train the Trainer" packets. A service provider guidebook for recycling is updated and distributed annually to any interested parties free of charge. Contact - 402/436-2384, wastecap@alltel.net e-mail, or website www.wastecaplnk.org

Check It Out ... New TFN Resource Available!

A new resource has been added to the Tobacco Free Nebraska Resource Library. "Face Reality - Spit Tobacco and You" is a comprehensive spit tobacco prevention education program that includes a guide book and video resources (4 videos). To reserve, contact Kathy Burklund at (402) 471-3492 or kathy.burklund@hss.state.ne.us.

2003 Cancer Conference

CDC's 2003 Cancer Conference, "Comprehensive Approaches to Cancer Control: The Public Health Role" will be held Monday, September 15-Thursday, 18, 2003, at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. The conference will focus on strengthening the public health's role in developing comprehensive approaches to cancer control. It will bring together a wide constituency of local, state, territorial, tribal, federal, national and community-based cancer prevention and control programs. Additional information may be found at the following website: <http://www.cancerconference.net>

Funding Opportunities

Money Available to Close Abandoned Wells, Protect Drinking Water in Nebraska

State grants are now available to Nebraska communities for the proper closure of abandoned wells in populated areas and in areas that could impact their drinking water. These grants will make it possible to close these wells at no cost to the landowner or community.

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality recently received a Nebraska Environmental Trust grant of \$75,000, which will be used over the next two years to help communities close wells located in Wellhead Protection Areas or within their community.

Wellhead Protection Areas are defined regions that supply groundwater to a community's public water supply well. Abandoned wells are illegal, because they can be a direct route for contamination from the ground surface to the groundwater below, according to Marty Link, NDEQ Groundwater Unit Supervisor. Additionally, old large diameter open wells can be a hazard to small children and animals. Children have been injured from falling into abandoned wells covered by weeds or rotting planks.

Therefore, these grants are available in all communities' incorporated regions, even if they are not in a wellhead protection area, because of the physical danger that open wells can pose.

The state grant money will be used to match funds that the state's 23 Natural Resources Districts provide to close abandoned wells. The combination of the Natural Resources Districts' funding and the new state funds make it possible to properly close abandoned wells at no cost to the community. Any well in the community's Wellhead Protection Area or the associated incorporated area may be eligible.

"This is a great opportunity for communities to eliminate a serious hazard to the environment and public safety," Link said. "Best of all, in many cases it can be done at no cost to the community, for as long as these grant funds are available. Communities should move swiftly in identifying these wells and applying for grants."

To find out more about this program, call NDEQ at (402) 471-0096 or toll free at 1-877-253-2603, or contact your local Natural Resources District. Information about the Wellhead Protection Program is available on line at www.deq.state.ne.us. All the Wellhead Protection newsletters and guidance documents are available on this website, as well as a list of public water suppliers and the date their Wellhead Protection Area map was drawn or adopted by NDEQ.

Developmental Disabilities: Notice of Availability of Financial Assistance and Request for Applications To Fund Family Support Model Demonstration Projects Under the Projects of National Significance Program

Closing Date: August 4, 2003

Amount: ADD intends to award new grants resulting from this announcement during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2003. Up to \$1.5 million in Federal funds will be available to support these projects this fiscal year.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants include any public or private non-profit organization, including State and local governments, Federally recognized Indian tribes, faith-based organizations, and private nonprofit organization including universities and other institutions of higher education designated by the governor or chief executive officer of the State as the lead agency for this project.

Agency/Department: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Administration for Children and Families

SUMMARY: The Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) is located within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). ADD shares goals with other ACF programs that promote the economic and social well being of families, children, individuals, and communities. ACF and ADD envision:

- Families and individuals empowered to increase their own economic independence and productivity;
- Strong, healthy, supportive communities having a positive impact on the quality of life and the development of children;
- Partnerships with individuals, front-line service providers, communities, States, and Congress that enable solutions that transcend traditional agency boundaries;
- Services planned and integrated to improve client access;
- A strong commitment to working with Native Americans, persons with developmental disabilities, refugees, and migrants to address their needs, strengths and abilities;
- A recognition of the power and effectiveness of public-private partnerships, including collaboration among community groups, such as faith-based organizations, families, and public agencies; and
- A community-based approach that recognizes and expands on the resources and benefits of diversity.

These goals will enable individuals, including people with developmental disabilities, to live productive and independent lives integrated into their communities.

