NEW STUDY FINDS MENTAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS FORGOTTEN, ESPECIALLY AMONG VULNERABLE POPULATIONS CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALL FOR ACTION

The nation's mental health care needs go largely unmet, according to a report released by Community Voices: HealthCare for the Underserved. The report details new policy solutions aimed at expanding access to care and providing early intervention services.

Forgotten Policy: An Examination of Mental Health in the U.S. found that more than one in four U.S. adults (28%) experience a mental health or substance abuse disorder in any given year. While mental health and substance abuse disorders are recognized as a leading cause of disability, less than one-third of those adults with a mental disorder and less than half of those suffering from substance abuse will receive treatment.

Barriers to treatment include the lack of health insurance coverage, the high cost of pharmaceuticals, and stigma surrounding mental health. Barriers to quality mental health care are exacerbated in vulnerable populations. Ethnic minorities face both linguistic and cultural barriers to care. Rural populations face additional obstacles with the scarcity of providers in rural areas.

"Mental health care should be treated with the same sense of importance as other health care issues," says Senator Pete V. Domenici (R-NM). "The time has come for both parties and the nation to work together to create policies that will break down barriers to mental health care."

"Our failure to provide appropriate treatment for the many Americans suffering from mental illness is a health care crisis," Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) says. "This report should be a wakeup call to Congress and the nation."

"We must work together at the national and community levels to ensure that policies and health care programs for vulnerable populations do not over look mental health care needs."

The report makes several recommendations to improve access to mental health care, including significantly increasing mental health services targeted to children and adolescents. Recognizing and treating mental disorders at an early stage is critical to maintaining health. The report focuses on schools as a primary care setting and for active violence prevention programs.

Community Voices: HealthCare for the Underserved is a multi-year initiative of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation targeted at ensuring the survival of safety-net providers and strengthening community support services. The 13 communities involved in Community Voices are: Alameda County/Oakland, California; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Ingham County/Lansing, Michigan; Baltimore, Maryland; California Native Americans (29 tribes); Denver, Colorado; Detroit, Michigan; El Paso, Texas; Miami, Florida; North Carolina; Northern Manhattan, New York; Washington, D.C.; and West Virginia.

To obtain your free copy of Forgotten Policy: An Examination of Mental Health in the U.S., call 1-800-819-9997 and request item # 501, or download the report from the Community Voices web site at www.communityvoices.org

CARNEGIE FOUNDATION REVISITING THE CLASSIFICATION OF HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

How can we usefully describe the range of institutional variation in U.S. higher education and identify groups of similar institutions? The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, which uses empirical data on institutional activities to create categories of similar institutions, provides researchers with a way to manage the great diversity of colleges and universities in the United States. Developed in the early 1970s, the Classification has been periodically updated to reflect changes in individual institutions as well as broader changes in the nature of U.S. higher education.

The Foundation is now engaged in an effort to overhaul its classification system. This forum, moderated by Senior Scholar Alexander C. McCormick, provides an opportunity to explore some of the central issues involved in reconceptualizing the Carnegie Classification.

To join this conversation, go to: http://www.carnegiefoundation.org/forum/
MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Partnerships between communities and higher educational institutions are a global phenomenon. CCPH’s growing group of international members hail from over a dozen countries: from Australia, Bangladesh and Cameroon to Malaysia, New Zealand and South Africa. We have much to learn from each other, as the examples from CCPH’s recent annual conference below illustrate.

Our annual conference in May 2001 featured a plenary presentation by Mark Dooris from the United Kingdom, who spoke about the concept of health-promoting universities that is being tested at his institution, the University of Central Lancashire. University of Central Lancashire. Dr. Dooris challenged us to promote health within and through the university setting. The roots of this concept stem from the World Health Organisation Health for All initiative and Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion, the latter stating that: “Health is created and lived by people within the settings of their everyday life; where they learn, work, play and love.”

This focus on settings-based health promotion, as opposed to population group-based or disease-based health promotion, led to the Healthy Cities movement first established as a small scale European project in 1987.

Inspired by its success, a number of parallel initiatives have developed in other settings such as hospitals, schools and prisons. To learn more about the Health-Promoting Universities concept and how to apply it, read the paper that Dr. Dooris prepared for the conference, on our website at futurehealth.ucsf.edu/guide.html

The conference also featured an exhibit by the Network: Community Partnerships for Health Through Innovative Education, Service and Research. A non-governmental organization founded in 1979 and associated with the World Health Organization, the Network has become a global association of academic institutions dedicated to improving community health through linkages with other community stakeholders. CCPH will be exhibiting at the Network’s conference in October in Londrina, Brazil, and has begun to explore the idea of co-sponsoring an international conference in the future. The summer 2001 issue of the Network’s peer-reviewed journal, Education for Health, will feature edited versions of the policy papers CCPH commissioned for our 2001 annual conference. To learn more about the Network, visit their website at http://www.network.unimaas.nl/home.htm

Sessions featuring international presenters included a community-based participatory research project focused on the problems and strengths of the Canadian health care system from the perspective of Central American refugee women in Canada, and a club-based peer education and outreach program to promote safer sex and minimize harm related to drug use in the United Kingdom.

