

## ORWH FY 01 SUPPORTED SPECIAL PROJECTS

**TITLE:** Governors' Spouses Initiative to Curb Underage Drinking **NIAAA**  
**AWARD:** \$100,000  
**CONTACT:** Suzanne Medgyesi-Mitschang, PhD

Continued funding in FY 01 for this project supports Phase II of the Governor's Spouse Initiative to Curb Underage Drinking. In FY 01, highlights include the development of effective state-oriented programs on outreach, education, coordination, and data gathering. Some FY 01 activities include:

- Prevention Guide to assist policy makers, practitioners, community leaders, and concerned citizens in determining the most appropriate approaches to prevention of underage drinking in their States and municipalities;
- Dedicated Web Site to serve as central source of information about all aspects of early onset alcohol use and the initiative;
- National Media Campaign to make prevention of early onset drinking a national priority;
- Policy briefings for State legislators in the 28 participating States;
- Research Task Force to lead to increased research on alcohol use by older children and young adolescents, minority differences in underage drinking, and effective interventions for youth in various age, gender, geographic, socioeconomic, and population groups; and
- Evaluation of the initiative's success in raising national awareness about the problem of alcohol use by children aged 9-15 and mobilizing efforts to prevent it.

**TITLE:** Preventive Hormone Therapy Decision Making **NIA**  
on the World Wide Web  
**AWARD:** \$176,575  
**CONTACT:** Thomas R. Taylor  
**INSTITUTION:** University of Washington, Seattle

The application extends prior work of this research team related to physician practice and patient decisions regarding hormone replacement therapy (HRT). Specifically, the proposed research has two major goals:

- To develop a computerized decision support system that can be distributed over the WWW designed to assist women in their decisions regarding HRT; and
- To evaluate the impact of the decision support aid on decisions that women make regarding HRT.

**TITLE:** Reprinting of *“Lupus: A Patient Care Guide for Nurses and Other Health Professionals”* **NIAMS**  
**AWARD:** \$10,000  
**CONTACT:** Judith Wortman

Funding is provided to support the reprinting cost associated with *“Lupus: A Patient Care Guide for Nurses and Other Health Professionals”*. NIAMS will acknowledge ORWH’s support by listing ORWH on the front page of its care guide as one of their sponsors.

**TITLE:** “Health Disparities Based on Sexual Orientation” **DHHS**  
**AWARD:** \$3,000 **Office of HIV/AIDS Policy**  
**CONTACT:** Christopher Bates

The funding of this project was used to support the Office of HIV/AIDS Policy, DHHS, in the preparation of the Steering Committee on Health Strategic Plan on Health Disparities Based on Sexual Orientation and to organize and cross reference the DHHS inventory of programs, policies and initiatives pertaining to these populations throughout the Department.

**TITLE:** “Pilot Study to Assess Older, Minority, Low-Income Women’s Needs for Healthcare Information and Skill Development In Negotiating With Healthcare Providers for Services” **UMBC**  
**AWARD:** \$24,999  
**CONTACT:** Professor Robert Rubinstein  
**INSTITUTION:** University of Maryland, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Funding supported a pilot study on older, multicultural, primarily foreign-born, low-income, community dwelling women's quest for healthcare access. Results of this study will be presented in a poster session at the annual conference of APHA (American Public Health Association) which meets in Atlanta in October and at a poster session at the Gerontological Society of America Annual International conference which is meeting in Chicago, November, 2001.

**TITLE:** Sister to Sister -- Everyone Has A Heart: *“Women’s Heart Day: Because a Woman’s Heart is Different”*.  
**AWARD:** N/A  
**CONTACT:** Irene Pollin  
**INSTITUTION:** Sister to Sister – Everyone Has A Heart foundation

The Sister to Sister – Everyone Has A Heart awareness campaign will help fill the gap by putting a spotlight on cardiovascular issues to help change women’s health behavior. The campaign will address important awareness issues concerning heart disease in women. The campaign provided a series of free heart disease screening throughout the Washington Metropolitan area from February 16 to 22, 2001. This Health Fair was designed as a model to develop a nationwide program.

**TITLE:** WISH-NET  
**AWARD:** \$16,000  
**CONTACT:** Joan Rachlin  
**INSTITUTION:** Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R)

Wish-net.org was developed by Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research. Wish-net is a mentoring site designed to support girls and women of all ages and at all stages who are interested or working in the fields of science and medicine. NIH is taking over this site as of FY 02.