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Innovative Food Safety Projects; Availability of Grants

Closing Date:
July 17, 2003

Amount: The agency will have approximately \$300,000 available for this program in fiscal year (FY) 2003. FDA anticipates making at least six awards, not to exceed \$50,000 (direct and indirect costs combined) per award per year.

Eligible Applicants: This grant program is only available to State, local, and tribal government food regulatory agencies.

Agency/Department: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Food and Drug Administration

SUMMARY: The specific goal of this program is to complement, develop, or improve State and local food safety programs that could be applied to food safety programs nationwide. Examples of food safety projects are the retail food program; the egg, milk, and shellfish safety programs; and, State food safety laboratories. Applications that address one of the food safety projects and fulfill the following specific project objectives will be considered for funding.

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Request for Applications for a Cooperative Agreement Demonstration Project for the Medical Reserve Corps, Citizens Corps, USA Freedom Corps

Closing Date: 5 PM Eastern Daylight Savings Time, July 18, 2003

Amount: The total amount of funds for new awards competition will be \$6 million. The OSG anticipates making 120 awards of up to \$50,000 to new applicant communities in fiscal year 2003.

Eligible Applicants: The MRC CA program applicant must be a public or private nonprofit, community-based organization. Applicants may be an entity of the local government, a local nonprofit, or a non-government organization.

Agency/Department: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SUMMARY: To provide funding for a demonstration project to demonstrate approaches to establishment of community-based, citizen volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) units. Awards will provide funding to community-based organizations under the terms of cooperative agreements. The Cooperative Agreement (CA) will facilitate start-up of MRC units and provide insights into best practices in such areas as:

(1) Structure and organization, (2) recruitment and verification of credentials, (3) community-level partnership building, (4) competency levels for effective action, (5) training, (6) risk assessment, and (7) strategy development and planning.

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44 Different Funding Opportunities From the Department of Justice

Available funding sources range from antiterrorism and domestic preparedness to violence against women to underage drinking to a wide range of funding opportunities for tribal programs to juvenile and adult drug courts to research and data-related funding

opportunities. All of these funding opportunities are available on the Web at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm> This is the Web site for funding availability from the Office of Justice Programs for youth and adults. Also, remember to check <http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/grants-catalog-index.html> Over 100 federal funding opportunities are on this site representing over \$65 Billion. Now is a peak funding availability time.

Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Program

Deadline: September 22, 2003 (Letters of Intent)

The Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Program honors community health leaders for their work in addressing some of today's most complex health problems in communities across the United States. The award includes a grant of \$120,000 -- \$105,000 for support of the leader's program, and \$15,000 as a personal stipend.

Community-based health providers and advocates in mid-career who have created or significantly improved health programs in local communities where healthcare needs have been ignored and unmet are eligible to be nominated. Nominees must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the fifty states, D.C., or Puerto Rico. In addition, they must currently be working in their own local community (not on a national or international level) in affiliation with a nonprofit or government agency on a three-quarter to full-time basis. Under this program, "mid-career" is defined as not less than five and not more than a total of fifteen years in the field of community-based health.

The program welcomes nominations of people who are addressing factors that affect the overall health of community members, including promotion of healthy behaviors, mental health, youth development, violence prevention, environmental health, and community development.

Nominations are invited from consumers, community leaders, health professionals, government officials, and others who have been personally inspired by people providing essential community health services. Nominations from development and public relations departments or professional grant-writers cannot be accepted.

See the program's Web site <<http://www.communityhealthleaders.org/>> for complete nomination guidelines.

Home Modification Program (disabilities)

Closing Date: July 14, 2003

Amount: The ODEP anticipates awarding approximately up to ten competitive grants in the amount of \$50,000 to \$100,000 each to provide home modifications as a means of further expanding the community integration of individuals with disabilities, and particularly those seeking employment.

This solicitation calls for the creation of several local programs to provide home modifications to assist individuals with disabilities and older Americans to live and work in their communities. Funding will be provided for local organizations to purchase materials, analyze accessibility, and build the necessary modifications. These organizations are encouraged to seek donations of materials and labor from local businesses, labor organizations, and community associations. In addition, these organizations are also strongly encouraged to work with their local Centers for Independent Living and other disability advocacy organizations to determine local need and potential resources.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants include faith-based and community organizations that must be non-profit entities (although not 501(c)(4) entities subject to the Lobbying Disclosure Act) that also:

- (1) Have social services as a major part of their mission;
- (2) Are headquartered in the local community to which they provide these services; and
- (3) Have a total annual operating budget of \$300,000 or less, or have six (6) or fewer full-time equivalent employees.

