

## **Opportunities for behavioral scientists to inform federal agency policy:**

- **Federal Register Notices:** <https://www.federalregister.gov/>
  - Requests for Public Comment on studies, performance standards and regulations, etc. (e.g., new COVID-related data collections)
    - [National Survey of Early Care and Education COVID-19 Follow-Up Study](#)
  - Requests for Information (e.g., recent RFI for equity assessments)
    - [Methods and Leading Practices for Advancing Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through Government](#)
- **Funding for research grants:** <https://www.grants.gov/>
  - Currently open research funding opportunities.
    - *Family Self-Sufficiency Demonstration Development Grants.* These cooperative agreements are intended for entities looking to strengthen and evaluate coordinated, client-centered approaches to improving family self-sufficiency. They provide support in planning for and execution of evaluation-related activities by eligible entities that serve low-income families with children. Applications are due July 2. For more information about this grant, please see the full announcement at: <https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/HHS-2021-ACF-OPRE-PE-1944>. If you have questions regarding this funding opportunity, please email [fssdemogrants@acf.com](mailto:fssdemogrants@acf.com).
    - *Head Start University Partnership: Building the Evidence Base for ECE Workforce Well-Being.* This grant program will support projects that will contribute to the knowledge base regarding the individual, program, and community factors that promote the well-being of Head Start and/or Early Head Start education staff (i.e., teachers and assistant teachers). Applications are due July 6. For more information about this grant, please see the full announcement at: <https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/HHS-2021-ACF-OPRE-YR-1967>. If you have questions regarding this funding opportunity, please email [WorkforceWellbeing@icf.com](mailto:WorkforceWellbeing@icf.com).
    - *African American Child and Family Research Center.* This grant program will lead and support research on the needs of African American populations served by ACF and promising approaches to promote social and economic well-being among low-income African American populations. Applications are due July 12. For more information about this grant, please see the full

announcement at: <https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/HHS-2021-ACF-OPRE-PH-1916>. If you have questions regarding this funding opportunity, please email [aacfcenter@icf.com](mailto:aacfcenter@icf.com) or call 1-877-350-5913.

- *Coordinated Evaluations of Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Policies and Initiatives: Planning Grants (Phase I)*. This grant program will support partnerships between CCDF Lead Agencies and researchers to develop rigorous, policy-relevant evaluations testing child care subsidy policies designed to increase low-income families' access to high quality child care. Sponsored projects will evaluate policies and practices related to setting and implementing subsidy payment rates and/or family co-payments. Applications are due July 20. For more information about this grant, see the full announcement at <https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/HHS-2021-ACF-OPRE-YE-1901>. If you have questions regarding this funding opportunity, please email [CCDF.Eval@icf.com](mailto:CCDF.Eval@icf.com) or call 1-877-350-5913.

- **Serving on grant review panels.**

- Grant-specific contact address for funding opportunities currently seeking reviewers.
  - [\*African American Child and Family Research Center: aacfcenter@icf.com\*](#)
  - [\*Coordinated Evaluations of Child Care and Development Fund \(CCDF\) Policies and Initiatives: Planning Grants: CCDF.Eval@icf.com\*](#)