Through our programs, electronic communications and organizational relationships, CCPH can help to foster a global network of community-campus partnerships. We welcome your ideas and suggestions for future activities.

NEWS FROM CCPH

Our board member of the week...

Diane Downing
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Diane Downing has a broad public health practice background with experience at the local, state and national levels. Her experience includes Coordinator for the Indiana Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Project; Maternal and Child Health Director, Indiana State Board of Health; and Assistant Commissioner for Nursing and Quality Improvement, New York City Department of Health. She is currently the Nurse Manager for Arlington County Department of Human Services, Arlington County, Virginia. This position includes responsibility for coordinating student placements within the Public Health Division. She holds a Bachelors degree in Nursing and a Masters Degree in Public Health Nursing from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA and is a doctoral candidate at George Mason University College of Nursing and Health Science.

She has served as Chair of the Public Health Nursing Section, American Public Health Association and Quad Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations representative to the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice and she continues on the Council as CCPH’s representative. Her volunteer work includes membership on the Rappahannock Area Chapter, American Red Cross, Disaster Action Team.

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health is recruiting for two program coordinator positions in our Seattle office. Please see announcement below and circulate to colleagues who may be interested. Thank you.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: University-based non-profit organization seeks coordinator for national program of training and technical assistance for community-based organizations and health professional schools.

The goal: to improve the health of communities through partnerships between community-based organizations and health professional schools that incorporate service-learning, community-based participatory research and community/economic development.

Required: Bachelor’s degree, relevant work experience.

Desired: Master’s in field related to health, higher education, nonprofit management. Salary: 40s DOE.

Send letter, resume and 3 references to: PCC, 8036 11th Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98115. EOE.

For more information on Community-Campus Partnerships for Health, please visit futurehealth.ucsf.edu/ccph.html
DEAR CCPH...

Dear CCPH members,
Please forward your questions or comments to Rose Coronese at ccpuw@u.washington.edu.

I enjoyed the CCPF Annual Conference in San Antonio a great deal. When and where will next year's conference be?

Barry Daneman
University of Missouri

Editor’s Note-The 2002 conference planning committee is convening this month and will consider your suggestions as well as those of other participants from our May 2001 annual conference.

Our family and a few of our friends have adopted the Center for Juvenile Management [one of the CCPF May conference site visit locations in San Antonio] as our charity of choice. It is the site that my husband took his group to. We went to find it the week before and I thought I could meet the contact person etc... so we got out and went in. They showed us the facilities, with great pride, and told us how many kids they serve. I was appalled. They showed us the facilities, with great pride, and the environment everyday in an attempt to help the hundreds of children, ages 5-19, that live in the projects that surround the Center. I have taken over at least 30 bags or boxes of clothing, stuffed animals, sheets, pillows, etc... and plan to continue to do so. See how your efforts spurred me into action?" Thanks everyone!

RESPONSES TO IOM COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH

This is in response to your email regarding the study that will be conducted by the National Academies Institute of Medicine (IOM) which will consider how best to assure the health of the public in the 21st century. "Communication to promote population health, i.e. any use of the mass media and new information technologies to advocate for public health, communicate public health messages and/or accurate health-related information, promote healthy behaviors or practices, or discourage unhealthy behaviors or practices." Examples of these can range from large mass media and social marketing campaigns to smaller efforts at the neighborhood or community level. Are there any best practices that you know of in your community or jurisdiction or "not so good" practices that you know of, and lessons learned? Is there any other information or case studies on this topic that you think are relevant or noteworthy?"

The example below is one of the best practices occurring in the state of Colorado, in my opinion- a model for the nation. The Nine Health Fair, based in Denver, delivers health screenings and interactive learning centers on the job, in the community and in the school. In addition, a unique 9 continuous day event takes place every year in April to serve the community throughout Colorado. Advertisements of the Health Fairs are through Channel 9 News and the press. Over the last year, I have personally participated in fairs as an interactive learning center on body mass index awareness and health consequences of obesity. Below is an extract of the Nine Health Fair web page describing their mission and services: "The mission of Nine Health Services, Inc. is to promote health awareness and to encourage individuals to assume responsibility for their own health.

