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WEEKLY UPDATE

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Dear Partners,

November is American Diabetes Month, a great time to bring awareness to the growing rates of diabetes and obesity in our nation. Visit the **National Diabetes Education Program** to learn about how you can make a difference in preventing diabetes in your area as leaders within your communities.

This week, the Partnership Center would like to highlight HHS' efforts to fight infections associated with health care as well as grant opportunities in regards to treatment of substance abuse. Also, we have print copies of our *H1N1 Flu Guide's for Community and Faith-Based Organizations* available. Please be sure to let us know if you would like copies and we will be sure to send them posthaste! You can also see the link below for an online version of the guide: **LINK TO H1N1 FLU GUIDE,**

One last bit of flu information in case you missed last week, here is a helpful link in case you think you or someone in your family may have the flu. Complete a self-evaluation here: **Flu Evaluation**

Sincerely,

Alexia Kelley
Director, Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

FEATURED UPDATE

HHS Awards \$17 Million in a New National Initiative to Fight Health Care-Associated Infections

Last week, HHS announced the award of \$17 million to fund projects to fight costly and dangerous health care-associated infections, also known as HAIs. "Eliminating infections is critical to making care safer for patients and to improving the overall quality and safety of the health care system. We know that it can be done, and this new initiative will help us reach our goal." says HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

Of the \$17 million, \$8 million will fund a national expansion of the Keystone Project, which involves using a checklist of evidence-based safety practices; staff training and other tools for preventing infections that can be implemented in hospital; units standard and consistent measurement of infection rates; and tools to improve teamwork among doctors, nurses and hospital leaders. This project, within 18 months, has successfully reduced the rate of central-line blood stream infections in more than 100 Michigan intensive care units and saved 1,500 lives and \$200 million.

A complete list of institutions funded by the \$17 million in resources awarded today is available at: <http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/haify09.htm>.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

GRANTS TO EXPAND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT CAPACITY IN TARGETED AREAS OF NEED – LOCAL RECOVERY ORIENTED SYSTEMS OF CARE

This program is designed to foster the development and utilization of local recovery-oriented systems of care to address gaps in treatment by supporting person-centered and self-directed approaches for substance abuse (including alcohol and drug) treatment and recovery services in communities with serious drug problems. The purpose of this program is to expand and/or enhance substance abuse services and promote recovery by improving the community's ability to provide integrated and comprehensive community-based responses to a targeted, well-documented substance abuse treatment capacity problem and/or improve the quality and intensity of services.

Link To Full Announcement: [LINK TO FULL ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

Last Day to Apply: January 14, 2010

Number of Grants Available: 12

Grant is administered by the: [Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)

NOTE: you can find information about the application process for federal grants on our [helpful tips page](#). For more information and ideas about partnership opportunities for your organization, please contact our office by calling (202) 358-3595, or by sending an email to partnerships@hhs.gov.