

RESOURCES & INFORMATION

MCH Research Program

The Maternal and Child Health Research Program will award 5 grants of up to \$300,000 to support applied research relating to maternal and child health services, which show promise of substantial contribution to the advancement of current knowledge. Research proposals should address critical MCH questions relating to public health systems and infrastructure, health disparities, quality of care, and promoting the health of MCH populations. Submissions are due September 14, 2007. For complete information, click [here](#) (Medical Homes @ Work 4.07)

Ways to Enhance Children's Activity and Nutrition (We Can!)

We Can! is a national program designed for families and communities to help children achieve a healthy weight. The program is a component of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's (NHLBI) Obesity Education Initiative and was developed by NHLBI in collaboration with the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, and National Cancer Institute. More information, including a list of We Can! community sites, is available at <http://wecan.nhlbi.nih.gov>. (MCH Alert 5.07)

Report on Cultural Competence Among Residents

In examining data from a national survey of resident physicians, The Commonwealth Fund found that half of residents said they received only minimal training in cross-cultural communication and understanding. These deficiencies can compromise the quality of care provided to patients, as well as health outcomes. To improve the training of resident physicians, the authors recommend that cross-cultural curricula be integrated into graduate medical education. To view this report, click [here](#). (The Commonwealth Fund 5.07)

Call for Proposals

The Community Access To Child Health (CATCH) Resident Funds program, which supports pediatric residents in the planning of community-based child health initiatives is offering another round of funding. Grants of up to \$3,000 will be awarded on a competitive basis for pediatric residents to address the needs of children in their communities. Planning funds, now up to \$12,000, are also available through CATCH. For more information, visit <http://www.aap.org/catch/funding.htm> or e-mail mailto: catch@aap.org. **Applications are due July 31, 2007.**

Pediatric Education in Community and Office Settings Starter Kit for Community Preceptors is offered to the practicing pediatrician who wants to provide a hands-on experience in an office setting for a medical student or resident. The *Starter Kit* provides practical tips, information, resources, and activities for pediatricians, residency program directors, and clerkship directors to use at every stage of community-based training for students and residents. The tool includes information on developing your office-based teaching program, your academic portfolio, and a variety of topical resources for quick reference. To access this document, please visit the [AAP Practice Management page](#).

CPTI UPDATE

The Dyson Initiative National Evaluation (DINE) is designed to assess the effectiveness of the first phase of the CPTI. This phase focused on innovative residency training experiences in partnership with community-based organizations at 10 residency programs funded by the Dyson Foundation. DINE has recently released a brief entitled "Enhancing Community Pediatrics Training: Perspectives of Residents and Faculty of the Community Pediatrics Training Initiative (CPTI), Five Years Later". To download the full version of this brief, please view the [CPTI Resources Page](#).

"Although I certainly was not the most knowledgeable doctor who could have testified, I was there, giving my perspective from the front lines of health care."



SPOTLIGHT

When Marie Clark, MD, MPH, a third-year resident in the Boston Combined Residency Program, learned that she could speak to a committee who was reviewing the proposed amendment to 130 CMR 504: Mass Health Citizenship and Immigration, she jumped at the chance. The amendment requires that anyone applying for or receiving MASS Health must verify his/her citizenship or immigration status with documentation. Often low-income individuals do not own these documents and may have difficulty obtaining them, which can create barriers to care. Dr. Clark spoke about the additional burden to the healthcare system created by a lack of access to preventive, routine health care for at-risk patients, which ultimately leads to an increase in expensive ER visits. Dr. Clark learned that without her presence, there would not have been anyone to speak on this issue from a medical perspective.

To find out more information on any of the above, **request a brief submission be included in our newsletter**, or to be removed from this distribution list, please e-mail cpti@aap.org. To reference archived newsletters, visit: <http://www.aap.org/commpeps/CPTI/newsletter.htm>.

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CPTI Mission: To advance the field of community pediatrics through promotion and support of residency training activities that empower future pediatricians to become leaders in improving the health of all children in their communities.