In order to achieve our mission of reaching as many people as possible throughout the Rocky Mountain Region, the Nine Health Fair is offered at more than 140 sites around the state. Over the past 21 years, we have saved hundreds of thousands of lives due to our early detection, prevention, and our dynamic educational programming statewide. We are In The Community...

- To promote health awareness and encourage participants to assume responsibility for their own health;
- To encourage participants to establish and maintain a personal wellness program;
- To help participants understand the relationship between positive lifestyles and their overall health;
- To provide health screenings and information about potential health problems.

At each site, adults 18 years and older may participate in any or all of these activities: Basic Screenings, Blood Pressure, Vision, Height / Weight and Body Mass Index, Summary and Referral. Most sites offer many other valuable screenings, which may include: Hearing, Prostate / Digital Rectal Exam, Glaucoma, Oral, Pap Smear, Foot, Skin, Testicular, Skin Fold, Breast Screening, Body in Balance, Lung Function, Mammography, Stress Management.

Results from the 2000 Nine Health Fair In the Community..., by Ann Cosby, Director. "Our 21st year has been an overwhelming success with a 12.5% participation increase reaching over 75,000 people statewide. It is apparent that the Nine Health Fair has become an institution in the communities of Colorado and a household name to many people. The Nine Health Fair is proud to be the largest community event in Colorado. We continue to enhance our programs and uphold our mission of promoting health awareness and encouraging individuals to assume responsibility for their own health. The Nine Health Fair provides low cost blood chemistry testing and free screenings to our participants. In our 21st year of promoting health awareness, we paid special attention to health topics that are at the forefront in the medical community: colorectal cancer and breast cancer. With the tremendous coverage that 9News provided the Nine Health Fair, we had overwhelming success with the colon cancer "take home kits" and distributed over 25,000. The Nine Health Fair was able to provide, free of charge, mammograms, biopsies, ultrasounds and a comprehensive continuum of care to men and women who qualify. This is made possible by funding received from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The Nine Health Fair has saved thousands of lives due to our early detection, prevention and our dynamic educational programming statewide."

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CCPH Sponsored Events
January 26-29, 2002-2nd annual advanced service-learning institute at the Kennolyn Conference Center in Soquel, CA. (Santa Cruz Mountains) Applications to attend the advanced level training are due November 6th, 2001.
May 4-7, 2002-6th annual CCPH conference, Miami, FL. Call for proposals out in September.
June 15-18, 2002-6th annual introductory service-learning institute: at the Sleeping Lady, Leavenworth WA. (Cascade Mountains) Applications are due by Wednesday, May 15, 2002.

To obtain applications, visit http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/ccph/projects.html#fsli - or call CCPH's fax-on-demand service at (888) 267-9183 and select document # 206.
To learn more, visit our website at futurehealth.ucsf.edu/ccph.html or contact Program Director Piper Krauel at (415) 502-7933 or piperk@itsa.ucsf.edu

Other events
September 13-16, 2001-United States Conference on AIDS 2001, Miami Beach, FL sponsored by the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC). For details, contact: Paul Woods, Conference Registrar, 1931 13th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009-4432, or call (202) 483-6622, ext 343, or email at pwoods@nmac.org, or visit www.nmac.org/usca2001/home.htm.
September 16-19, 2001-University of South Carolina National Conference: "Multicultural Affairs in Higher Education" San Antonio, Texas. For more information, contact University of South Carolina Division of Continuing Education, Suite 108, 937 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29208 or call (803) 777-9444 or email at confs@gwm.sc.edu or visit http://www.rcce.sc.edu/MAC/macconf.html
September 27-30, 2001-The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation is hosting the Fourth World Kindness Movement Conference in Denver, Colorado. The conference will bring together members of Kindness organizations from around the world so they can interact, share ideas, and advance the mission of the World Kindness Movement. For additional information visit: www.actsofkindness.org.

Scholarships for 1st Annual Service-Learning Research Conference
Through a generous grant from the Spencer Foundation, Campus Compact is offering up to $10,000 worth of competitive conference scholarships for graduate students to attend the 1st Annual Service-Learning Research Conference, to be held at the Berkeley Marina Radisson Hotel at Berkeley, CA, October 21-23, 2001. Scholarships are available for graduate students who are conducting research on topics related to advancing our understanding of service-learning in K-12 education, teacher education, and/or higher education. Graduate Students do not have to be a presenter at the conference to be eligible for a scholarship. However, preference will be given to students whose proposals are selected for presentation. Scholarship applications are due by September 7, 2001. The Early Bird conference rate of $295 will be honored for all registration materials.

