Office of Science Policy, Reporting, and Program Analysis (OSPRA)

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OSPRA Role: Understand, Analyze, Report on All of NICHD

- Extramural research
- Intramural research
- Research training
- Infrastructure
- Conferences
- Collaborations
- Communications

- Scientific progress
- Clinical practice
- Public health
Planning

- Research planning
- Operational planning
- Collaborations and committees
Referral and Scientific Coding

- Referral and initial coding
- Scientific coding for **all** funded grants, contracts, interagency agreements, intramural projects
- Manage NICHD’s contributions to NIH reporting systems (RCDC, e.g.)
Portfolio Analysis

• Used to identify:
  • research gaps (and areas of saturation)
  • connections among research areas
  • potential collaborations
  • trends over time
  • administrative and policy issues

• Examples of recent topics:
  • health disparities
  • infertility and fertility
  • international
  • pediatrics
  • placenta
  • prevention
  • rehabilitation
  • sex and gender minorities (SGM)
  • NICHD paylines
Tracking Results

- Science advances (250+)
- Publication tracking and analysis
- Training and career development outcomes
- Program evaluation, monitoring, and assessment
- Selected examples:
  - Data sharing
  - Clinical center collaboration
  - Public health campaigns
  - Pediatric critical care
Reporting

- Types of Reports:
  - Scientific category reporting (275+)
  - Narrative reporting (150+)
  - Requests (220+)
  - Congressional Justification and related

- Reports go to:
  - Congress
  - NIH
  - HHS
  - OMB
  - White House
  - Interagency working groups
  - NICHD and NIH web sites
  - Others

- Report, Reuse, Recycle
Policy

• Interface with NIH, HHS, OMB, others

• Grants/projects of special interest
  • Identify
  • Explain
The Greatest Team Since the 2004 Red Sox

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