Division of Extramural Research Update

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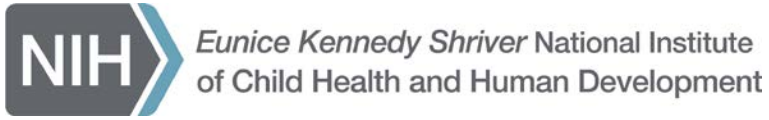


Overview

- Updates on Extramural Policy Issues
- Strategic Planning Implementation
- Staff Updates

Updates on Extramural Policy Issues

Human Fetal Tissue

- HHS Statement on June 5th, 2019
  - Outlines the creation of an ethics advisory board for all competing applications that propose using fetal tissue from elective abortions
  - Discontinues intramural research involving the use of human fetal tissues from elective abortion
- NIH Guide Notices
  - NOT-OD-19-128: *Changes to NIH Requirements Regarding Proposed Human Fetal Tissue Research*
  - NOT-OD-19-137: *Clarifying Competing Application Instructions and Notice of Publication of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Regarding Proposed Human Fetal Tissue Research*

Foreign Involvement

- Advisory Committee to the Director report in December of 2018
- In a small number of cases, there have been peer review violations and/or failures to disclose either substantial foreign resources or significant foreign financial COI which distort funding decisions
- NIH Guide Notice:
  - NOT-OD-19-114: *Reminders of NIH Policies on Other Support and on Policies related to Financial Conflicts of Interest and Foreign Components*

Anti-Sexual Harassment https://www.nih.gov/anti-sexual-harassment/statements-notices

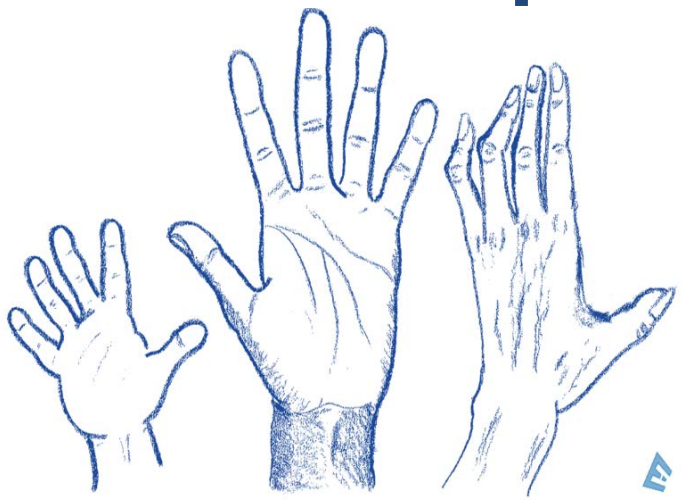
- NIH is bolstering policies, guidelines, requirements, and communications to make our expectations clear to the NIH workforce and NIH-funded organizations
- NIH expects all NIH-funded institutions to have disseminated and implemented policies and practices that
  - Foster a harassment-free environment;
  - Maintain clear, unambiguous professional codes of conduct;
  - Ensure employees are fully aware and regularly reminded of applicable laws, regulations, policies, and codes of conduct;
  - Provide an accessible, effective, and easy process to report sexual harassment, and protection from retaliation; and
  - Respond promptly to allegations to ensure the immediate safety for all involved, investigate the allegations, and take appropriate sanctions

Concept clearances at Council

- Funding opportunities need to support fair and open competition
- All concept clearance of FOAs(e.g., RFAs, PARs) must be done at an open Council session (or similar public external advisory session)
  - The concept clearance presentation must address the outcomes of any workshop proceedings which informed the FOA development
  - Extramural scientists, including those who have attended a workshop, should NOT play a direct role in writing FOAs

Save the Date!

