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New RWJF grants for rapid-cycle health eating, obesity prevention, physical activity research

Active Living Research and Healthy Eating Research Rapid-Response Grants Call for Proposals Released

Letter of Intent Deadline: Open

Active Living Research and Healthy Eating Research are national programs of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) that support research to identify promising policy and environmental strategies for increasing physical activity, promoting healthy eating and preventing obesity.

This call for proposals (CFP) supports time-sensitive, opportunistic studies to evaluate changes in policies or environments with the potential to reach children who are at highest risk for obesity, including African-American, Latino, Native American, Asian American and Pacific Islander children (ages 3 to 18) who live in low-income communities or communities with limited access to affordable healthy foods and/or safe opportunities for physical activity.

Research studies may focus on one or both sides of the energy balance equation-on physical activity (including sedentary behavior), healthy eating or both.

Studies funded under this CFP are expected to advance RWJF's efforts to reverse the childhood obesity epidemic by 2015.

* **More details and how to apply**

<<http://recp.rm02.net/ctt?m=1089007&r=NTExMDYzNTc4NQs2&b=0&j=MTA5NTE4MjgzS0&k=Link2&kt=1&kd=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.rwjf.org%2Fapplications%2Fsolicited%2Fcfp.jsp%3FID%3D20361%26c%3DEMC-FA138>> .

Announcement and call for posters: Western/Drew Research Retreat

Western University of Health Sciences and Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science are pleased to announce a Joint Research Retreat, to be held July 15, 2008 at the California Endowment Center for Healthy Communities in Los Angeles.

The agenda includes presentations by selected Western and Drew researchers along with a poster session, as well as a call for applications for a \$20,000 collaborative research project award. Details of the award program will be presented at the retreat.

Please see the attached flyer and draft agenda for more information, including the RSVP deadline.

If you would like to present a poster, please contact Roger Gallegos, Ph.D. rgallegos@westernu.edu to make arrangements. Dr. Henriksen's office will cover the cost of making the posters for Western University researchers.

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