

National Institute of Mental Health Outreach Partnership Program

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Science and Service News Updates

NIMH: High-Tech Robots' Efforts Bear Fruit Thanks to NIH Roadmap

Researchers recently announced discovery of a new class of molecules that holds promise for blocking the clumps of protein that clog the brain in Alzheimer's disease. The new findings are the latest made possible by the NIH Roadmap Molecular Libraries initiative, which employs high-tech robots and molecular genetics to speedily screen molecules for their biological effects. The discovery required testing nearly 300,000 compounds — a task thought insurmountable just a decade ago.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/high-tech-robots-efforts-bear-fruit-thanks-to-nih-roadmap.shtml>

NIMH: Atlas Will Reveal When and Where Genes Turn On in the Brain—ARRA Funds Underwrite Collaborative Web “Transcriptome” Resource

When and where in the brain a gene turns on holds clues to its possible role in disease. For example, a recent study found that forms of a gene associated with schizophrenia are over-expressed in the fetal brain, adding to evidence implicating this critical developmental period. To make such discoveries about what is abnormal, scientists first need to know what the normal patterns of gene expression are during development. To this end, NIMH, is expediting creation of a Transcriptional Atlas of Human Brain Development. The framework of the transcriptional atlas will be completed by the Fall of 2011, with funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), but will continue to grow as additional data are collected. This resource will be available via the web as early as the Fall of 2010.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/atlas-will-reveal-when-and-where-genes-turn-on-in-the-brain.shtml>

NIH Awards More than 50 Grants to Boost Search for Causes, Improve Treatments for Autism: Recovery Act Funds Support Strategic Goals for Autism Research

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) awarded more than 50 autism research grants, totaling more than \$65 million, which will be supported with ARRA funds. These grants are the result of the largest funding opportunity for research on autism spectrum disorders to date, announced in March 2009. Awards were based on the quality of the proposed study and how well it addressed short-term research objectives detailed in the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee's Strategic Plan for Autism Spectrum Disorder Research.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/nih-awards-more-than-50-grants-to-boost-search-for-causes-improve-treatments-for-autism.shtml>

Cocaine Vaccine Shows Promise for Treating Addiction: NIDA Study Suggests Harnessing the Immune System Against Cocaine Addiction May Prove Effective

Immunization with an experimental anti-cocaine vaccine resulted in a substantial reduction in cocaine use in 38 percent of vaccinated patients in a clinical trial supported by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). The study, published in the October issue of the *Archives of General Psychiatry*, is the first successful, placebo-controlled demonstration of a vaccine against an illicit drug of abuse.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/oct2009/nida-05.htm>

SAMHSA Funding Announcements

\$25.9 Million in Grants for Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration Programs

SAMHSA is awarding up to \$25.9 million over the next four years for Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration Programs to address the needs of people with serious mental illnesses (SMI). These programs are aimed at improving the physical health of people with SMI by supporting communities to coordinate and integrate primary care services into publicly funded community mental health and other community-based behavioral health settings. By building the necessary partnerships and infrastructure to support this goal, the expected outcome is for grantees to enter into partnerships to develop or expand their offering of primary healthcare services for people with SMI, resulting in improved health status.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0910060848.aspx>

More than \$2.5 Million for Statewide Consumer Network Grants

SAMHSA announced the award of 12 grants totaling more than \$2.5 million over three years to support consumer organizations in their work to improve mental health services for persons living with serious mental illnesses.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0910073134.aspx>

\$30.9 Million to Community Treatment and Service Centers Helping Children Suffering from Traumatic Stress

SAMHSA announced that \$30.9 million in total funding over the next three years will be provided through the Community Treatment and Services Centers, which is one of the three types of centers under the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative (NCTSI). The overall goal of the initiative is to help communities meet the special needs of children at risk or suffering from traumatic stress. The grants enable community treatment and service organizations to provide expanded evidence-based prevention, screening and treatment services for children who may be more susceptible to mental health problems because they have been exposed to natural disasters, abuse, neglect or other traumatic events.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0910024058.aspx>

