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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.

Funding Opportunity

Comprehensive Support Services for Families Affected by Substance Abuse and/or HIV/AIDS Grants

These Support Services for Families Grants will be awarded for activities and services that are designed to increase well-being, improve permanency, and enhance the safety of infants and young children who have been exposed to a dangerous drug or have been exposed to HIV/AIDS and/or are at risk of being placed in out-of-home care as a result of the parent(s)’ substance abuse or HIV status. Funds may be used for services that include:
• Community-based, family-based substance abuse treatment services
• Early intervention and preventative services
• Screenings, assessments, and progress monitoring to evaluate interventions
• Interventions to improve child-parent/caregiver functioning and interactions
• Referrals to mental health services
• Substance abuse treatment services
• Parenting interventions to measurably improve parenting capacities

Application Deadline: **May 13, 2013**
Award Amount: $475,000 per year for up to 3 years

More information about the [Support Services for Families Grants](#) can be found online.

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**Announcement**

**Raise Awareness for Culturally Appropriate Care for American Indians and Alaska Natives during Alcohol Awareness Month**

Alcohol-attributable deaths account for 12% of all American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) deaths in the United States, approximately double the rate in the general population.¹ These deaths are preventable and underscore the need for alcohol awareness and culturally appropriate alcohol abuse treatment programs and materials.

Since 1987, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) has designated April as Alcohol Awareness Month. This year, NCADD's Alcohol Awareness Month theme is "Help for Today. Hope for Tomorrow," which focuses on prevention, treatment, and recovery. More information about [NCADD’s Alcohol Awareness Month](#) can be found online, including a guide for organizing alcohol awareness events. Screening for Mental Health (SMH) also designates April 11, 2013 as National Alcohol Screening Day. On this day, colleges, community-based organizations, and military installations will provide outreach, education and screening programs to raise awareness about alcohol abuse and provide referrals for treatment programs. Visit [SMH's website](#) for information about conducting in-person or online screenings and ordering alcohol screening kits.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) offers a variety of resources for providers about AI/AN alcohol use and abuse. These resources can be found on the [Publications Ordering page of SAMHSA’s website](#), and include resources such as [Risk and Protective Factors for Substance Use among American Indian or Alaska Native Youths](#) and [American Indian/Alaska Native Treatment Admissions in Rural and Urban Areas: 2000](#). The White Bison Wellbriety Training Institute also provides culturally-based 12-step program resources for men, women and adolescents.

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**APHA National Public Health Week Twitter Chat**

Join the American Public Health Association (APHA) for their third annual National Public Health Week Twitter chat on **April 3, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)**. Engage with fellow public health advocates on important public health topics. APHA will focus the conversation on the value of public health and its return on investment in our communities.
The chat will explore and discuss ways in which evidence-based disease prevention and health promotion initiatives can save lives and money. All tweets should be tagged #NPHWchat.

Never participated in Twitter chat before? Now is a great time to start. Follow the official hashtag (#NPHWchat) on Twitter for an hour-long live conversation in which participants are encouraged to share research, trends and resources about the value of public health. Check out APHA's Twitter feed, @PublicHealth, on Twitter.

More information about the APHA National Public Health Week Twitter Chat can be found online.

Fellowship

Nurse Corps Scholarship Program

The Nurse Corps Scholarship Program (NCSP) enables students accepted or enrolled in a diploma, associate, baccalaureate or graduate nursing programs to receive funding for tuition, fees and other educational costs in exchange for working at an eligible Critical Shortage Facility (CSF) upon graduation. The NCSP is a selective program of the U.S. Government that helps alleviate the critical shortage of nurses currently experienced by certain types of health care facilities located in Health Professional Shortage Areas. Upon graduation, NURSE Corps Scholarship recipients work at these facilities for at least 2 years, earning the same competitive salary and benefits as any new hire.

Application Deadline: May 2, 2013

More information about the Nurse Corps Scholarship Program can be found online.

More reports, resources and other information can be found on the UIHI website, www.uihi.org

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