Agency/Department: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR Office of Disability Employment Policy

SUMMARY: The purpose of these grants, therefore, is to encourage the development of home modifications as a means to support individuals with disabilities as they seek and maintain employment.

Through the President's Faith-Based and Community Initiative (FBCI), local faith-based and community organizations can take a leadership role in assisting individuals with disabilities to remain in their homes, or to move into accessible homes. To coordinate this effort, DOL is partnering with the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and HUD to promote the development of home modifications as a means to encourage the employment of individuals with disabilities. This unique

partnership will allow the Federal government to promote both the spirit and the responsibilities of both the New Freedom Initiative and the Olmstead Executive Order, while concurrently recognizing the valuable community roles played by America's faith-based and community organizations. Moreover, it is the intention of this solicitation to assist individuals with disabilities to remain in their homes or move into accessible housing and thereby directly facilitate and provide these employment supports to further their opportunities to seek and retain employment and training in their communities.

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Residential Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women Services Program

Closing Date: July 23, 2003

Amount: It is expected that approximately \$3 million will be available for 6 to 9 awards in FY 2003. The average annual award will range from \$350,000 to \$500,000 in total costs (direct and indirect)

Is Cost Sharing Required: Yes. Non-Federal contributions are required and may be in cash or in-kind, fairly evaluated. The matching funds must not be less than \$1 for each \$9 of Federal funds provided in years one and two, and not less than \$1 for each \$3 of Federal funds in any subsequent year. Matching funds must meet the same test of allowability as costs charged to Federal grants. Sources of matching funds are State and local governmental appropriations (non-Federal), foundations, and other private non-profit or for-profit organizations. In-kind contributions may include facilities, equipment, or services used in direct support of the project.

Eligible Applicants: Domestic public and non-profit private entities, including tribal governments/organizations, community- and faith-based organizations, may apply.

Agency/Department: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

SUMMARY: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2003 grants to expand the availability of comprehensive, high quality residential treatment services for pregnant and postpartum women (postpartum refers to the period after childbirth--up to 12 months) who suffer from alcohol and other drug use problems, and for their infants and children impacted by the perinatal and environmental effects of maternal substance use and abuse.

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<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-13393.htm>

RuralHealth Grant Opportunities

RuralHealth Grant Opportunities from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) In FY04, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will award 25 Rural Health Outreach Grants, averaging \$185,000, and 25 Rural Health Network Grants, averaging \$182,000. Priority eligibility for these grants is given to rural local public health agencies. Applications for both grant programs are due on September 12. For additional information, <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants.htm> or contact Lilly Smetana, (301) 443-0835 or lsmetana@hrsa.gov

Discretionary Funds for Refugee Family Enrichment Projects

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Administration for Children and Families
Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)
CFDA Number: 93.576

SUMMARY: ORR invites the submission of applications for assistance that supports activities in three categories aimed at strengthening refugee family life by promoting healthy marriages for refugee couples and support services for adjustment of refugee elderly and refugee youth.

Closing date for submission of applications: July 10, 2003.

The program announcement and the application materials are available from Irving Jones, Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., 8th Fl., Washington, DC 20447 and from the ORR Web site at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr> (202) 401-6533; Fax (202) 401-0981; E-mail: ijones@acf.hhs.gov or Daphne Weeden, Office of Grants Management (OGM), (ACF), (202) 401-4577; E-mail: dweeden@acf.hhs.gov.

Category 1--Refugee Marriage Enrichment Projects through one cooperative agreement for approximately \$1 million to one public or private non-profit agency with extensive knowledge of and comprehensive experience in working with refugees through reception and placement services and ongoing resettlement activities.

Category 2--Refugee Marriage Enrichment Projects through two to four cooperative agreements of approximately \$400,000-\$750,000 each to two to four public or private non-profit agencies with extensive knowledge of, and comprehensive experience in, working with, refugee community-based organizations.

Category 3--Refugee Family Enrichment Projects for Elderly and Youth through an estimated twenty grants ranging from \$75,000 to \$100,000 each to faith-based or community organizations and public agencies.

