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### **CALIFORNIA AWARDS MORE THAN \$1.7 MILLION IN SUPPORT OF HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS**

**SACRAMENTO** – Advancing its efforts to expand opportunities for students to train and prepare for primary care careers, the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) announced awards of more than \$1.7 million to support Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and Physician Assistant (PA) workforce training programs. OSHPD and the Department of Mental Health also worked together to develop a new program for physician assistants with an emphasis on training mental health providers funded by Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). All awards were made available through OSHPD’s Song-Brown Program.

“Each of these programs have shown ongoing commitments in training and preparing healthcare professionals with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide culturally competent healthcare that meets the needs of California’s underserved populations,” said OSHPD Director Dr. David Carlisle.

The following 15 training programs received Base funding awards:

California State University, Long Beach	\$170,000.00
University of California, Davis	\$167,978.00
California State University, Fresno	\$135,000.00
Sonoma State University	\$135,000.00
Stanford University	\$135,000.00
Keck School of Medicine – USC	\$127,494.00
Riverside Community College	\$100,000.00
University of California, Los Angeles	\$100,000.00
University of California, San Francisco	\$100,000.00
Azusa Pacific University	\$70,397.00
San Joaquin Valley College	\$65,000.00
University of California, Irvine	\$65,000.00
Samuel Merritt University	\$41,938.00
Charles R. Drew University	\$33,684.00
Touro University	\$25,350.00

The following three training programs received Mental Health Special Program awards:

Keck School of Medicine-USC	\$99,968.00
University of California, Davis	\$99,713.00
San Joaquin Valley College	\$99,424.00

Since Governor Schwarzenegger took office in 2003, the Song-Brown Program has awarded more than \$40 million to health professions education and training programs throughout California.

The Song-Brown Program was established to increase the number of family practice physicians, physician assistants, family nurse practitioners, and registered nurses being trained in the State to provide needed health services to Californians. For more information on the program, call (916) 326-3752 or log onto <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HWCDD/manpower/songbrown.html>.