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This e-mail is provided by the Urban Indian Health Institute, a division of the Seattle Indian Health Board. It contains opportunities for staff development, grant announcements and other relevant public health information. We hope you find these resources useful. If you have any questions about the information below, or you are unable to open any of the links, please contact info@uihi.org. If this e-mail was forwarded to you, you may sign up here.

Training

Webinar: Cultural Competence - Strengthening the Clinicians Role in Delivering Quality HIV Care within Native American Transgender Communities

Thursday, March 8, 2012 2:00 PM-3:00 PM EST

A live webcast presented by the AIDS Education and Training Center - National Multicultural Center (AETC-NMC) at Howard University, College of Medicine featuring Elton Naswood, Navajo Program Coordinator at the Red Circle Project, AIDS Project Los Angeles.

Learning Objectives:

- To learn and understand Transgender terminologies
- To identify Transgender issues and challenges to services
- To understand the need for Transgender data and research inclusion
- To understand risks and unique challenges for Native Transgenders
- To discuss how to become and create Trans-friendly services and sites

For more information, click here. To register, click here.

Resources

The Coming of the Blessing: Prenatal Education, Training and Resources

The Coming of the Blessing® is a March of Dimes initiative for American Indian and Alaska Native families. They provide prenatal education, training and resources that encourage women to include traditional beliefs, lessons from their ancestors and their partners in their circle of support during pregnancy.

Those interested in the Coming of the Blessing can reach out to their local March of
Dimes Chapter (in each state) for additional support/grant funding.

For additional information please see the Coming of the Blessing website.

## Grants

### Request for Applications: Strong Start for Mothers and Newborns Grant

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (Innovation Center) is interested in testing new care and payment models that have the potential to improve perinatal outcomes for women enrolled in Medicaid who are at high-risk for adverse pregnancy outcomes. In this four-year initiative the Innovation Center will offer a funding opportunity to eligible applicants to test the impact of providing enhanced prenatal care interventions for women with Medicaid coverage who are at high risk for having a preterm birth. The initiative will test 3 distinct approaches to providing enhanced prenatal care delivery. Each approach provides a set of specific and comprehensive interventions to improve current, traditional prenatal care delivery and address additional clinical, behavioral, and psychosocial factors that may be present during pregnancy and contribute to preterm-related poor birth outcomes.

**Letters of Intent are due March 21, 2012, by 5:00 PM Eastern.**

**Applications are due June 13, 2012.**

For more information, [click here](#).

### Coalition Grant Opportunity Request for Applications: Drug Free Communities Support Program Grant

The Drug Free Communities (DFC) Program is accepting grant applications for 2012. The purpose of the DFC Program is to establish and strengthen collaboration to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth. Grantee coalitions will be awarded up to $125,000 per year for up to 5 years.

DFC is a collaborative initiative, sponsored by the Office of National Drug Control Policy, in partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, which works to achieve two goals:

- Establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, public and private non-profit agencies, and Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth. For the purposes of this RFA, "youth" is defined as individuals 18 years of age and younger.
- 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.

**Applications are due by March 22, 2012.**

For more information, [click here](#).
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