For additional information visit: www.hrsa.gov/Newsroom/NewsBriefs/2001/restructurefactsheet.htm

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GRANTS ALERT!

Multidisciplinary Investigations of Nutrition and Cancer - NCI
awarding a contract that will provide the support needed to conduct a variety of investigations pertinent to NEB's mission, namely, clarifying the role of nutrition in the etiology of human cancer. The contract will be used to support ongoing investigations as well as new projects that will be subjected to intense scientific review prior to their initiation.

**Deadline: September 14, 2001**
For details and contact information, visit http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/getRec?id=63759

Rural Health Outreach and Rural Health Network Development Program Application Deadline: September 28, 2001
The Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) announces that fiscal year 2002 funds may be available for grants under the Rural Health Outreach and Network Development Program. Two kinds of projects will be funded under this announcement: (1) Rural Health Outreach Grants for the development of networks to expand service delivery systems in rural areas where support is provided for the actual delivery of new services or enhancement of existing services, and (2) Rural Health Network Development Grants for the planning and development of vertically integrated networks in rural areas where the emphasis is placed not on the actual delivery of services, but on efforts to restructure the delivery system in rural communities. Applicants and Network members may not apply for both the Rural Health Outreach Grant Program and the Rural Health Network Development Grant Program. Except for current and former one-year Network grantees, current and former grantees cannot reapply for either grant program for FY 2002 funding.

**Amount of Fund:** - Maximum: $200,000.00- Average: $180,000.00

**Funder Name:** US Department of Health and Human Services

**Public Health Service Health, Resources and Services Administration**

**Application Procedure Contact Person:** Office of Grants Management Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration, 4350 East West Hwy, 11 Flr, Bethesda, MD 20814 or call (301) 394-4260

**Application Technical info Person:** Lilly, Office of Rural Health Policy Rm 9A-55, Parklawn Bldg, 5600 Fishers Ln, Rockville, MD 20857 or call (301) 443-0835

**Application, Type of Information Required:** Contact the HRSA GAC at (877) 477-2123 (toll free) or write to 1815 N Fort Myers Dr, Ste 300, Arlington, VA 22209 to receive an application kit. To order an application kit for either program, you must identify the program citing the following program names and CFDA numbers: Rural Health Outreach Program, 93.912A; Rural Health Network Development Program, 93.912B. If you are unable to connect to one of these toll-free numbers please call Lilly Smetana at (301) 443-6884, in the Office of Rural Health Policy.

**Quality of Life for Individuals at the End-of-Life**
Sponsored by Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) National Institutes of Health (NIH). The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) and six other institutes and centers seek research grant applications that will generate scientific knowledge to improve the quality of life for individuals who are facing end-of-life issues and for their families. Research applications may include basic, clinical, or care delivery studies focused on management of physical and psychological symptoms, patient-provider and patient-family communication, ethics and clinical decision-making, caregiver support, or the context of care delivery for those facing life-limiting illnesses. In a broad sense, the purpose of this program announcement (PA) is to enhance the quality of life remaining for individuals who are nearing the end of their lives.

**Deadline:** October 01, 2001; February 01, 2002; and June 01, 2002
Contact: Dr. Ann Knebel, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Nursing Research, Building 43, Room 3AN12, MSC 6300, Bethesda, MD 20892-3600 or call (301) 594-5966 or fax (301) 480-8260 or email at aknebel@nih.gov. To view this opportunity, visit: http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/getRec?id=53119

**Community Partnerships for Older Adults**

**Deadline: January 21, 2002**
Community Partnerships for Older Adults is a new competitive grants program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. It will make up to $20 million available to approximately 30 grantees community partnerships over eight years. Funds for two types of grants - development grants and implementation grants - will be awarded in each of two competitive award cycles. The first cycle is being initiated by this call for proposals. Grant funds will provide financial and technical assistance to community consortia that will develop and implement community-generated approaches to providing a broad yet coordinated range of options for long term care and supportive services for vulnerable older adults. This initiative is designed to: (1) Mobilize the community to improve long term care and supportive services systems by (a) creating greater awareness via the media, among civic leaders, the business community, and the public about the implications of an aging society, including the greater role, unique contributions, and growing needs of older community members; (b) educating community members to become more knowledgeable consumers of long term care and supportive services as well as more effective decision makers; and (c) strengthening community partnerships. (2) Improve access to long term care and supportive services by (a) providing information to community members that is easy to find and understand in a timely and responsive manner; (b) increasing communication and coordination among the community's health, long term care, and supportive services providers; and (c) leveraging public and private resources in response to the community's identified needs. (3) Promote a better quality of life and quality of care for older adults and their caregivers by (a) enhancing choices available to and decision-making for older adults within existing and new programs; and (b) responding to a diverse range of needs of individual caregivers.

