

## Federal News and Views

### Online Resource Guide on Human Trafficking for Health Care Providers

Healthcare providers can get now get information about the issue of human trafficking and resources to help identify and assist victims of human trafficking in the United States. The resource guide for health workers has been developed as part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) campaign to *Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking*. Under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), the HHS is designated as the agency responsible for helping victims of human trafficking become eligible to receive benefits and services so they may rebuild their lives safely in the United States.

The resource guide for health care providers, available on the campaign to *Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking* website, contains tools developed to provide background information and guidance for health care practitioners in identifying and communicating with victims of human trafficking. The tools include:

- Tips for identifying and helping trafficking victims
- Screening questions to assess whether a person is a trafficking victim
- Understanding the mindset of a human trafficking victim
- Communicating with victims of human trafficking
- Health problems seen in trafficking victims
- PowerPoint presentation for health care providers

To download the tool kit and for more information, visit the campaign website: [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/campaign\\_kits/tool\\_kit\\_health/overview.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/campaign_kits/tool_kit_health/overview.html)

### Call for 2006 NCHS/Academy Health Fellowship Applications

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) in the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and AcademyHealth seek applicants for their 2006 Health Policy Fellowship. This program brings visiting scholars in health-services-research-related disciplines to NCHS to use NCHS data systems and collaborate on studies of interest to policymakers and the health services research community.

Each year, up to two individuals will be selected for the fellowship. Fellows will conduct their research and work collaboratively with NCHS staff on joint projects of mutual interest while in residence at NCHS in Hyattsville, Maryland. The duration of the full time fellowship is 13-24 months, beginning in September 2006 to January 2007.

Applicants must demonstrate training or experience in health services research and methodology, reflecting disciplines such as:

- Public Health
- Public Administration
- Health care administration
- Statistics
- Sociology
- Economics
- Behavioral Sciences

Applications are welcomed from doctoral students through senior researchers/faculty. Doctoral students must have completed course work and be at the dissertation phase of their programs. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The deadline for receipt of applications is Monday, January 9, 2006. For more information, visit [www.academyhealth.org/nchs](http://www.academyhealth.org/nchs) or email [nchs@academyhealth.org](mailto:nchs@academyhealth.org).