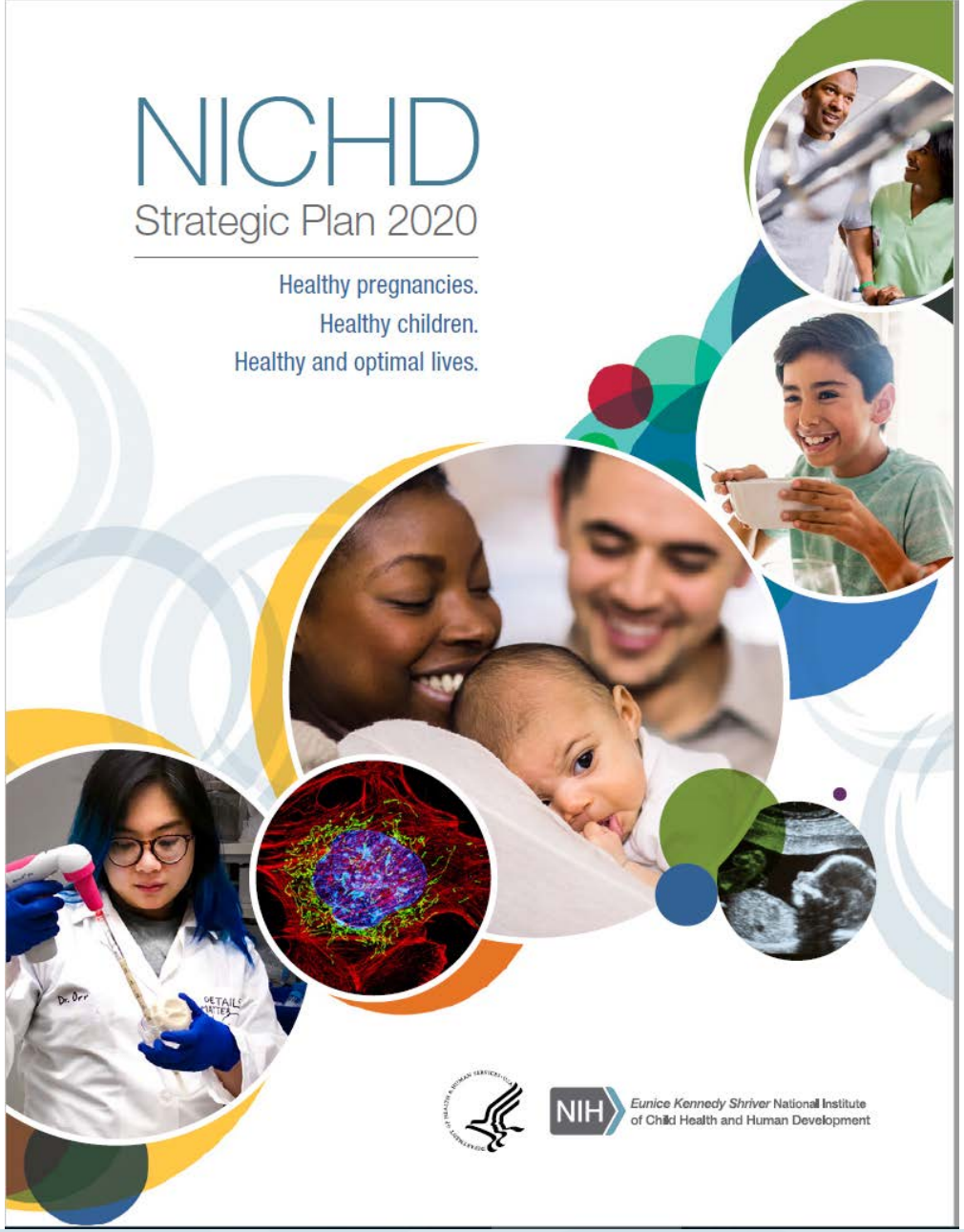
NIH's 2nd Inclusion Across the Lifespan Workshop



September 2-3, 2020
Natcher Conference Center
NIH Main Campus, Bethesda, MD

RFI coming soon!

Strategic Planning Implementation


NICHD
Strategic Plan 2020
Healthy pregnancies.
Healthy children.
Healthy and optimal lives.
NIH
Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Strategic Planning Implementation

- Revise extramural branch priorities by January 2020
- Begin revision of the referral guidelines
- Align FOAs with Strategic Plan
- Develop initiatives and action plans for each scientific theme and aspirational goal
- Develop action plans to advance scientific stewardship, management, and accountability

Staff Updates

Transitions from NICHD

Ruben Alvarez
CDBB

New to NICHD

Clara Cheng
FIB

Melissa Copeland
GMB

Tuba Fehr
DBSVB

Sai Majji
MPIDB

New to NICHD

Amanda Price
CDBB

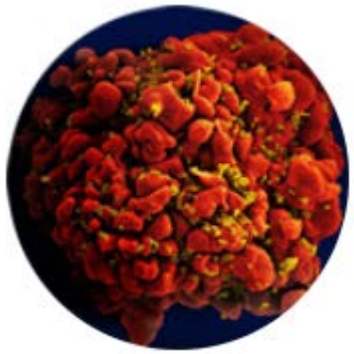
Aaron Pawlyk
OPPTB

Jenelle Walker
OGH

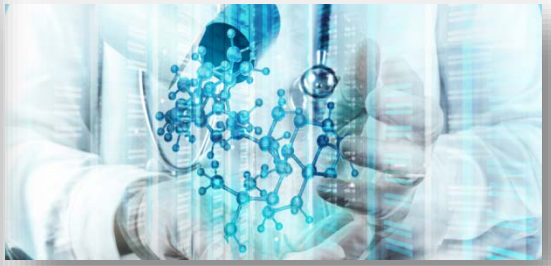
DER is hiring!

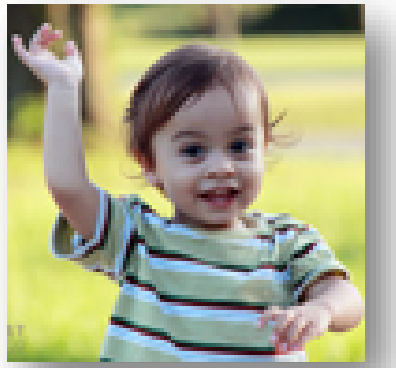
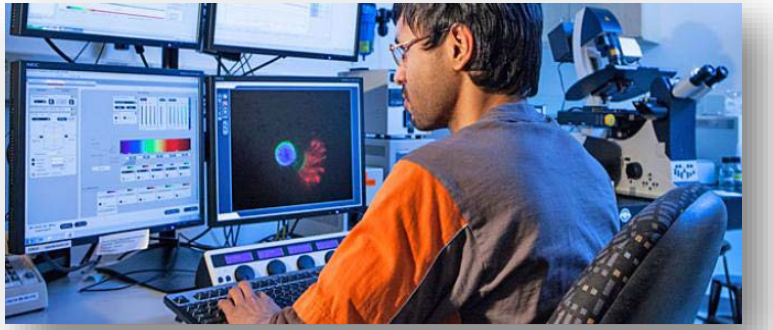
https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/jobs

https://hr.nih.gov/jobs/global-recruitment



Funding the Best Science at NICHD…

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