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**STATE AWARDS MORE THAN \$1.5 MILLION TO IMPROVE HEALTHCARE  
 WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS**

SACRAMENTO – The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) announced awards of more than \$1.5 million to expand six Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) training programs, five Physician Assistant (PA) training programs and two combined FNP/PA training programs. The funds were made available through OSHPD's Song-Brown program.

“Working to ease the growing demand on California’s healthcare workforce, the Song-Brown program increases the number of opportunities to train healthcare students and encourages these students to train and work in rural and urban underserved areas,” said OSHPD Director Dr. David Carlisle.

Since Governor Schwarzenegger took office in 2003, the Song-Brown program has awarded more than \$26 million to health professions education and training programs throughout California.

The following 13 training programs received awards:

University of California, Davis	\$279,904
Charles R. Drew University	\$214,155
University of California, Los Angeles	\$182,562
Keck School of Medicine – USC	\$142,648
California State University, Long Beach	\$141,242
California State University, Fresno	\$140,022
Stanford University	\$131,509
Riverside Community College	\$108,864
University of California, San Francisco	\$ 66,420
San Joaquin Valley College	\$ 61,845
Touro University	\$ 43,200
California State University, Los Angeles	\$ 20,000
University of California, Irvine	\$ 20,000

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