\$16.1 Million to Help Children Dealing with Traumatic Stress

SAMHSA is awarding nine grants for up to \$16.1 million over the next three years to NCTSI Treatment and Services Adaptation Centers. This initiative is designed to tackle child trauma issues by creating a national network of grantees – the National Child Traumatic Stress Network – that works collaboratively to develop and promote effective community practices for children and adolescents exposed to a wide array of traumatic events.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0910091143.aspx>

\$15 Million for a National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative Grant

SAMHSA announced the award of up to \$15 million grant over three years to fund the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress. The purpose of the center is to coordinate SAMHSA's National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative. The role of National Center is to provide leadership, infrastructure, and support for the National Child Traumatic Stress Network to achieve its goals of raising the standard of care and improving access to evidence-based interventions and trauma-informed services for traumatized children, adolescents, and their families.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0910072122.aspx>

\$170.5 Million to Fund Systems of Care for Children and Youth with Serious Mental Health Challenges and Their Families

SAMHSA announced the award of 20 grants totaling \$170.5 million over 6 years to develop and expand systems of care for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families. The Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services Program is designed to transform the way mental health services and supports are delivered allowing communities to provide coordinated treatment in the least restrictive way possible.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0910010229.aspx>

\$43 Million in Grants to Expand and Strengthen Services for Substance Abuse Treatment and Mental Health Needs of People Who are Homeless

SAMHSA announced the award of 25 grants totaling \$43 million over five years to community service organizations across the country offering substance abuse treatment and mental health services to people who are homeless.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0909301112.aspx>

More Than \$28.7 Million for Grants to Help People Transition from the Criminal Justice System to the Community

SAMHSA announced that it is awarding more than \$28.7 million in funding for up to three years to provide substance abuse treatment and related recovery support services to juvenile and adult offenders returning to the community from incarceration. Organizations receiving funding under the Offender Reentry Program are expected to plan, develop and provide a successful transition from incarceration to community-based substance abuse treatment and recovery support services for people in need, beginning in the correctional or juvenile facilities – before release.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0910133235.aspx>

More Than \$38.2 Million to Help Expand Adult Drug Treatment Courts

SAMHSA announced the award of 44 new grants for \$38.2 million over the next three years to expand the treatment capability of adult drug courts – special dockets designed to deal with the treatment needs of people who find themselves in the criminal justice system largely because of underlying substance abuse problems. The grants will be used to expand and/or enhance substance abuse treatment services in “problem solving” courts.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0910024929.aspx>

\$14.7 Million in Grants for the Residential Treatment of Pregnant and Postpartum Women with Substance Abuse Problems

SAMHSA is awarding \$14.7 million over three years in grants to support residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women in need of services for substance use disorders. The purpose of these grants is to bolster family services for pregnant and postpartum women by providing high quality residential treatment, recovery support and family services for those who suffer from alcohol and other drug problems and their minor children who are affected by their mother’s substance use and abuse.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0910022134.aspx>

SAMHSA Awards More Than \$33 Million for Substance Abuse Treatment and HIV/AIDS Services to Traditionally Underserved Communities

SAMHSA announced that it is planning to award more than \$33 million in funding over the next five years to provide coordinated substance abuse treatment and HIV/AIDS services – especially to traditionally underserved communities. These communities include African American, Latino/Hispanic and/or other racial and ethnic minority communities disproportionately affected by the twin epidemics of substance abuse and HIV/AIDS.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0909305945.aspx>

More Than \$8.2 Million in Community Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS Prevention Grants to Help At-Risk Traditionally Underserved Populations

SAMHSA announced the award of 5 new grants totaling up to \$8.2 million for up to the next five years to community-based organizations providing integrated substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention services to at-risk, traditionally underserved populations.