Eligible Applicants: public or private non-profit agencies, including faith-based and community organizations and public agencies. Applicants in all three categories must demonstrate, in detail, their relationship to the refugee communities they seek to serve and how those communities will participate in the proposed services. Also, applicants to category 1 and category 2 of this announcement should demonstrate their knowledge of and relationship to family enrichment activities. Private, nonprofit organizations are encouraged to submit with their applications the optional survey located under "Grant Manuals & Forms" at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofs/forms.htm>

Please read the full program announcement in the Federal Register:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/pdf/03-14593.pdf>

Announcement of the Availability of Financial Assistance and Request for Applications to Support Adoption Opportunities Demonstration Activities, Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities, Child Welfare Training Project Activities, Promoting Safe and Stable Families Activities

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Administration for Children and Families
Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF)
Children's Bureau

This announcement offers multiple opportunities within four areas. Please read the entire program announcement carefully for eligibility guidelines and program details:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/pdf/03-14486.pdf>

SUMMARY: Funds from the Adoption Opportunities Program are designed to provide, among other things, support for demonstration projects that facilitate the elimination of barriers to adoption and provide permanent loving homes for children who would benefit from adoption, particularly children with special needs.

Funds from CAPTA support research and demonstration projects on the causes, prevention, and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

Funds from the Child Welfare Training Program support grants to public or other non-profit institutions of higher learning for special projects for training personnel for work in the field of child welfare.

The Promoting Safe and Stable Families program is intended to prevent the unnecessary separation of children from their families by funding family support, family preservation, time-limited family reunification and adoption promotion and support services as well as research, evaluation and technical assistance relating to such services.

DATES: The closing date for submission of applications is July 25, 2003.

Private, non-profit organizations that apply for funds available through this announcement are encouraged to submit with their applications the optional survey located under "Grant Manuals and Forms" at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofs/forms.htm>.

The complete program announcement, including all necessary forms, can be downloaded and printed from the Children's Bureau Web site at <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb>. Hard copies of the complete program announcement may be requested by calling the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse at 1-888-251-0075. The complete program announcement is necessary for any potential applicant.

NEW GRANTS AVAILABLE FROM THE EPA'S OFFICE ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

EPA's Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) has created a new grants program called the "Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving Grant Program." The grants program provides financial assistance to community-based organizations who wish to engage in capacity-building initiatives, and also utilize constructive engagement and collaborative problem-solving to seek viable solutions for their community's environmental and/or public health issues. Only not for profit 501 (c) (3) organizations are eligible to apply. If they don't already have the 501 (c) (3) status, they need to obtain it before applying (see information below). The proposals are due September 30, 2003, and will be awarded at \$100,000, for a project period of up to three years. Fifteen grants will be available.

The Request for Applications (RFA) for the new Collaborative Problem-Solving Grant Program can be downloaded from: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/recent/ej.html>

Or, call 1-800-962-6215 or send an email which includes your complete mailing address to: Ms. Rosa Moore, US EPA/OEJ, MC-2201A, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460, to request a hardcopy of the RFA.

Alexander Graham Bell Association for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Closing Date: Applications must be received by October 1, 2003

Amount:

Eligible Applicants:

- Infants and children must be less than six years old by December 31 in the year that they apply for the award and must not be enrolled in the first grade and higher.
- Infants and children must be diagnosed with a moderate-to-profound hearing loss at birth or before acquiring spoken language, averaging 55 dB or greater in the better ear in the speech frequencies of 500, 1000, and 2000 Hz. (Applicants must include a signed aided and unaided audiogram dated in the last twelve months. For those with cochlear implants, must include the most recent signed audiological mapping report for cochlear implant).
- Parents/guardians must be committed to an oral approach for education of their child, including the development of the child's listening, speech, oral communication, and cognitive skills.
- Parents/guardians must demonstrate financial need.

Agency/Department:

Alexander Graham Bell Association for Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Attn: Financial Aid Programs Coordinator
3417 Volta Place, NW
Washington, DC 20007

SUMMARY: Grants are awarded to parents of infants and preschool-age children who have been diagnosed with moderate to profound hearing loss to attenuate expenses associated with obtaining services such as auditory support services, speech-language therapy, tuition, etc

Listed in:

For detailed information go to:

<http://www.agbell.org/financialaid/PI%20Ap.doc>

Ittleson Foundation

Closing Date: September 1st.

Amount:

Eligible Applicants:

Agency/Department:

Ittleson Foundation
15 East 67 Street
New York, New York 10021

SUMMARY: The Ittleson Foundation generally provides seed money for the start-up of innovative programs that will improve the social welfare of citizens of the United States. They look for pilot projects, test and demonstration projects, and applied research that would inform public policy, if successful. Such projects should be of national scope, or significance beyond the local area of implementation. Projects should result in a product or outcome of some consequence in the real world.

