Recent headlines

**Human rights hearing on Ottawa’s First Nation child welfare failures begins**
The hearing started on the same day the Liberals delivered its second budget – a budget with no new money earmarked for First Nation child welfare services.
[Full article (video)]

**Federal budget targets First Nations, Inuit climate change adaptation**
The federal Liberal government unveiled funding Wednesday to help First Nation and Inuit communities deal with the impacts of climate change.
[Full article]

**New photos revealed of child who died in provincial care**
The mother of a four-year-old Alberta girl who died in 2014 while in provincial care has released photographs of her daughter, taken days before she died.
[Full article]

**Public should know more about child deaths, privacy commissioner says**
New Brunswick’s access to information and privacy commissioner is calling on the government to release more public information about child deaths.
[Full article]

**MP Charlie Angus fears new money for Indigenous communities will have trouble getting ‘out the door’**
The federal government vows to spend $3.4 billion over five years on the critical needs of Indigenous communities, but there are doubts over whether all that money will come through.
[Full article]

**CIRCLE events**

Dr. Devi Mucina, “Decolonizing Indigenous masculinities’ - a CIRCLE Indigenous Speaker Series event
Location: First Peoples’ House, Ceremonial Hall (UVic)
Date: March 28, 2017 (11:30am – 1:00pm)
More information

2017 Learning Institute: Reconciling Indigenous Research Relationships
Location: First Peoples’ House, Ceremonial Hall (UVic)
Date: June 27-30, 2017
More information

Events & training calendar

Awakening Our Wisdom; Healing on the Land
Location: Langley, BC
Dates: March 23-26, 2017

Awakening Memory, an Open Space exhibition
Location: Open Space in Victoria, BC
Dates: March 24 – April 29, 2017
Opening: March 24 at 7:30pm
More information

Us & Them, a documentary
Location: Victoria Native Friendship Centre
Date: March 29, 2017 at 6:30pm
More information

Success Stories in Cultural Safety with Elder Roberta Price and Dr. David Tu
Location: webinar (UBC)
Date: March 30, 2017 at 12-1pm
More information

Connecting Health Across Topics - Let's C.H.A.T!
Location: University of Victoria
Date: April 6, 2017
More information

A K”Tea”E, Canadian HIV Women’s Sexual and Reproductive Health Cohort Study
Location: Montreal, QC
Date: April 6, 2017
More information

Leadership Training, BC Centre of Excellence for Young Indigenous Leaders
Location: Victoria, BC
Dates: April 11-15, 2017
Two-Spirit! Let’s Hear It! – An Introduction to Two-Spirit Health
Location: webinar (NCCAH)
Date: April 12, 2017 at 10:00-11:30am
More information

Privilege 101: Power, Privilege and Oppression in the Context of Health Equity
Location: Toronto, ON
Date: April 22, 2017 at 9am-5pm
More information

National Indigenous Cultural Safety Learning Series
Location: webinar (PHSA)
Dates: April 27, 2017
More information

25th Harm Reduction International Conference
Location: Centre Mont-Royal, Montreal, Canada
Dates: May 14-17, 2017
More information

NGGS in Indigenous Health Research
Location: Vancouver, BC (Musqueam Territory)
Dates: May 26-28, 2017

New Investigators Meeting in Indigenous Health Research
Location: Vancouver, BC (Musqueam Territory)
Dates: May 28-30, 2017

2017 Aboriginal Health Sciences Pre-Admissions Workshop
Location: UBC Vancouver Campus
Dates: July 12-14, 2017
More information

World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education 2017
Location: Toronto, ON
Dates: July 24-29, 2017
More information

2017 World Indigenous Peoples’ Conference on Viral Hepatitis
Location: Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage, Alaska
Dates: August 8-9, 2017
More information
S'TENISTOLW Indigenous Adult Education Conference 2017
Location: Victoria, BC
Dates: August 23-25, 2017
More information

The 12th Biannual Indigenous Roots of Expressive Arts Therapy (IEATA) International Conference
Location: Winnipeg, MB
Dates: October 4-8, 2017
More information

