Grant Title: AUTISM CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE: NETWORKS (R01)

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Agency/Department: National Institutes of Health, The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS).

Area of Research: Encourage research grant applications to support research designed to elucidate the etiology, epidemiology, diagnosis, treatment, and optimal means of service delivery in relation to autism spectrum disorders (ASD).

Release and Expiration: Release Date: June 03, 2011.


Amount: Award Ceiling: $2,000,000 per year.

Length of Support: The maximum project period is 5 years.

Eligible Applicants: Public and State controlled institutions of higher education. See the full announcement for a complete list of eligible applicants.

Summary: The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage research grant applications to support research designed to elucidate the etiology, epidemiology, diagnosis, treatment, and optimal means of service delivery in relation to autism spectrum disorders (ASD). In response to the urgent public health significance of ASD, Congress passed the Combating Autism Act (CAA) of 2006. Through this Act, Congress intends to accelerate the pace, and improve the coordination of scientific discovery in ASD research. The Strategic Plan for ASD Research, a requirement of the CAA, was developed with the input of the scientific community, as well as advocates and advocacy organizations, including parents, providers, and individuals with ASD. The plan consists of short and long term research objectives across a range of topics. This FOA is intended to support the broad research goals of the Strategic Plan for ASD Research (http://iacc.hhs.gov/strategic-plan/2011/index.shtml). NIH will consider "centers" as well as "networks" in response to the ACE initiative. This funding opportunity solicits applications for ACE Networks supported by the R01 mechanism. New (type 1) and renewal (type 2) applications for the Autism Centers of Excellence: Networks Program, are hereafter termed ACE Networks. Each ACE Network will consist of a multi-site project focusing on a specific topic of research for R01 support through this FOA.