**Application Procedure Contact Person:** Laura Lowenthal, Community Partnerships for Older Adults, Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service, University of Southern Maine, PO Box 9300, Portland, ME 04104 -9300 or call (207) 228-8374 or (207) 228-8373 - FAX or email at communitypartnerships@usm.maine.edu or visit http://partnershipsforolderadults.org

**Application Technical info Person:** Jane Lowe, PO Box 9300, Community Partnerships for Older Adults, Muskie School of Public Service, University of Southern Maine, 15 Baster Blvd, Portland, ME 04104 -9300

**Application, Type of Information Required:** There are two stages in the competitive application process: (1) the submission of a Letter of Intent (LOI) briefly describing the project and, if invited (2) the submission of a full proposal and line-item budget for an eighteen-month development grant. The Letter of Intent may be submitted online or by mail. Visit: www.muskie.usm.maine.edu/ communitypartnerships/ to submit an LOI online, or follow the instructions to submit it by mail.
CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Call for Proposals for the National Service-Learning Conference
Deadline: September 30, 2001

The National Service-Learning Conference will be held in Seattle, WA on March 20-23, 2002. This year's theme is "Reflecting on the past, Envisioning the future." There are multiple conference strands, which range from lifelong learning to youth involvement. The intended audience for the conference represents diverse perspectives that include K-12, higher education, youth, and businesses.

One of the "conference strands" is Community Development: Creating Healthy Communities Through Service-Learning

For more information about the call and the conference applications visit the National Youth Leadership Council's website at www.nylc.org.

Educational Partnerships: Call for chapter authors

The purpose of this collection is to explore relationships between educational organizations and diverse initiatives and institutions. The focus is on educational programs that link across great distances through technology and/or new organizations designed to promote learning. Recent trends add new dimensions as to how partnerships are arranged and who is involved. The trends: technology, cutbacks, mergers, advocacy, and the growth of private schools and colleges, are global. These contextual changes challenge the status quo and involve a re-examination of partnerships in education. Globalization, private-public alliances, and financing, promotion, and advocacy are themes to consider. The choice between partnerships with non-governmental organizations or business firms affects the meaning of partnerships. The emphasis is to be on the process of developing partnerships rather than their evaluation.

Writers are encouraged to focus on private companies, foundations, community groups, or governmental agencies as they work together with universities or schools. Each chapter should involve one or more cases with a theoretical discussion. Cases from countries in either the North or South are sought. Moral and ethical implications of partnerships should be considered. In order to obtain diversity among contributors, chapters should be between 25 and 35 pages. APA style is required and because of the diversity among computers, no set program for paragraphing, indenting, bulleted or tables should be used.

This book is a follow-up to Effective Partnerships: Experts, Advocates, and Scouts (Praeger, forthcoming) edited by Samuel Mitchell. The current book is edited by Dr. Patricia Klinck, President of Keylinks International Consulting and Samuel Mitchell, Professor and Coordinator, Graduate Division of Education, University of Calgary. A two page description of the chapter and its relation to the purposes of the collection is required by October 30, 2001. Papers are to be completed by June, 2002 and publication is anticipated one year later.

Please forward all replies to Samuel Mitchell at smitchel@ucalgary.ca or Fax: 403-282-3005 or Patricia Klinck at pklinck@keylinks.ab.ca and Fax: 403-286-6950. Written material can be sent to Samuel Mitchell, Graduate Division of Educational Research, Faculty of Education, University of Calgary, 2500 University Dr N.W., Calgary, AB, Canada, T2N 1N4.

PUBLICATIONS

World Development Indicators 2001


The US Department of Health and Human Services released its fifth annual report, "America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well Being, 2001." Information is provided in the areas of population and Family characteristics (includes a section on children's environments), economic security, health, behavior, education and special features (includes a section on childhood asthma). The whole report is available at http://www.childstats.gov/ac2001/ac01.asp


Teen Births at Record Low, CDC Reports:
The U.S. teen birth rate declined to a record low in 2000, according to a preliminary report on births released today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Go to http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/releases/01news/newbirth.htm Or, visit this website to read more about this and other current school/youth health issues: http://www.healthinschools.org/july_alerts.asp#25

COGME-NACNEP Report Calls for Major Changes to Improve Patient Safety

New Nurses Meet Women's Health Needs,

Volunteer for Change: A Guide to Environmental Community Service
In Volunteer for Change: A Guide to Environmental Community Service the EPA presents short descriptions of twelve environmental volunteer activities. It also provides contact information and other a list of other great resources. Check out this useful and easy to use booklet at: http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/docs/vol4chng.pdf

During this summer's service-learning institute, mentor Janet Eyler recommended a book on grading that would be helpful for thinking through how to grade service-learning courses. She says "it is really excellent with lots of examples.”