Press release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0910133600.aspx>

More than \$12.2 Million in Grants for Family Centered Substance Abuse Treatment for Adolescents and their Families

SAMHSA is awarding more than \$12.2 million in grants to support family centered substance abuse treatment programs for adolescents and their families. This program provides substance abuse treatment services to adolescents, older transition-age youth, their families, and other primary caregivers as a means of helping adolescents successfully transition back into their communities after completing treatment programs.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0910013742.aspx>

Up to \$15.3 Million in Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Targeted Areas

SAMHSA announced it is awarding up to \$15.3 million over three years to 13 grantees to expand substance abuse treatment capacity systems in communities that can most benefit from these types of integrated comprehensive services. These grants will foster the development and utilization of local recovery-oriented systems of care to address gaps in treatment capacity by supporting person-centered and self-directed approaches for substance abuse treatment and recovery services in communities with serious drug problems.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0910082747.aspx>

\$11 Million for Programs Teaching Early Intervention Techniques to Use with Patients at Risk for Substance Abuse

SAMHSA is awarding up to \$11 million over the next five years for six cooperative agreements under the Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Treatment Medical Residency Program. The primary purpose of these cooperative agreements is to develop and implement training programs that will teach medical residents how to provide evidence-based screening, brief intervention, brief treatment, or referral to specialty treatment, for patients who either have, or are at risk for, a substance use disorder.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0910054235.aspx>

More than \$4.4 Million to Prevent and Reduce Alcohol Use among Youth

SAMHSA announced the awarding of 23 grants totaling more than \$4.4 million over four years for the Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking (STOP) Act program. The STOP Act program works to prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth in communities throughout the United States.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0909303237.aspx>

Resources: Publications, Toolkits, Other Resources

New NIDA Teen Blog

NIDA has launched the *Sara Bellum Blog* on its Teen Web site. The blog content is written and managed by NIDA's Office of Science Policy and Communications. New blog entries are posted a couple of times a week. This new format gives NIDA an opportunity to provide the latest scientific research and news, and to respond more quickly to public events that capture the attention of teens.

<http://teens.drugabuse.gov/blog/>

NLM: Pillbox Beta Version Released

The National Library of Medicine (NLM), with support from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), has released a beta version of Pillbox, a resource intended to enhance patient safety via an identification and reference system for solid dosage medications. Pillbox combines pharmaceutical data from the FDA and NLM with high resolution images, enabling rapid identification of unknown medications. This system is designed for use by emergency physicians, first responders, other health care providers, Poison Control Center staff, and concerned citizens.

<http://pillbox.nlm.nih.gov>

NIH in Health Article: Using Medications as Directed

This NIH in Health feature looks at the risks of prescription drug abuse.

<http://newsinhealth.nih.gov/2009/October/feature2.htm>

NIH Research Matters: Lack of Sleep Linked to Alzheimer's Plaques in Mice

People with Alzheimer's and other neurodegenerative diseases often have trouble sleeping. Now a new study suggests that sleep problems may actually contribute to the disease process. Researchers report that disrupted sleep can lead to the buildup of brain plaques—a hallmark of Alzheimer's disease—in mice.

http://www.nih.gov/news/research_matters/october2009/10052009sleep.htm

New SAMHSA Reports

Mental Health Support and Self-Help Groups

An annual average of 2.4 million adults aged 18 or older received support from a mental health self-help group in the past year. Of them, 61.2 percent were female; 89.4 percent were over the age of 25; 75.2 percent were white; and, 46.8 percent were employed full time. Two thirds of adults who received support from mental health self-help groups also received traditional treatment (i.e., inpatient, outpatient, or prescription medication) in the past year; an estimated 829,000 users of self-help groups did not receive traditional mental health treatment in the past year.

<http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k9/161/161MHSupportGroup.cfm>

Trends in Methamphetamine Admissions to Treatment: 1997-2007

Admissions to substance abuse treatment for primary methamphetamine abuse were more than twice as likely in 2007 to be aged 40 or older compared with admissions in 1997. The percentage of primary methamphetamine admissions that were Hispanic more than doubled from 9 percent in 1997 to 21 percent in 2007. The percentage of methamphetamine admissions who smoked the drug increased each year from 1997 to 2007 and increased overall from 27 percent in 1997 to 67 percent in 2007.

