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How Research Funding Solves Real-World Problems

Federally Funded Research Advancing Health Equity in Maternal and Child Care

Many underserved communities face significant barriers to maternal and child health, leading to higher risks for poor outcomes. At UC Davis, Yuuko Mabrey Johnson, a researcher at the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, guides federally funded work to help children from presently or historically marginalized backgrounds achieve optimal health, education, and economic outcomes. Her research aims to improve understanding of how providers and administrators of early intervention services can construct equitable services for presently and historically marginalized families and children.

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By addressing racial and socioeconomic disparities in maternal health, Johnson's work is helping to close equity gaps in utilization of early intervention services for children. Her research also informs policies and interdisciplinary practices that promote equity in healthcare. Without sustained federal funding, these critical programs could be at risk, limiting access to life-changing support for vulnerable families. Continued investment ensures that research-driven solutions can help build stronger, healthier communities.

// *The point of pursuing a Ph.D. degree is to be able to immerse yourself into studies, and to have the opportunity for conversations that we typically wouldn't have.* — Yuuko Mabrey Johnson



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