Funding opportunities

2017 TD Aboriginal Nursing Fund Scholarship
The Canadian Nurses Foundation is proud to offer more than 50 scholarships in support of nursing education. These awards have different values, depending on the level or area of practice. The ranges are as follows: Baccalaureate – $3,000; Masters and Nurse Practitioner – $1,000 to $5,000; Doctoral – $1,800 to $10,000; TD Aboriginal Nursing Fund at all levels – ($1,500 – $5,000); RBC Diversity in Nursing Awards for internationally educated nurses.
Application deadline: March 31, 2017
More information

Health Policy Fellowship: Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research
Title: Policy research, analysis and development to increase access to primary health care for First Nations in BC. The First Nations Health Authority’s (FNHA) approach to PHC, referred to as Primary Health Care ++ (PHC++), is, at its core, based on the First Nations Perspective on Health and Wellness.[1] This strengths-based perspective is holistic and emphasizes physical, social, mental and emotional wellness, rather than simply responding to illness. FNHA’s PHC++ approach is inclusive of Traditional Wellness, Mental Wellness, and Oral Health. The fellow will bring a range of scientific expertise in First Nations health and strong understanding of PHC policies and service delivery. Expertise in mental wellness, traditional wellness, and oral health is desirable. An understanding of the social determinants of health as a key contributor to health inequities will embed health equity as a core value for policy work in PHC. In addition, this assignment presents an opportunity to draft research publications on timely health policy topics that further the collective knowledge-base of indigenous health issues in BC and abroad.
Deadline: April 3, 2017
Location: Vancouver, BC
More information

Impact Awards: SSHRC
SSHRC Impact Awards are designed to build on and sustain Canada’s research-based knowledge culture in the social sciences and humanities. The awards recognize outstanding researchers
and celebrate their achievements in research, research training, knowledge mobilization and outreach activities funded partially or completely by SSHRC. There are different award categories including: Gold Medal, Talent Award, Insight Award, Connection Award, and Partnership Award. Each has different requirements and purposes.
Deadline: April 5, 2017 (postmarked)

More information

Operating Grant: CIHR New Investigator Grants in Maternal, Reproductive, Child & Youth Health
This funding opportunity to support New Investigators in Maternal, Reproductive, Child and Youth Health is a collaboration between seven CIHR institutes. The goal of the program is to build research capacity in maternal, reproductive, child and youth health by funding operating grants to new investigators. The program will fund research across the four pillars (biomedical, clinical, health systems services, and population health) that has the potential to have a significant impact on maternal, reproductive, child and youth health outcomes according to the mandates of the participating CIHR institutes. Ultimately, the program aims to strengthen Canada’s capacity and knowledge to respond to challenges and needs by providing important early career development support to researchers in these fields. IAPH will provide funding to applicants undertaking maternal, reproductive, child and/or youth health research relevant to the institute's mandate.
Registration deadline: April 18, 2017
Application deadline: May 23, 2017

More information

Connection Grants: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
Connection Grants support events and outreach activities geared toward short-term, targeted knowledge mobilization initiatives. These events and activities represent opportunities to exchange knowledge and to engage on research issues of value to those participating. Events and outreach activities funded by a Connection Grant may often serve as a first step toward more comprehensive and longer-term projects potentially eligible for funding through other SSHRC funding opportunities.
Next deadline: May 1, 2017

More information

Fellowship: Health System Impact Fellowships (CIHR)
The specific objectives of this funding opportunity are to: support impact-oriented career paths and elevate the career readiness of individuals with a PhD in HSPR or related fields by supporting experiential learning opportunities in Canada outside of the traditional scholarly environment, enriched competency development (e.g., leadership, project management), and national cohort participation; expand and enrich the traditional post-doctoral training environment by engaging health system and related organizations in preparing a cadre of promising PhD graduates for successful careers; provide health system and related organizations with direct opportunities to realize and harness the benefits that PhD-trained individuals can bring to such organizations for improved decision-making. In order to be
considered relevant for CIHR-IAPH funding, applications must align with its mandate and specific Health System Impact Fellowship objectives, as outlined in the Internal Collaborator section.
Deadline: May 9, 2017
More information

