

MCHB RESEARCH PROGRAM

Advancing applied MCH research

Upcoming FY2011 Autism Research Funding Opportunities at MCHB/HRSA

R40 MCH Autism Intervention Research Program will support up to four (4) three-year research projects (\$300,000 per year) on evidence-based practices for interventions to improve the health and well-being of children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and other developmental disabilities.

Consistent with HRSA's mission as the access agency to provide services to underserved populations, applicants are particularly encouraged to propose research studies that address the needs of underserved populations, as well as barriers to receipt of interventions. Examples of research topics of interest to MCHB include but are not limited to the following:

- Health care access and continuity of care, including transition into adulthood (e.g., employment and health care);
- Family engagement and family partnerships;
- Family well-being, coping, resilience, and social networks;
- Variations in access to services affecting family functioning in diverse populations;
- Service systems and infrastructure including: characterizing the current ASD diagnostic and service utilization patterns in community settings, examining the relationship between diagnosis and services availability for ASD, and evaluating services and intervention outcomes;
- Safety issues including wandering from residential and educational settings.

R40 MCH Autism Intervention Secondary Data Analysis Studies (SDAS) Program will support up to four (4) one-year projects (\$100,000) that utilize exclusively the analysis of existing secondary data. Studies in the areas of autism prevalence, factors associated with prevalence, or autism and medical home will not be considered for funding under this competition. Innovative selection and use of secondary datasets from a variety of sources is encouraged when applying for the SDAS competition.

Expected application due date: **May, 2011**

Expected project start date: **September 1, 2011**

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