

## HHS Awards Three New Cooperative Agreements for Family Planning Research

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The Office of Population Affairs (OPA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, announces three awards of new Family Planning Research Cooperative Agreements, totaling \$800,000.

The purpose of the cooperative agreements is to support research to provide readily available, relevant and reliable data to be used to assess and improve the delivery of family planning services. This initiative will increase the availability of family planning data and research-based information to policy makers, administrators, service providers, government officials, researchers and the general public.

The first project will document family planning needs and services in the U.S., investigate patterns and trends in the delivery of family planning services, and provide information to assess how well the family planning service provision is meeting the needs of the population serviced. The second project will analyze an array of national data sets to examine the prevalence, trends, and sub-population differences in populations at risk of unintended pregnancy, as well as examine cross-cutting themes for populations in need of family planning services. The third project will identify the strengths of the components of a mixed payor model. It also will identify what the make up is of an ideal blend of providers, which is expected to yield a cost effective and efficient publicly subsidized family planning program.

The 2009 recipients are:

- The Guttmacher Institute, New York \$ 350,000
- Child Trends, Washington, D.C. \$ 250,000
- University of California, San Francisco \$ 200,000