

Greetings AHS Faculty,

The Center on Health Aging and Disability is in the process of developing an online newsletter to communicate information such as educational offerings and funding opportunities. Until the newsletter format is completed, we will periodically send this information to you via e-mail.

The following items may be of interest to you:

CHAD Symposium 2009 date set

The Center on Health Aging and Disability will host its second annual research symposium on Friday, March 13. The event will be held at the I Center. Information regarding symposium themes, sessions and speakers will be communicated in the next few months on our website <http://www.chad.uiuc.edu/>

Upcoming social marketing conference

The 18th annual Social Marketing in Public Health Conference will be held on June 21 – 21, 2008 at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater Beach Florida. The conference offers a combination of plenary presentations by internationally recognized social marketing experts on topics of interest to learners at all levels. Participants include academicians, researchers, social marketers, health communication specialists, public health planners and practitioners, public health practitioners and health education specialists. A pre-conference training academy will be held June 18 and 19. Online registration is available at www.cme.hsc.usf.edu/smph. For more information call 800-852-5362.

New call for proposals from RWJF

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation recently announced a call for proposals (CFP) for their Active Living Research/Healthy Eating Research Rapid-Response Grants. The objective of this CFP is to support time-sensitive, opportunistic studies to evaluate changes in policies or environments with the potential to reach children who are at highest risk for obesity.

Research studies may focus on one or both sides of the energy balance equation—on physical activity (including sedentary behavior), healthy eating or both. Successful applicants will focus on solution-oriented environmental and policy research. Studies focused solely on individual behavior change, or on health education as a means to promote healthy eating or physical activity, will not be funded.

Up to \$800,000 in total awards are available for rapid-response grants in 2008. The maximum amount for a single grant is \$150,000, with a maximum funding period of up to 12 months.

Grants are awarded on a rolling basis; letters of intent may be submitted at any time. For detailed instructions and application materials go to www.activelivingresearch.org and www.healthyeatingresearch.org.

Best regards,

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