

August, 2008

Greetings AHS Faculty,

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. I have compiled some information that may be of interest to you. We expect our online newsletter and revised website to be launched shortly. Until then, I will keep sending these updates via e-mail.

## Upcoming Conferences

1) ***The 2008 Global Summit on Education: Inclusive Practices for Students with Disabilities*** will take place September 19 & 20, 2008 in Washington, DC. The conference is sponsored by the US Department of Education and will focus on high-quality education for students with disabilities.

The purpose of the 2008 Global Summit is to bring together educational leaders, disability advocates, educators, academics, and government officials to:

- Connect with colleagues to promote an international dialogue.
- Gather valuable tools and resources to continue building academic opportunities for students with disabilities.
- Share successes and challenges from a global perspective.

Dr. James Shriner, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is a presenter at this event.

For more information or to register go to  
<https://www.osepmeeting.org/2008globalsummit/>

The cut-off date for registration is Monday, September 1, 2008.

2) ***The American Society on Aging*** will hold regional conferences in San Francisco September 2 – 5 and in Philadelphia September 22 – 25.

Topics to be presented will include:

- Alzheimer's and Dementia Care
- Behavioral Health
- Brain Health/Cognitive Fitness
- Caregiving
- Civic Engagement
- Diversity Issues
- End-of-Life Issues
- Health and Wellness
- Legal and Ethical Issues
- Long-Term Care Issues
- Public Policy

- Purpose and Meaning in Aging
- Strategic Management
- Transportation

For more info or to register, phone (877) 418-4861, or go to [www.asaging.org/EastWest](http://www.asaging.org/EastWest)

## **Presentation proposals sought for NIH Dissemination conference**

NIH is requesting presentation proposals for the 2nd Annual NIH conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation: Building research capacity to bridge the gap from science to service.

The goal of this conference is for the research community to exchange ideas, explore contemporary topics and identify concepts, methods and strategies to build research and organizational capacity for dissemination and implementation science. Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals for Think Tanks and abstracts for oral presentations/panels, and posters.

Proposals are due September 26, 2008.

For more information including a PDF version of the Call for proposals, go to <http://conferences.thehillgroup.com/obssr/di2008/index.html>

The conference will be held January 28 and 29, 2009, at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Campus in Bethesda, Maryland

## **Rural Health Outreach Grant Program – upcoming technical assistance call**

The Office of Rural Health Policy will hold a Technical Assistance call for the Rural Health Outreach Grant Program.

- Tuesday, August 26 at 2:00pm ET
- Toll-free: 888-942-8131
- Passcode: Outreach
- Leader: Nisha Patel

The Technical Assistance call is open to the general public. The purpose of the call is to go over the grant guidance, and to provide any additional or clarifying information that may be necessary regarding the application process. There will be a Q&A session at the end of the call to answer any questions.

The Outreach program supports projects that demonstrate creative or effective models of outreach and service delivery in rural communities.

For more information go to <http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/funding/outreach.htm>

## **New FOAs from NIH**

These Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA) have been released by the NIH within the last month:

### ***Impact of Health Communication Strategies on Dietary Behaviors (R01 and R21) (PA-08-239)***

This FOA encourages applications for research projects focused on the development and implementation of effective communication strategies related to diet and health. Specifically, this FOA is designed to promote interdisciplinary research, conducted at multiple levels (e.g., individual, community/environment, and policy) and across diverse populations, to evaluate effective communication approaches for changing dietary behaviors.

#### Key Dates

- Earliest date applications may be submitted: September 5, 2008
- Letters of Intent Receipt Date: Not Applicable
- Application Due Dates: Standard dates apply, please see <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm>
- Expiration Date: September 8, 2011

For more info: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-239.html>

### ***Using Systems Science Methodologies to Protect and Improve Population Health (R21) PAR-08-224***

This FOA solicits applications that propose to apply system science methodologies to “policy resistant” public health problems and contribute knowledge that will enhance effective decision making around the development of and prioritization of policies, interventions, and programs to improve population health. Systems science methodologies are specific methodologies that have been developed to understand connections between a system’s structure and its behavior over time; these methods are often capable of illuminating a range of “policy resistant problems” where interventions, programs, or policies typically have unexpected, unintended, or counter-intuitive consequences.

#### Key Dates

- Release/Posted Date: August 1, 2008
- Earliest date applications may be submitted: September 16, 2008
- Letters of Intent Receipt Date(s): September 16, 2008
- Application due dates: Standard dates apply, please see <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm>
- Expiration Date: September 8, 2011

For more info: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-08-224.html>

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Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about any of these items.

Best regards,

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