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**CALIFORNIA AWARDS MORE THAN \$2.7 MILLION TO IMPROVE HEALTHCARE  
 WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS**

SACRAMENTO – The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) today announced awards of more than \$2.7 million to twenty-six family practice residency training programs. The awards are administered through OSHPD's Song-Brown Program.

"The Song-Brown Program has a 35 year history of providing needed funds to expand family practice residency programs located throughout California," said OSHPD Director Dr. David Carlisle. "These programs help improve access to care in rural and low-income urban communities across California."

The following family practice residency training programs received awards:

Glendale Adventist Medical Center	\$51,615
Kaiser Permanente – Orange	\$51,615
Loma Linda University	\$51,615
Long Beach Memorial	\$51,615
Northridge Hospital Medical Center	\$51,615
Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center	\$51,615
Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital	\$51,615
San Jose – O'Connor Hospital	\$51,615
Santa Rosa Family Medicine	\$51,615
USC-California Hospital Medical Center	\$51,615
Downey Regional Medical Center	\$68,820
UCSF – San Francisco General Hospital	\$68,820
Contra Costa County Health Services	\$86,025
Mercy Medical Center, Merced	\$86,025
Natividad Medical Center	\$86,025
UC Davis	\$86,025
UC Irvine	\$86,025
UC Los Angeles	\$86,025
Harbor – UCLA Medical Center	\$103,230
Stanislaus Family Medicine	\$103,230
UCSD Combined Family Medicine – Psychiatry	\$137,640
Scripps Mercy Hospital, Chula Vista	\$154,845
Riverside County Regional Medical Center	\$189,255
County of Ventura	\$240,870
UCSF - Fresno	\$240,870
White Memorial Medical Center	\$361,305

Since Governor Schwarzenegger took office in 2003, the Song-Brown Program has awarded more than \$15 million in capitation awards to family practice residency training programs.

The Song-Brown Program was established by the Health Care Workforce Training Act to increase the number of family practice physicians, family nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and registered nurses trained in the state to provide needed medical services to Californians. For more information about the Song-Brown program, please contact the program at (916) 653-0733, or visit <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HWCDD/manpower/songbrown.htm>.