

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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Tribal Health Affairs

November is Native American Heritage Month

Since 1900, many have sought to recognize the great influence Native Americans and Alaska Natives have had on the history, cultural development, and continuing growth of the US. In 1990, the month of November was chosen because it is traditionally a time when many in these communities gather for fall harvest festivals, ceremonies, and powwows.

The month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. Native American Heritage Month is also an opportune time to educate the general public about tribes, to raise a general awareness about the unique challenges Native people continue to face, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges.

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) remains committed to addressing the unique health care challenges of Native Americans and Alaska Natives through our ongoing initiatives that positively impact Indian Country.

For questions or information about HRSA's Tribal Health Affairs Team, please direct your inquiries to our dedicated email address at aianhealth@hrsa.gov.

HHS Native American Heritage Month Event

On Thursday, November 14, 2019 the HHS will celebrate Native American Heritage Month from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM EST.



To watch this live event, please visit <https://www.hhs.gov/live/live-1/index.html#10922> for more information.

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HRSA Recognizes Hispanic and Latino Americans Who Have Given the Gift of Life

During National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 through October 15, HRSA raised awareness and recognized Hispanic and Latino Americans who have given the gift of life through organ, eye, and tissue donation, and those waiting a life-saving organ transplant.

Right now, more than 113,000 people are waiting for an organ transplant and more than 22,000 of them are Hispanic and Latino Americans. People of all races and ethnicities can help. Share the gift of life during National Hispanic Heritage Month by joining the 145 million people in the U.S. who have already signed up to be organ, eye, and tissue donors. You can learn more and spread the word about the need for donors with the resources below:

- Organ donation myths and facts in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- Organ donation statistics in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- The many faces of donation and transplantation and their stories in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

[Sign up as an organ donor](#)

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Roots of Health Inequity

Roots of Health Inequity (RHI) is an online learning collaborative that offers a starting place for those who want to address systemic differences in health and wellness that are unfair, unjust, and actionable. The RHI course introduces public health practitioners to concepts and strategies for taking action in every day practice. National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) developed the RHI course with funding from the National Institute for Minority Health and Health Disparities at the National Institutes of Health. For more information, please visit: <http://rootsofhealthinequity.org/>.



Pathways Program – Opportunities for Students and Recent Graduates

Pathways is a federal internship program for enrolled students and recent graduates to gain experience and explore Federal careers. Successful completion of the Pathways Program may provide the student or recent graduate eligibility to become a permanent civil service employee. Please visit the following websites for more details.

USAJOBS:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/students/>

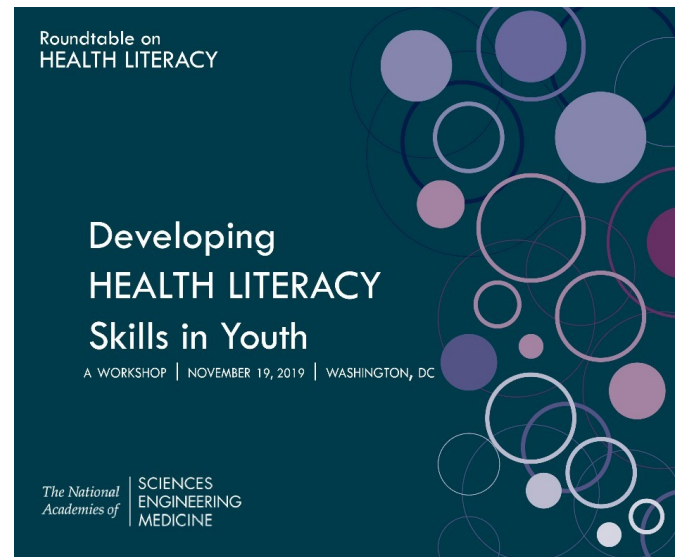
OPM:

<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/hiring-information/students-recent-graduates/#url=intern>

Become a HRSA Grant Reviewer!

HRSA is seeking subject matter experts in the health professions to provide peer reviews of the agency's grant applications. This is mutually beneficial as it allows you to gain knowledge of the objective review process, and provides HRSA with professional guidance on securing grant applications. To become an HRSA grant reviewer, you must first register at <https://rrm.grantsolutions.gov/AgencyPortal/hrsa.aspx>.

For assistance with the registration process, email RRMTechAssistance@hrsa.gov.



Developing Health Literacy Skills in Youth: A Workshop

On November 19, 2019, the Roundtable on Health Literacy of the National Academy of Medicine will convene for a public workshop, planned by an ad hoc planning committee. The workshop keynotes, presentations, and moderated panel discussions will aim to:

- explicate the necessity of developing health literacy skills in youth;
- examine the research on developmentally appropriate health literacy milestones and transitions and measuring health literacy in youth;
- learn from programs and policies that represent best practices for developing health literacy skills in youth; and
- explore potential collaborations across disciplines for developing health literacy skills in youth.

As children and adolescents (youth) become increasingly involved with their own health care, regularly interact with the health system, and access information that informs their actions and behaviors, higher levels of health literacy will be key for positive health outcomes later in life. Prior research has demonstrated that youth may be interested in understanding health information but may also find it difficult - this difficulty can stem from literacy issues, among other factors. Youth with low literacy are often unable to benefit from health interventions, campaigns, or educational programs.

For more information or to register for this event, please visit the Roundtable on Health Literacy's Eventbrite registration page at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/developing-health-literacy-skills-in-youth-a-workshop-tickets-74025952617>



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Be Alerted to New Funding Opportunities

Tribal and non-tribal organizations can sign up to be notified by email each time HRSA publishes a new notice of funding opportunity here:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/manage-subscriptions.html>

View All Funding Opportunities

HRSA Bureaus and Offices offer a variety of funding opportunities, including competitive, expansion, and non-competing continuation opportunities. View open and previously funded competitive opportunities here:

<https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/fundingopportunities/default.aspx>

Health Equity Spotlight - Publications

In its ongoing efforts to heighten awareness and understanding of the importance of health equity for all populations, HRSA's Office of Health Equity (OHE) has raised its research and publications profile through regular submissions to scientific journals of national significance, including:

1. **Gopal K. Singh**, Isaac E. Kim, Jr., Mehrete Girmay, et.al. 2019. Opioid Epidemic in the United States: Empirical Trends, and A Literature Review of Social Determinants and Epidemiological, Pain Management, and Treatment Patterns. *International Journal of MCH and AIDS*. 8(2):89-100. DOI: 10.21106/ijma.284
2. Romuladus E. Azuine and **Gopal K. Singh** 2019. Father's Health Status and Inequalities in Physical and Mental Health of U.S. Children: A Population-Based Study. *Health Equity*. 3 (1):495-503. DOI: 10.1089/heq.2019.0051

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