Current areas of particular interest are:

I. AIDS

AIDS remains a significant concern of the Ittleson Foundation. Their commitment to supporting cutting-edge prevention efforts remains strong. As in all their current areas of interest, innovative initiatives that involve more than one program area are encouraged.

II. ENVIRONMENT

The Ittleson Foundation supports innovative pilot, model and demonstration projects that will help individuals, communities, and organizations move from environmental awareness to environmental activism.

III. MENTAL HEALTH

Since 1932 Mental Health has been a major focus at the Ittleson Foundation. The Foundation continues its commitment to bringing its "venture capital" approach to philanthropy to this area. In addition to their historic commitment to addressing the needs of underserved populations,

Listed in:

For detailed information go to:

<http://www.ittlesonfoundation.org/exec.html>

CDC ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE AND TRACKING GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announce the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2003 funds for a cooperative agreement program to support development of the National Environmental Public Health Tracking (Surveillance) Network. The purpose of this program is to demonstrate and evaluate methods for linking data from ongoing, existing health effects surveillance systems with data from existing surveillance/monitoring systems for human exposure and environmental hazards. This program focuses on specific health effects which include birth defects, developmental disabilities, cancer, asthma and other respiratory disease, autoimmune diseases, neurological/immunologic diseases, heavy metal poisoning, and pesticide poisoning. Projects must be a collaboration between environmental and health agencies. Approximately 12 awards will be given ranging from \$200,000 to \$500,000. Two pre-application conference calls will be held for potential applicants on July 1 from 1-3 pm EST

and July 2 from 3-5 pm EST. Letters of intent are due by July 3, 2003 and applications are due July 29, 2003. More information is available at <<http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/03074.htm>>.

MetLife Foundation Renews Museum Connections Program for Additional Three Years

Deadline: July 30, 2003

The MetLife Foundation has announced the three-year renewal of Museum Connections, a program that supports projects developed by museums to increase their interaction with the people in their communities in novel, interesting, and creative ways.

Grants will support initiatives such as programs that extend the reach of a museum beyond its walls, including off-site lectures, exhibits and programs, mobile museums, and other projects; the acquisition of artwork that broadens the scope of an organization's collection to include local artists and artists of diverse backgrounds; the involvement of local artists, or artists with diverse perspectives, to work and conduct programs at the museum; collaborations between art museums and nonprofit organizations whose primary mission does not focus on the arts (e.g., community centers, community colleges, social service and youth organizations), or between museums and arts organizations; and exhibitions featuring the work of local artists or works that engage audiences in dialogue about ethnic or regional cultures.

Grant awards are based on clearly defined project outcomes, the project's potential success for involving communities in the arts, demonstration of an organization's sustained commitment to community, innovation and creativity, and the project's long-range implication and possibility for replication. Preference is given to projects that increase access to the arts for traditionally underserved communities.

Art museums that have been in existence for over five years are eligible to apply. To best serve museums and their audiences throughout the country, each year the application process is open only to specific states. During 2003, museums located in the following East Coast states are eligible to apply: Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. (Deadline: July 30, 2003)

In 2004, museums in Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin will be eligible. In 2005, eligible museums must be located in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, or Wyoming. (Application deadlines for 2004 and 2005 will be announced in the spring of that year.)

Guidelines and application forms for the program can be downloaded from the MetLife Foundation Web site, or be obtained by calling the foundation's offices.

Contact:

MetLife Foundation

Tel: (212) 578-4587

RFP Link: <http://www.metlife.org/>

Guidelines Announced for Young Epidemiology Scholars Competition for Students

Deadline: February 6, 2004

In an effort to raise awareness of public health and the field of epidemiology among America's students, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (<http://www.rwjf.org/>) has awarded an \$8.5 million grant to the College Board <http://www.collegeboard.com/> to develop the Young Epidemiology Scholars (YES) Competition, a national competition for high school students and teachers. Applications are now being accepted for the student program.

Each year, up to 120 students will share as much as \$456,000 in college scholarships, with the top two national winners each receiving a \$50,000 scholarship.

Epidemiology is the science of discovering causes of illness and injury by interpreting patterns of their occurrence in populations. The competition for original student research is designed to identify and inspire talented students to investigate the

many behavioral, biological, environmental, and social factors that affect health and, based upon this knowledge, to identify ways to improve the health of the public. The competition is open to high school juniors and seniors who apply epidemiological principles to a specified area of health.

To be eligible, students must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States and enrolled in a high school in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Midway, Wake Island, or the Mariana Islands. Home-schooled students also are eligible. To enter the competition, students must submit a written report summarizing their research project. Only one project per student will be accepted.

