**Call for Papers: 2010 Add Health Users Conference**

**Thursday-Friday, July 22-23, 2010
National Institutes of Health Campus, Bethesda, Maryland**

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 **Abstract submission deadline: March 15, 2010**

**Papers chosen: April 19, 2010**

Do you use data from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health)?

Do you want to present your work, find out about other Add Health research projects, and talk with other Add Health users?

Submit an abstract for the 9th Annual Add Health Users Conference!

All papers using Add Health data are welcome. Special emphasis areas include:

* Longitudinal analysis linking adolescence and adulthood
* Projects using Add Health Wave IV
* Substance use
* Reproductive health
* Sexual behavior
* Sexually transmitted diseases
* Obesity and overweight
* Health care and health services
* Health and health behaviors of minority populations
* Environmental stressors and health-related behaviors
* Genetic and environmental influences on health and behavior
* Effects of adolescent environments on health, family, educational, and work trajectories
* Delinquency/ crime trajectories
* School achievement and higher education
* Labor force and military participation
* Economics
* Outcomes connected to adolescent exposure to violence/abuse
* Parenting or union and family formation

**HOW TO APPLY**

* Use the Abstract Submission Form available on the conference homepage at:
http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/addhealth/events/2010-add-health-data-users-conference-1
* Papers on both substantive and methodological topics are invited.
* Substantive presentations: Describe outcomes; hypotheses; Add Health data set(s) used; and research plan, including key variables and analytic approach. Describe expected results.
* Methodological presentations: Describe benefits of new methodology, aims, and analytic approach. Describe expected results.
* Summary abstracts are restricted to 250 words.  If your paper is accepted, the abstract will be distributed at the conference.
* Indicate your preferences for didactic and/or breakout sessions on methodological issues in Add Health.
* Indicate whether you are requesting a travel stipend (see below, under Travel and Expenses).

**Travel and Expenses**

* Participants are responsible for their own travel and expenses.
* A limited number of travel stipends will be available.  Stipends will be awarded on the basis of scientific merit. Preferences will be given to special emphasis areas and underrepresented topics.
* Eligibility for travel stipends (all 3 eligibility criteria must be met):
1. No other sources of funding to attend the conference.
2. Currently enrolled in pre-doctoral or post-doctoral training *OR* completed *doctoral* training within the last five years at time of submission.
3. Interest in travel stipend is indicated on the abstract form.

For more information about the conference, please visit the conference homepage at:
http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/addhealth/events/2010-add-health-data-users-conference-1

We look forward to hearing from you and learning about your research based on the Add Health study.

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