<http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k9/209/209MethTrends2k9.cfm>

New Reports from the Department of Justice

Children's Exposure to Violence: A Comprehensive National Survey

The survey, sponsored by Department of Justice (DOJ) with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is the first to measure children's exposure to violence in homes, schools, and communities across all age groups. It found that more than 60 percent of the children surveyed were exposed to violence, directly or indirectly, within the past year.

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=249751>

Crime Against People with Disabilities, 2007

The Bureau of Justice Statistics released this report which presents the first findings about nonfatal violent and property crime experienced by persons with disabilities, based on the National Crime Victimization Survey.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/capd07.htm>

AHRQ: Mental Health Research Findings—Program Brief

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) supports a diverse array of mental health research projects. This Program Brief presents findings from AHRQ intramural and extramural research projects on mental health, which were published between 2007 and 2009.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/mentalth.htm>

Calendar of Events

Health Observance: 4th Annual Drug-Free Work Week

October 19-25, 2009

This public awareness campaign, held each October, emphasizes the importance of drug-free workplace programs to help prevent workplace alcohol and drug use, and encourage workers with alcohol and drug problems to seek help. A variety of Drug-Free Work Week materials and specific ideas for how organizations of all types can get involved in the campaign are available on the Department of Labor's Drug-Free Work Week Web site.

<http://www.dol.gov/drugfreeworkweek>

Webinar: Consumer-Run Nonprofit Basics

October 20, 2009 2:30 – 4:00 PM, EST

This webinar is the first training in a webinar series on organizational development and business management for peer-run organizations developed by the Center for Mental Health Services supported National Consumer Supporter Technical Assistance Center.

http://www.ncstac.org/content/news/organizational_development_webinar.html

Supporting Children Living with Grief and Trauma: A Multidisciplinary Approach

October 27-28, 2009, Baltimore, Maryland

The Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime is offering this training workshop for victim service providers. It will focus on the needs of children who experience grief and trauma as a result of homicide and how victim service providers, mental health professionals, and law enforcement can work together to best serve these children.

<https://www.sei2003.com/OVCTTAC2009/SupportingChildren.asp>

Sixth Annual Interdisciplinary Women's Health Research Symposium

November 17, 2009, Bethesda, Maryland

This NIH symposium will feature scientific advances from two of the Office of Research on Women's Health sponsored initiatives: Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health and Specialized Centers of Research on Sex and Gender Factors Affecting Women's Health.

<http://www.orwhmeetings.com/symposium.aspx>

Identifying and Responding to Elder Abuse

November 18-19, 2009, San Jose, California

The Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime is offering this 2-day training workshop for victim service providers. Participants will learn information and skills to identify, respond to, and prevent elder abuse. The curriculum covers topics such as the types of elder abuse and the settings in which abuse might be found, the perpetrators and prevalence of elder abuse, and the intervention role of the victim service professional.

<https://www.sei2003.com/OVCTTAC2009/ElderAbuse.asp>

The Second Annual Trauma Spectrum Disorders Conference: A Scientific Conference on the Impact of Military Service on Family and Caregivers.

December 10, 2009, Bethesda, Maryland

The Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, National Institutes of Health, Department of Veterans Affairs, and other Federal Partners present the second annual collaborative scientific conference examining recent research on trauma spectrum disorders (TSD). This year's conference will focus on the impact of TSD on military and veteran families and caregivers across deployment, homecoming, and reintegration. The conference will examine the needs of families and caregivers in support of military and veterans with TSD, factors related to family functioning and reintegration, and effective approaches that facilitate treatment of trauma disorders and services to families and caregivers, paying particular attention to gender and health disparities. Next steps will be developed for addressing research concerns identified at the conference.

