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**STATE AWARDS MORE THAN \$1.5 MILLION TO TRAINING PROGRAMS**

SACRAMENTO – The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) recently awarded more than \$1.5 million to nine Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) training programs, three Physician Assistant (PA) training programs and two combined FNP/PA training programs. These funds were made available through OSHPD's Song-Brown program.

"OSHPD's mission is to ensure equitable health care accessibility for all Californians," said OSHPD Director Dr. David Carlisle. "Providing funds to these training programs aids our mission and helps train medical personnel to offer quality care to patients."

The following FNP/PA training programs received awards:

San Joaquin Valley College	\$61,845
California State University, Bakersfield	\$66,545
Riverside Community College	\$66,545
Stanford University	\$66,545
California State University, Los Angeles	\$66,688
Azusa Pacific University	\$71,103
University of California, Irvine	\$72,701
California State University, Fresno	\$85,661
UCSF School of Nursing	\$97,192
Sonoma State University	\$114,319
California State University, Long Beach	\$120,413
University of California, Los Angeles	\$161,158
Keck School of Medicine – USC	\$182,560
University of California, Davis	\$279,998

The Song-Brown program was established by the Song-Brown Act of 1973 to increase the number of family practice physicians and physician assistants being trained in the state to provide needed medical services to Californians. OSHPD works in conjunction with the California Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission to award Song-Brown program funding. FNP's were added to the Song-Brown program in 1978; in 2005, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger expanded the program to include registered nurses.

Since Governor Schwarzenegger took office in 2003, the Song-Brown program has awarded more than \$6 million to FNP and PA training programs. For more information about the Song-Brown program, please call (916) 653-0733 or log on to <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HWCDD/manpower/songbrown.htm>.

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