Effective Grading: A Tool for Learning and Assessment by Barbara E. Walvoord, Virginia Johnson Anderson can be purchased online at http://www.jbp.com/Corporate/Website/Objects/Products/0,9049,105211,00.html

Please share with us your book recommendations at cepchw@u.washington.edu. Thanks!
WEBLINKS

These weblinks have been compiled in response to reader interest in international health funding and partnership opportunities:

**ASIA/PACIFIC REGION**

Amrita International Medical Services Project  
http://www.aimsproject.org/  
The AIMS Project, a California-based nonprofit public benefit corporation, provides grants to charitable organizations in developing countries, with a focus on India, for the construction, development, and operation of medical facilities for the poor.

Asha for Education  
http://www.ashanet.org/  
Founded in 1991 by a group of Indian students at the University of California-Berkeley, Asha for Education works to bring about socioeconomic change in India. To that end, the organization focuses on basic education in the belief that education is a critical requisite for change in the 21st century.

Asia Foundation  
http://www.asiafoundation.org/  
The Asia Foundation, a grantmaking public charity, collaborates with partners from the public and private sectors to help foster greater openness and shared prosperity in the Asia Pacific region and advance the mutual interests of the United States and regional partners. The foundation’s priorities include effective law, governance, and citizenship; open regional markets and local economic opportunities; equal partnership and participation of women in all levels of society; and peace and stability within the region.

Asia Pacific Center for Justice & Peace  
http://www.apcjp.org/  
APCJP works to promote the realization of the full range of rights -- including economic justice, political freedom, and genuine security -- for the peoples of Asia and the Pacific.

Asia Society  
http://www.asiasociety.org/  
Founded in 1956 by John D. Rockefeller III, the Asia Society builds awareness of the more than thirty countries broadly defined as the Asia Pacific region through a range of programs, including major art exhibitions, performances, international corporate conferences, and policy programs.

Bridge to Asia Foundation  
http://www.bridge.org/  
Bridge to Asia, a San Francisco-based nonprofit, supports education and research in developing countries in Asia through the donation of books and journals to universities, research services, and the development of in-country libraries and computer networks.

Concern India Foundation  
http://www.condemindia.org/  
The Concern India Foundation, a nonprofit, public charitable trust, supports development-oriented organizations working on the subcontinent in the areas of education, health, community development, and the environment.

Darunee Fund  
http://www.darunefund.org/  
The Michigan-based Darunee Fund (formerly the Asiameca Foundation) was founded in 1995 to work with the Minsai Center in Tokyo and the Education for Development Foundation in Bangkok, Thailand, and Vientiane, Laos, to provide educational opportunities and scholarships for young girls and boys in rural areas.

India Abroad Foundation  
http://www.indiaabroad.com/  
A nonprofit, charitable organization based in New York, the India Abroad Foundation raises money from non-resident Indians and channels charitable contributions to Indian NGOs working in the fields of education, relief, research, medicine, and rural development.

National Bureau of Asian Research  
http://www.nbr.org/  
Founded in 1989 with a major grant from the Henry M. Jackson Foundation, the Seattle-based National Bureau of Asian Research conducts advanced research on policy-relevant issues affecting Asia.

Tibet Fund  
http://www.tibetfund.org/  
Founded in 1981, the Tibet Fund's primary mission is the preservation of the distinct cultural, religious, and national identity of the Tibetan people. To that end, the fund administers grants and supports projects that support and strengthen the Tibetan refugee community in India and Nepal; offers scholarships and cultural exchange programs to Tibetan students; supports health, education, and small economic development projects inside Tibet as well as projects to preserve Tibet's unique culture and arts; coordinates international humanitarian and educational assistance efforts; and fosters the growth of other organizations designed to address the identified needs of the Tibetan people.

**CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

Center for Social and Economic Research  
http://www.case.com.pl  
The Center for Social and Economic Research, an independent, nonprofit research institution headquartered in Warsaw, provides independent intellectual support for the functioning democracies of Central and Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union.

Centre for Research into Communist Economies  
http://www.crce.org.uk/  
Founded in 1983, London-based CRCE conducts research into the problems of communist economies and economies making the transition from communism to democracy and a market economy. Much of the organization’s work relates to Central and Eastern Europe.