Team Grant: Healthy Life Trajectories Initiative (HeLTI) – Canada (CIHR)
The goal of HeLTI is to generate evidence that will inform national policy and decision-making in Canada and the participating countries for the improvement of health and the prevention of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), with an emphasis on obesity, cardiovascular disease and diabetes throughout the lifespan. Given that both maternal and paternal health have transgenerational effects on development and health of offspring, this funding opportunity also aims to develop gender-responsive evidence for interventions and policies aimed at the needs of men, women, boys and girls. The engagement of multiple countries will promote value-added international collaborations through a multifaceted, multidisciplinary approach to the problem by spanning basic science to public health research and policy, which will position the initiative to have significant long-term impacts on global health. The specific objectives of this funding opportunity are to: Develop a new linked DOHaD intervention-risk cohort composed of a representative population, including recruitment of women both preconception and during pregnancy, their infants, as well as the fathers; Develop and conduct implementation, as well as evaluate implemented interventions for, and with, women and men preconception, during pregnancy and for infants during the postnatal period that are designed to substantially reduce the prevalence of NCDs; Conduct evaluation and mechanistic studies that will explain the effect of the selected interventions on outcomes, including economic analyses of interventions; As part of the international HeLTI initiative, develop international multi-country, multi-disciplinary, cross-site collaborations that will provide a learning platform and training environment for new investigators and/or early career stage researchers, support data interoperability and improve harmonization practices; Generate evidence that will guide policy and other decision-making, and identify opportunities for future research and interventions as part of a longer-term strategy for NCD prevention; Improve health outcomes, particularly related to women and men’s health preconception, during pregnancy, early life and childhood by targeting early exposures and early development.
Application deadline: June 13, 2017
More information

Team Grant: HIV Implementation Science – Component 2
The CIHR HIV/AIDS Research Initiative and its partners have developed the Implementation Science for the Prevention of HIV, Hepatitis C (HCV) and Sexually Transmitted and Blood-Borne Infections Initiative in order to address the gap that exists in the application of evidence into health policy and programs. The goal of the initiative is to reduce the incidence of HIV, Hepatitis C (HCV) and other sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections (STBBIs) within and across key populations in Canada. The submitted project must demonstrate specific relevance to the prevention of HIV. Component 1 – Adaptation Grants: nine grants were funded to support the development of multi-sectoral teams, to identify promising or effective interventions and
develop multi-faceted programs through intervention adaptation. Component 2 – Implementation Grants: will support teams to facilitate the multi-year investigation of program implementation and/or scale-up across multiple heterogeneous communities. These teams must meaningfully engage people living with HIV, HCV or other STBBIs, decision makers, community leaders and researchers from different research disciplines. Together, these multi-sectoral teams will identify target populations and focus on the identification, adaptation and equitable scale-up of promising or effective interventions across diverse settings/contexts for the prevention of HIV. A webinar will be held on March 21st from 2:30 to 3:30 EDT for this Funding Opportunity via WebEx. Please send request for more information to the attention of the CIHR HIV/AIDS Research Initiative at HIVAIDS-VIHSIDA@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.
Application deadline: August 22, 2017

Research Proposal Development Program (RPDP)
The AHA Centre has the Research Proposal Development Program (RPDP). The purpose of the RPDP is to assist communities, organizations, and students interested in carrying out a research project, but who do not have the resources (human and/or financial) to prepare a proposal that will be submitted to a grant competition: CIHR or the NEAR Centers, for example. More information here. No deadline.

Funding Opportunities for Indigenous Students
Aboriginal Scholarship Guide: Provides links to scholarship opportunities.
Emergency Bursary Funds: for Indigenous Students at UVic.
Financial Aid: for Indigenous students at UVic.
Health Sciences Association of British Columbia Aboriginal Bursary Award: More information

Post-Secondary Education (Indspire)
(full-time studies in a post-secondary education program)
Deadlines: February 1, June 1, November 1 2017 at 11:59 p.m. PT
Application form
More Information

For more funding opportunities:
http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/193.html

