



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

Thank you for making the decision to join the NICHD family. You are now part of a world-renowned organization whose focus is to support and conduct biomedical 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 the areas of intellectual and development disabilities, human growth and development, pregnancy outcomes and reproductive health, and medical rehabilitation, among many other areas. Our scientific successes are due largely to the talent of our staff and to the commitment, motivation, and excellence they demonstrate on a daily basis.

This Welcome Package includes overview information that will be helpful in getting you acclimated to the the 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 both stimulating and rewarding. Again, welcome to the NICHD—we're so glad you're here!

Sincerely,

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Director

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