Civic Education Project  
http://www.cep.org/  
CEP, a nonprofit organization of educators and professionals, is dedicated educational reform and the development of market-based economies and democratic political systems in Central-Eastern Europe and Eurasia. To that end, the organization operates fellowship programs in 24 countries across Central, Eastern, and Southern Europe; the Newly Independent States; Russia; the Caucasus; and Central Asia.

Institute for East-West Studies  
http://www.iews.org/  
The Institute for East-West Studies works to defuse tensions and conflicts that threaten geopolitical stability in Central and Eastern Europe, Russia, and other Eurasian countries as those countries move toward democracy, free enterprise, and prosperity.

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Microfinance Centre
http://www.mfc.org.pl
The mission of the Microfinance Center is to support existing and future microfinance institutions in Central and Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union in their efforts to alleviate poverty, create employment, and privatize the economy through the development of microenterprises and self-employment initiatives.

Network of East-West Women
http://www.eww.org/
NEWW is dedicated to empowering women and girls in Central and Eastern Europe, the Newly Independent States, and the Russian Federation through dialogue, networking, campaigns, and educational and informational exchanges.

Project on Ethnic Relations
http://www.per-usa.org/
The Project on Ethnic Relations is dedicated to preventing ethnic conflict in Central and Eastern Europe, the Balkans, and the former Soviet Union. To that end, PER conducts high-level intervention programs and serves as a neutral mediator in major disputes in the region. The organization also conducts training and education programs at the international, national, and community levels.

Wladyslaw Poniecki Foundation
http://www.Poniecki.org/
Founded in 1990, the California-based Wladyslaw Poniecki Foundation works to enhance the educational infrastructure in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, especially those making the transition from a command to a free-market economy, through the use of information technologies and educational exchange activities.

EUROPE

European Anti-Poverty Network
http://www.eapn.org/
EAPN, a coalition of 15 national networks and 25 NGOs, works to promote and enhance the effectiveness of actions against poverty and social exclusion in the member states of the European Union, and to lobby for and with people and groups facing poverty and social exclusion.

German Foundation Index
http://www.stiftungsinde.de/
The German Foundation Index, a comprehensive online resource devoted to German foundations and philanthropy, offers links to more than 150 German foundations Web sites, a large number of references to international grantmakers, a German-language bibliographic database, and advice for grantseekers.

Institute for Human Sciences
http://www.univie.ac.at/iwm/main-e.htm
The Vienna-based Institute for Human Sciences was established to facilitate the discussion of ideas, experiences, and projects by academics and intellectuals from Eastern and Western Europe. IHS regularly organizes conferences, workshops, and seminars for this purpose and also stages public lectures and panel discussions to make its research available to a wider audience.

LATIN AMERICA/CARIBBEAN REGION

ACCION International
http://www.accion.org/
Tucson-based ACCION International is dedicated to fighting poverty and bringing financial services to poor but enterprising businessmen and women — street vendors, seamstresses, sandal makers - through the practice of microlending. In addition to its programs in a number of U. S. states, the organization operates a Latin American network of 18 microlending institutions that serves 450,000 clients in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Columbia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and Venezuela.

Americas Society
http://www.americas-society.org/
The New York City-based Americas Society is dedicated to fostering an understanding of the contemporary political, social, and economic issues confronting Latin America, the Caribbean, and Canada. The society strives to achieve this goal through a variety of programs focused on public policy and cultural affairs.

Amigos de las Américas
http://www.amigoslink.org/
Houston-based Amigos de las Américas, an international, voluntary, not-for-profit organization, provides leadership development opportunities for young people; promotes community health in Latin America; and facilitates cross-cultural understanding for the people of the Americas.

Friends of the Americas
http://www.friendsoftheamericas.org/
Friends of the Americas provides medical care, relief supplies, disaster assistance, education, and economic development assistance to Latin American and Caribbean children and other individuals who have been displaced by war, natural disasters, or economic disruption.

Institute of the Americas
http://www.iamericas.org/
Founded in 1984 at the University of California, San Diego, the Institute of the Americas works to encourage economic and social reform in the Americas, to enhance private sector collaboration and communications, and to strengthen political and economic relations between the countries of Latin America, the U.S., and Canada.

Intercultural Center for Research and Education
http://www.incre.org/
Massachusetts-based INCRE is dedicated to research and technical assistance that promotes quality and equity of education in the U.S., Latin America, and the Caribbean; and to projects that combine humanistic education, science and technical education, and education for the preservation of the environment.

