Grant Title: PARENTING CAPACITIES AND HEALTH OUTCOMES IN YOUTH AND ADOLESCENTS (R01, R21)

PA Number: PA-06-530; PA-07-061

Area of Research: Increasing parenting skills and capacities to improve health outcomes for youth.

Release Date and expiration: November 20, 2006 release; January 3, 2009 expiration.

Application Deadlines: R01-New: February 5, June 5, October 5 annually; Resubmissions: March 5, July 5, November 5 annually; R21-New: February 16, June 16, October 16 annually; Resubmissions: March 16, July 16, November 16 annually; AIDS Related: May 1, September 1, January 2 annually.

Amount: R01: $250,000-500,000 in direct costs (if up to $500,000, request in $25,000 increments). R21: Up to $275,000 in direct costs for 2-year project period.

Length of Support: R01: Up to 5 years; R21: Up to 2 years

Eligible applicants: For-profit or non-profit organizations; public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories; units of state and local governments; eligible agencies of the Federal government, foreign and domestic institutions; faith- or community-based organizations; units of state and local Tribal government.

Agency/Department: NIH; NINR, NICHD, NHLBI, NIAAA, NIDA

Summary: This program announcement solicits research applications aimed at increasing the parenting skills and capacities of parents and caregivers to improve the health outcomes of their young and adolescent children. Interventions targeting two or more risk factors that indicate ineffective parenting practices (e.g., lack of appropriate parental monitoring, supervision, and communication, high family conflict and disorganization, parental stress and depression, lack of parent-child bonding and negative discipline methods) that simultaneously focus on multiple high-risk adolescent health behaviors [(e.g., unhealthy dietary behaviors, inadequate physical activity, tobacco use, alcohol and other drug use, sexual behaviors, and unintentional (e.g., accidents)] and intentional behaviors (e.g., firearm related injuries), are fundamental to this initiative. Interventions that target the reduction of a broad range of family risk factors and simultaneously build upon protective factors are highly encouraged. Parents and similarly situated caregivers of children 10-to-18 years of age are the targets of this initiative.