CFDR Update: June 17, 2011

Analyzing Data Collected by Complex Survey Design – Monday, June 20th
Workshop Instructor: Hsueh-Sheng Wu
Noon to 1 pm, 7C Williams Hall
Many social science data sets (e.g., Add Health) require analyses to be adjusted to take into account complex survey design. This workshop will guide you through the process of adjusting for survey design effects. In addition, the workshop will cover use of the replicate weights in the American Community Survey (ACS). Examples will be provided using Stata.

Faculty Training Award – Applications due by June 30
The purpose of CFDR’s Faculty Training Award is to help faculty obtain additional training in analytic skills, new data collection methods, use of a specific data set, or application of software. Application details can be found on CFDR's web site.

BGSU/OSU Graduate Student Conference – October 28
Mark your calendars for the BGSU/OSU Graduate Student Conference, hosted this year by the OSU Initiative in Population Research on Friday, October 28th. Holly Fee and Larry Gibbs are organizing the event and will send out the Call for Papers to BGSU graduate students on June 24th.

Helpful Documents for Using the American Community Survey (ACS) Files
The ACS Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) files represent a sample of the actual responses to the ACS questionnaire. The 1-year household PUMS data represents approximately 1.3 million housing unit records and the population PUMS data represents about 3 million person records. Due to their large size, the household and population record data are divided into two separate files each by state. Guides for merging ACS data files in SAS and Stata can be found on the CFDR website at this link.

Affiliates and Students: Acknowledgement Statement Required for Manuscripts and Presentations
Affiliates and students at NICHD-funded population centers are required to acknowledge population infrastructure support in all of their papers and presentations. Such acknowledgement is critical to convey the impact of federal funding on advances in research. If you have not already done so, please add this statement provided at this link to your manuscripts and presentations.