See the YES program Web site for complete information on participating in the competition as well as information on the YES teacher program.

RFP Link: <http://www.collegeboard.com/yes/ay/yc.html>

Applications Invited for Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholars Program 2003-2004

Deadline: October 15, 2003

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (<http://www.rwjf.org/>) has issued a call for proposals for its Health & Society Scholars Program, a two-year fellowship designed to build the nation's capacity for research, leadership, and action to address the broad range of factors affecting health.

Outstanding individuals who have completed doctoral training in disciplines ranging from behavioral, social, biological, and the natural sciences to health professions are eligible to apply. Up to eighteen scholars will be selected to begin training in August or September 2004 at one of six nationally prominent universities: Columbia; Harvard; the University of California, San Francisco and Berkeley; the University of Michigan; the University of Pennsylvania; and the University of Wisconsin.

The program is designed to produce leaders who will change the questions asked, the methods employed to analyze problems, and the range of solutions offered to improve the health of all Americans. Applicants should welcome the challenge of building the field of population health. The program is looking for open-minded yet critical thinkers who have demonstrated leadership skills and an active interest in interdisciplinary collaboration.

For complete information on this opportunity, eligibility requirements, and the application process, see the program's Web site.

RFP Link: <http://www.healthandsocietyscholars.org/>

Program Announcement information for the Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Program

AGENCY: The Office of Community Services (OCS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).CFDA Number: 93.647.

SUMMARY: This program announcement announces the availability of funds for Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) awards. These awards provide experienced intermediary organizations with funds to deliver technical assistance to small faith-based and community organizations. Intermediaries will assist these small groups, for example, in their efforts to improve program effectiveness and organizational management, access funds from diverse sources and manage those funds, develop and train staff, expand the types and reach of social services programs in their communities and develop promising collaborations among organizations dedicated to social service delivery. In addition, recipients of awards under this announcement must issue sub-awards to a number of qualified faith-based and community organizations for a variety of capacity-building purposes.

DATES: The closing date for submission of applications is July 28, 2003. Applications received after the closing date will be classified as late.

PROJECT PERIOD: periods up to three years (36 months).

Eligible Applicants: ACF invites applications from a wide variety of organizations or entities with demonstrated knowledge and experience in the provision of the types of technical assistance described herein to a diverse group of faith-based and community organizations. Further, ACF encourages applications from applicants that propose to work with and have experience working with faith-based and community organizations that have not been well served or supported by governmental funds historically.

Funding Availability: ACF will issue Financial Assistance Awards under this announcement as cooperative agreements. ACF expects to award approximately \$4,200,000 in Fiscal Year 2003 for the CCF program and estimates that 4-8 intermediary organizations will receive awards to provide technical assistance and make sub-awards to smaller faith-based and community organizations.

Please read the entire program announcement for complete information:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-16076.htm>

Information will also be posted on the ACF website:<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccf/>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: All questions should be forwarded to Joseph Grogan, Project Officer for the Compassion Capital Fund at 202-401-4830 (ph) or jgrogan@acf.hhs.gov (email).

Toy Industry Foundation

Closing Date: Grant Application Submissions: May - August 31, 2003

Amount: Average grants range up to \$25,000 per program element.

Eligible Applicants: The Toy Industry Foundation (TIF™) contributes to non-profit organizations in North America, with a strong emphasis in U.S. based program including those designated by the Internal Revenue Service as 501(c)(3) tax exempt organizations. Organizations applying must show that their programs effectively address the critical needs of our community through the use of the highest quality services, innovative programs and well-qualified staff. Each organization must also be responsive to the changing needs of the constituents served.

Agency/Department:

Terri Bartlett

Executive Director

Toy Industry Foundation

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New York, New York 10010

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SUMMARY: The organization will rely on two program models to achieve the Foundation's mission, including those funded by grants, and existing and/or future programs implemented by the TIF. The programs supported will be designed to achieve some or all of the outcomes defined below:

- Enhance the healthy development of children living in homeless situations in North America, through play and recreation activities;
- Develop and implement plans to promote the healthy benefits of play, through community outreach and collaboration, specifically programs that benefit children who are homeless, and
- Incorporating the program objectives above, the TIF will funded projects that serve as models for other organizations and lend themselves to measurable evaluation, with results that may be disseminated to wide audiences.

Listed in:

For detailed information go to: <http://www.toy-tia.org/industry/ATI/grant-guidelines.html>

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