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## Campaign for Action

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### **Connecticut Receives Grant from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to Enhance Work to Transform Health Care through Nursing**

Meriden, CT - Today, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) announced that Connecticut will be one of only 20 states to be part of a new \$3 million initiative, the *Future of Nursing State Implementation Program*. The program is designed to help states prepare the nursing profession to address our nation's most pressing health care challenges—access, quality, and cost.

The program bolsters efforts already underway in 50 states and the District of Columbia—the [Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action](#)—to transform health care through nursing and meet the challenges stemming from an aging and more diverse population. A joint initiative of AARP and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the *Campaign for Action* is working to implement the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) evidence-based recommendations on the future of nursing. The *Campaign* provides a voice and a vehicle for nurses at all levels to lead system change to improve care for patients and families by collaborating with business, consumer, and other health professional organizations.

“This grant is designed to spur progress in Connecticut, which already is doing impressive work to transform nursing education, practice, and leadership,” said Susan B. Hassmiller, PhD, RN, FAAN, RWJF senior adviser for nursing and director of the Future of Nursing: *Campaign for Action*. “The Foundation is committed to helping states build a more highly educated, diverse nursing workforce that will improve health outcomes for patients, families, and communities.”

The initiative will provide two-year grants of up to \$150,000 to 20 state-based Action Coalitions that have developed or made substantial progress toward implementing the IOM recommendations. The grant also calls for states to obtain matching funds. Grants were announced today in 19 other states:

Colorado	Kansas	Mississippi	Tennessee
Florida	Louisiana	Nebraska	Utah
Georgia	Maryland	New Jersey	Wisconsin
Iowa	Michigan	Pennsylvania	Wyoming
Idaho	Missouri	Rhode Island	

“Our focus on meaningful outcomes that will truly transform health care in Connecticut was a key factor in being selected,” said Linda Berger Spivack, Statewide Director for the Connecticut Nursing Collaborative – Action Coalition “We are part of a powerful movement working to shape the future of health care for all Americans, Connecticut Nursing Collaborative – Action Coalition (CNC-AC) is grateful for this support, which will strengthen our work.”

Berger Spivack noted that the CNC-AC plans to focus on the areas of securing nursing supply data from the over 50,000 licensed Registered Nurses so that Connecticut can proactively identify shortage areas and implement effective workforce plans now and in the future; as well as, promote and foster seamless educational progression for the practicing nurse so that he or she can easily ascertain higher levels of education and competencies.

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The Center to Champion Nursing in America (CCNA), an initiative of AARP, the AARP Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, serves as the national program office for the Future of Nursing State Implementation Program.

“This new program will help Action Coalitions get the strategic and technical support required to advance their goals,” said Susan Reinhard, PhD, RN, FAAN, senior vice president of the AARP Public Policy Institute and CCNA chief strategist. “Our hope is that with this support, Connecticut will be even more effective in improving health outcomes for patients, families, and communities.”

### **About the Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action**

*The Connecticut Nursing Collaborative-Action Coalition is part of the Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action, a joint initiative of AARP and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), working to implement the Institute of Medicine’s evidence-based recommendations on the future of nursing. The Campaign includes Action Coalitions in 50 states and the District of Columbia and a wide range of health care professionals, consumer advocates, policy-makers, and the business, academic, and philanthropic communities. The Center to Champion Nursing in America, an initiative of AARP, the AARP Foundation and RWJF, serves as the coordinating entity for the Campaign, as well as the national program office for the Future of Nursing State Implementation Program. Learn more at [www.campaignforaction.org](http://www.campaignforaction.org).*

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