Pan American Development Foundation
http://www.padf.org/
Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the Pan American Development Foundation strives to improve the quality of life in Latin America and the Caribbean by providing health care, vocational training, agro-forestry, soil conservation, and relief programs to poor citizens of the member nations of the Organization of American States.

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Resource Center for the Americas
http://www.americas.org/
Founded in 1983, the Resource Center of the Americas provides information and develops programs that demonstrate the connections between the people of Latin America, the Caribbean, and the United States.

MIDDLE EAST

Abraham Fund
http://www.coexistence.org/
Headquartered in New York City and Jerusalem, the Abraham Fund works to foster increased dialogue, tolerance, and understanding between the Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel through advocacy and awareness campaigns and by sponsoring coexistence projects.

American Near East Refugee Aid
http://www.anera.org/
D.C.-based ANERA’s mission is to reduce poverty and relieve suffering in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and Lebanon, thereby improving the lives of all people in the Middle East. The organization coordinates health, education, and economic development projects in cooperation with local institutions and also provides humanitarian aid and relief to Palestinian refugees in Lebanon.

Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey
http://www.erf.org.eg/
ERF, an independent regional network of economists, policy makers, and businesspeople, initiates, funds, and facilitates policy-relevant economic research on the Arab Region, Turkey and Iran.

Foundation for Middle East Peace at http://www.fmep.org/
Established in 1979, the D.C.-based Foundation for Middle East Peace works to promote a just solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that brings peace and security to both peoples. In addition to its role as an information clearinghouse, FMEP awards grants to organizations and projects that contribute significantly to a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Middle East Media and Research Institute
http://www.memri.org/
An independent, U.S.-based nonprofit that provides translations of stories in the Arab media as well as original analysis and research on developments in the Middle East.

Middle East Policy Council at http://www.mepc.org/
Founded in 1981 to expand public discussion and understanding of issues affecting U.S. policy in the Middle East.

Middle East Research and Information Project
http://www.merip.org/
D.C.-based MERIP provides news and perspectives about the Middle East not available from mainstream media outlets.

Near East Foundation
http://www.neareast.org/
A private, nonprofit development agency established in 1915, NEF works directly and through local institutions to help people in the Middle East and Africa build better lives for themselves and their communities. It does this by helping communities articulate their needs, determine priorities, and access resources; by providing its own funding and store of knowledge and expertise; and by recruiting nearly all of its staff from the countries served, creating a strong legacy of grassroots involvement for the future.

NEWLY INDEPENDENT STATES OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION

Central and East European Law Initiative
http://www.abanet.org/ceeli/home.html
CEELI, a public service project of the American Bar Association, advances the rule of law worldwide by supporting the legal reform process in Central and Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union.

East-West Management Institute
http://www.ipls.org/about/ewmi.html
Founded in 1988 by financier and philanthropist George Soros, the East-West Management Institute promotes economic reform in developing and transition economies by providing technical assistance in such areas as legal and regulatory reform, privatization, enterprise restructuring, capital markets development, and making grants to non-governmental organizations.

EcoLinks
http://www.ecolinks.org/
EcoLinks, an initiative of the U.S. Agency for International Development, seeks practical, market-based solutions to industrial and urban environmental problems in Central and Eastern Europe and the states of the former Soviet Union. The program links local businesses, governments, and associations with U.S. businesses and organizations in order to improve the ability of in-country entities to identify and remedy environmental problems and adapt the best environmental management practices and technologies available to those problems.

Eurasia Foundation
http://www.eurasia.org/
The D.C.-based Eurasia Foundation promotes the advancement of democratic institutions and private enterprise in twelve Newly Independent States (NIS) of the former Soviet Union. The foundation works to achieve its goals by making grant to host country organizations and individuals, as well as grants to American and other organizations working with partners in host countries; and by initiating and managing its own projects.

Initiative for Social Action and Renewal
http://www.isar.org/
ISAR promotes citizen participation and the development of the non-governmental sector in the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union by supporting citizen activists and grassroots non-governmental organizations in their efforts to create just and sustainable societies. The organization has field offices in Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Russia, as well as Washington, D.C.

International Research & Exchanges Board
http://www.irex.org/
Through academic research, professional training, institution building, technical assistance, and policy programs, IREX, a U.S.-based nonprofit organization committed to international education in its broadest sense, promotes better understanding and cooperation between the peoples of the United States and the countries of Eastern Europe, the Newly Independent States, Asia, and the Near East.

U.S. Civilian Research and Development Foundation
http://www.crdf.org/
A nonprofit charitable organization created by the U.S. Government in 1995 to promote scientific and technical collaboration between the U.S. and the countries of the former Soviet Union.