Job opportunities

Director, Aboriginal Education and Services
Location: Langara College (Vancouver, BC)
Deadline: Open until filled
More information
Home Care Nurse (Term), Opaskwayak Health Authority, Beatrice Wilson Health Centre
Location: Opaskwayak, MB
Deadline: open until filled
For more information, contact Carol Buchberger at carol.buchberger@ocnhealth.com

Behavioural Health Consultant (Crisis Team), Opaskwayak Health Authority, Beatrice Wilson Health Centre
Location: Opaskwayak, MB
Deadline: open until filled
For more information, contact Carol Buchberger at carol.buchberger@ocnhealth.com

Community Health Nurse, Opaskwayak Health Authority, Beatrice Wilson Health Centre
Location: Opaskwayak, MB
Deadline: open until filled
For more information, contact Carol Buchberger at carol.buchberger@ocnhealth.com

Chief Executive Officer, Meno Ya Win Health Centre
Location: Sioux Lookout, Ontario
Deadline: unlisted
More information

Executive Director, School of Public Health, University of Saskatchewan
Location: Saskatoon, SK
Deadline: unlisted
More information

Aboriginal Patient Advocate, PHSA
Location: Vancouver, BC
Deadline: open until filled
More information

Aboriginal Research Assistant, McCreary Centre Society
Location: Vancouver, BC
Deadline: open until filled
More information

Nurse Practitioner, VIHA
Location: Royal Jubilee Hospital (NP will work with W'SANEC community on the Saanich Peninsula
Deadline: open until filled; start date: April 3, 2017
More information

Aboriginal Support Workers, School District #35 (Langley)
Location: Langley, BC
Deadline: March 31, 2017 at 4:00pm
More information

Admin Support Clerk (Home Care), Opaskwayak Health Authority, Beatrice Wilson Health Centre
Location: Opaskwayak, MB
Deadline: April 4, 2017
For more information, contact Carol Buchberger at carol.buchberger@ocnhealth.com

Clinic Admin Assistant (Home Care-Disability Integrated Care Team), Opaskwayak Health Authority, Beatrice Wilson Health Centre
Location: Opaskwayak, MB
Deadline: April 4, 2017
For more information, contact Carol Buchberger at carol.buchberger@ocnhealth.com

Health Care Aide (Disability), Opaskwayak Health Authority, Beatrice Wilson Health Centre (4)
Location: Opaskwayak, MB
Deadline: April 4, 2017
For more information, contact Carol Buchberger at carol.buchberger@ocnhealth.com

Personnel Clerk, Opaskwayak Health Authority, Beatrice Wilson Health Centre
Location: Opaskwayak, MB
Deadline: April 11, 2017
For more information, contact Carol Buchberger at carol.buchberger@ocnhealth.com

For more job listings and opportunities see:
http://www.aboriginalcareers.ca/
http://www.ammsa.com/community-access/career-opportunities
http://www.aboriginalfutures.com/
http://nationtalk.ca/jobs
http://www.fnha.ca/about/work-with-us
http://www.amik.ca/

**Resources & unique opportunities**

**Indigenous Student Employment Program (ISEP) – Canada Revenue Agency**
Various student positions in the following office locations: Surrey, Vancouver, Victoria, Penticton, Kelowna, Prince George, BC
Deadline: March 31, **2017**, 11:59 PM EST
More information

**Call for abstracts: The 12th Biannual Indigenous Roots of Expressive Arts Therapy (IEATA) International Conference**
Call for participants: Visioning Health II
Visioning Health II in partnership with All Nations Hope Network, is recruiting participants for a culturally-grounded, arts-informed, research project. You are eligible to apply if you are: First Nations, Inuit, or Metis; a woman (straight, trans, two-spirit or gender diverse); living with HIV or AIDS; 18 years or older; living in Regina, SK
Location: Regina, SK
Dates: April 12 – June 7, 2017
For more confidential information contact Krista Shore (kristavh2@gmail.com) or Carolyn Pelletier (cpelletier@sasktel.net)