<http://www.dcoe.health.mil/Events.aspx>

Blending Addiction Treatment and Practice: Evidence-Based Treatment and Prevention in Diverse Populations and Settings

April 22-23, 2010, Albuquerque, New Mexico

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) will host the 8th Blending Conference in partnership with the University of New Mexico, the University of Arizona, and the University of California, San Francisco. This conference presents innovative, science-based approaches that have been proven to be effective in the prevention and treatment of drug abuse and addiction. The conference objectives are: 1) Appreciate the value of bi-directional communication to advance the exchange of ideas among drug abuse and addiction researchers and community treatment providers; 2) Recognize NIDA's research and its role in the development of science-based practices; 3) Identify Blending Team Products and discuss how they may be utilized in the treatment of drug abuse and addictive disorders; 4) Cite additional resources for knowledge and skill development of science-based practices; and 5) Discuss and disseminate science-based practices for the prevention and treatment of drug abuse and addictive disorders with diverse populations and in diverse settings.

<http://www.NIDABlendingConference.info>

NCDEU's 50th Anniversary Meeting: Learning from the Past to Advance the Future of Mental Health Treatment

Deadline for Workshops and Panels: November 2, 2010

June 14, 2010–June 17, 2010, Boca Raton, Florida

NCDEU is a scientific meeting that focuses on the latest developments in psychopharmacologic clinical trials research and related methodology. Co-sponsored by NIMH and the American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology, the meeting brings together over 1200 academic and industry investigators, research pharmacists, and clinicians and provides state-of-the-art workshops, panels, posters, and other special sessions devoted to advancing clinical research. Through its highly successful New Investigator Program, NCDEU emphasizes the development of research careers for those relatively new to the field of clinical research.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-funding/scientific-meetings/recurring-meetings/ncdeu/index.shtml>

Calls for Public Input

NIH Announcement: Consumer Health Information Request for Information (RFI)

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Communication and Public Liaison and the NIH Director's Council of Public Representatives have partnered to develop a Consumer Health Information RFI in response to a Directive by President Barack Obama to all Federal agencies calling for greater transparency, public participation, and collaboration.

In conjunction with the NIH goals for public input and effective dissemination of science-based health resources and information to the public, the RFI will provide insight and better understanding of the health information needs and information-seeking behaviors of NIH health consumer audiences. Information gathered will assist the agency in developing and disseminating health, medical, and scientific information to a broader variety of audiences.

The RFI may be completed online in English or downloaded from the Web site in Spanish.

Response deadline: December 30, 2009

<http://nihhealthinfoRFI.nih.gov>

Comments Sought on VA PTSD Compensation Rules

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is taking steps to assist Veterans seeking compensation for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The VA is publishing a proposed regulation in the *Federal Register* to make it easier for a Veteran to claim service connection for PTSD by reducing the evidence needed if the stressor claimed by a Veteran is related to fear of hostile military or terrorist activity. A final regulation will be published after consideration of all comments received. Comments on this proposed rule must be received by October 23, 2009.

Press release: <http://www1.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=1751>

Proposed rule: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-20339.pdf>

Funding Information

NIH Grant Submission Update: Major Changes for FY11 Applications

Peer Review Enhancements that began in January of 2009 will culminate with a restructuring and shortening of applications submitted for Fiscal Year 2011 funding (due dates on or after January 25, 2010). All competing applications, including resubmissions, *must* use the new forms and adhere to new page limits and instructions.

More details about the changes can be found at: http://enhancing-peer-review.nih.gov/restructured_applications.html

Programmatic Funding

SAMHSA: Cooperative Agreements for Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families Program

<http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2010/SM-10-005.aspx>

Research Funding Opportunities

Selected NIH Requests for Applications (RFAs)

Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists (BRAINS) (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-10-060.html>

Selected NIH Program Announcements (PAs)

Drug Discovery for Nervous System Disorders

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-001.html> (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-002.html> (R21)



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