Welcome to the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)!

We are pleased that you are becoming a member of the NICHD community. You are now part of a biomedical research organization whose focus is to support and conduct research on all stages of human development, from preconception through adulthood, to improve the health of children, adults, families, and communities.

Since the founding of the NICHD by the United States Congress in 1962, the Institute has made great strides in many areas from intellectual and development disabilities, human growth and development, pregnancy outcomes and reproductive health to medical rehabilitation. Our scientific successes are due largely to the talents of our entire staff and to the deep commitment to our mission that they demonstrate on a daily basis.

This Welcome Package includes information that will be helpful as you become acclimated to our Institute.

You have made an excellent choice to join the NICHD. We look forward to supporting you on this next step in your career and hope your experience here will be rewarding. Again, welcome—we are so glad you’re here!

With appreciation,

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