Privilege 101: Power, Privilege and Oppression in the Context of Health Equity
This workshop uses kindness, humour and critical reflection to explore ideas of privilege and oppression and their impact on health. Instructor Stephanie Nixon will draw on examples from pop culture and everyday life to deepen understanding. Through a collaborative learning approach, the workshop will enable participants to build connections with others who are interested in developing awareness of privilege and allyship within the context of health. This course includes online pre-and post-course learning, and a full-day interactive on-site workshop. Privilege 101 is particularly designed for clinicians, health profession educators, health researchers, and people working in health policy. People from all stages of their career are welcome – from students to those in senior positions.
Regular rate: $345/$250 Early Bird (by March 31)
Special rate for students and ICDR-members: $145/$95 Early Bird (by March 31)
Location: Toronto, ON
Date: April 22, 2017 at 9am-5pm
More information

Call for participation: S’TENISTOLW Indigenous Adult Education Conference 2017
The 2017 S’TENISTOLW Conference is a gathering for instructors and educators in Indigenous programs as well as leaders and allies in the field of Indigenous adult education. The goal is to build relationship and networks of reciprocity – to share, learn and exchange with each other. Cultural Pre-Conference and Welcome Dinner in collaboration with the Songhees Nation Confirmed Keynote Speakers: Gregory Cajete (Tewa educator and author, Look to the Mountain), Linda Tuhiwai Smith (Māori educator and author, Decolonizing Methodologies) and Graham Hingangaroa Smith (Māori educator and Indigenous education advocate). Workshops and presentations from educators, scholars and knowledge keepers, sessions with Elders, wellness providers and artists. We invite all Indigenous and allied educators, scholars, administrators and other leaders in the field from Turtle Island and beyond to join us and submit workshop and panel proposals along the following themes: Indigenous Pedagogies
(Land and Community-Based Experiential Learning and Supporting Learner Engagement); Relationality/Living Our Collective Values (Practicing Indigenization and Strengthening Alliances)
Location: Victoria, BC
Deadline for proposal submissions: extended to March 15, 2017
Conference date: August 23-25, 2017
More information

**UBC Summer Science Program**
The UBC Summer Science Program provides Indigenous high school students with a unique opportunity to explore health and science related careers for one week while living in a first year UBC dorm. Our program offers a holistic educational experience including cultural practices with our program Elder. July 2nd-8th: Session 1 (Grade 11-12); July 9th-15th: Session 2 (Grade 9-10)
Deadline: May 1, 2017
More information

**2017 Aboriginal Health Sciences Pre-Admissions Workshop, UBC**
This 3-day workshop is intended to help you learn about the admissions process at UBC and financing your education. Attendees will receive experience with team based learning and the Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) format used in many health science admissions processes. You will get to know the UBC Vancouver campus and the people and facilities that we have to support you as you pursue your education.
Location: UBC Vancouver Campus
Deadline: May 31, 2017
More information

**Call for nominations: 2017/18 Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Awards (JCURA) program**
Awards of $1,500 each are available for undergraduate students to undertake research under the mentorship and guidance of a faculty member and present her/his research at the annual JCURA Research Fair. In addition, the students will have the opportunity to submit for online publication their academic poster in the JCURA poster collection and/or an article in the Arbutus Review.
Nomination deadline: June 30, 2017
More information

**Victim Services and Assistance for Families of Missing or Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls – Justice Canada Victims Fund**
The funding is intended to support the design and delivery of culturally-responsive, trauma-informed services for families of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. Eligible applicants include Indigenous community-based organizations, non-governmental community-based organizations, and provincial and territorial victim services.
More information
BC Native Women’s Association (BCNWA) with Aboriginal Skills Employment and Training Strategy (ASETS)

The BC Native Women's Association (BCNWA) believes that education and training opportunities can help Indigenous women achieve economic success. The BCNWA's Aboriginal Skills Employment and Training Strategy (ASETS) Program is funded by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC). The ASETS Program takes a labour market driven approach so that all training initiatives reflect labour market needs in your community. BCNWA will sponsor the 4th year of a degree program, last year of a diploma or certificate program. Training initiatives are approved based on funding availability, individual eligibility, and labour market needs. BCNWA-ASETS can also aid with back to work assistance such as work clothes, shoes or travel such as a monthly bus pass.

More information

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