**Grant Title:** THE INFLUENCE OF RELIGIOSITY AND SPIRITUALITY ON HEALTH RISK BEHAVIORS IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS (R01)

**Grant Number:** PA-06-401

**Area of Research:** Research that examines mechanisms by which religious and spiritual beliefs develop and are transmitted across generations.

**Release and Expiration:** May 9, 2006 release; July 2, 2009 expiration.

**Application Deadline:** *R01-New:* February 5, June 5, October 5 annually; *Resubmissions:* March 5, July 5, November 5 annually; *AIDS-Related:* May 1, September 1, January 2 annually.

**Amount:** *R01:* Up to $250,000 per year in direct costs (requested in $25,000 modules), over $250,000 per year in direct costs, or over $500,000 (requires NIH permission).

**Length of Support:** *R01:* Up to 5 years

**Eligible applicants:** For-profit and non-profit organizations; Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories; Units of State and local government; Eligible agencies of the Federal government; Foreign and domestic institutions; Faith-based or community-based organizations; Indian/Native American Tribal Governments and organizations.

**Agency/Department:** NIH; NICHD, NIAAA, NINR

**Summary:** The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support research studies that are qualitative, quantitative, and combined methods; that examine the mechanisms, mediators, and moderators by which religious and spiritual beliefs develop and are transmitted across generations; and whether and how these beliefs influence early sexual behaviors and alcohol or other drug use that may facilitate the transmission of HIV in children and adolescents. The focus is on the positive and negative effects of religiosity and spirituality on health risk behaviors in children and adolescents. There is an increasingly pluralistic religious landscape in the United States which makes it important to consider the influences and impacts of beliefs and behaviors promulgated by numerous religions in the United States. Relevant research questions regarding religiosity and spirituality include, but are not limited to methodological issues, mechanistic issues, and/or contextual issues.