Call for Research Concepts:
Secondary Data Analysis on Social Determinants of Obesity and Related Chronic Diseases

The Mid-South Transdisciplinary Collaborative Center for Health Disparities Research (Mid-South TCC) (U54MD008176) invites research proposals for secondary data analysis on obesity and related chronic diseases, with a focus on social determinants and the mechanisms connecting them to health disparities. Note that variables beyond income and educational attainment are necessary for a proposal to be competitive.

**Number of Awards:** Up to three projects will be funded.

**Award Budget:** Up to $15,000 in total costs.

**Award Period:** November 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017

**Eligibility:** Faculty members at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Jackson State University, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Louisiana State University, and Dillard University are eligible to apply.

**Concept Due Date:** October 1, 2016

**Concept Content (Limited to 2 pages):**
- Study Title
- PIs/Investigators names and title(s)
- The problem to be addressed and its scientific relevance
- Background/rationale
- Objectives and aims
- Research question and hypotheses
- Data (describe the data set, the variables that will be used, sample inclusions/exclusions)
- Statistical analysis plan and methods, including power calculations if necessary
- References (not included in the 2-page limit)
- Budget on a PHS 398 form (not included in the 2-page limit)

**Available Resources:** The Mid-South TCC will provide biostatistical support to funded concepts. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Biostatistics and Study Design Core leaders at their respective academic institution for consultation regarding available biostatistical services:

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