

National Institute of Mental Health Outreach Partnership Program

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Science and Service News Updates

NIMH: ECG Screening for Heart Conditions in ADHD Children is Borderline Cost Effective

Obtaining an electrocardiogram (ECG) to screen for heart conditions in children prior to prescribing stimulant medication to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is borderline cost-effective, but may save lives, according to an NIH study published online ahead of print March 8, 2010, in *Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association*.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2010/ecg-screening-for-heart-conditions-in-adhd-children-is-borderline-cost-effective.shtml>

NIMH: Gene's Impact on Forgetting a Fear-Based Memory Same in Humans and Mice

Both humans and mice carrying a variant of a gene that plays a role in memory were slow to learn to forget a fear-based memory. The parallels in gene effects observed in mice and humans in this work means that investigation using the mouse model can provide insights into effects in humans; results may inform treatment approaches to anxiety disorders such as post-traumatic stress disorder.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2010/genes-impact-on-forgetting-a-fear-based-memory-same-in-humans-and-mice.shtml>

NIDA: Impulsive-Antisocial Personality Traits Linked to a Hypersensitive Brain Reward System—New Study Sheds Light on a Neurochemical Vulnerability that Could Contribute to Psychopathic Behaviors

Normal individuals who scored high on a measure of impulsive/antisocial traits display a hypersensitive brain reward system, according to a brain imaging study by researchers at Vanderbilt University. The findings provide the first evidence of differences in the brain's reward system that may underlie vulnerability to what's typically referred to as psychopathy. The study in the current issue of the journal *Nature Neuroscience* was funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

Press Release: <http://www.nida.nih.gov/newsroom/10/NR3-15.html>

SAMHSA: New National Study Reveals 12 Year Olds More Likely to Use Potentially Deadly Inhalants than Cigarettes or Marijuana

More 12 year olds have used potentially lethal inhalants than have used marijuana, cocaine and hallucinogens combined, according to data released by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in conjunction with the 18th annual National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week. The National Inhalant Prevention Coalition and SAMHSA kicked off National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week at a press conference featuring information and personal stories about the dangers of inhalant use or "huffing."

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1003110303.aspx>

Report: <http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k9/inhalantTrends/inhalantTrends.cfm>

Resources: Publications, Toolkits, Other Resources

New on NIMH Website

Director's Blog: Tracing the Brain's Connections

It has become our mantra at NIMH that mental disorders can be addressed as disorders of brain circuits. We frequently use an analogy with heart disease: mental disorders can be thought of as conduction problems or arrhythmias, in contrast to neurodegenerative disorders (Parkinsons, Huntingtons, Alzheimers), which involve loss of tissue similar to the infarctions of ischemic heart disease.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/index.shtml>

Director's Blog: Disorders Without Borders

NIMH is increasing its commitment to global mental health. The Institute is already invested in research around the globe. In 2009, NIMH supported nearly 200 grants in 51 countries. Our portfolio has included AIDS prevention in sub-Saharan Africa, studies of autism in Saudi Arabia and research on mental health systems in Chile. With such a broad international portfolio, so many unmet needs for mental health research in the United States, and so little new money available for research, why would NIMH want to invest more globally?

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2010/disorders-without-borders.shtml>

Director's Report to the 224th National Advisory Mental Health Council Meeting

The Director's Report presented to the National Advisory Mental Health Council (NAMHC) at the Institute's 224th Council meeting has been posted.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/advisory-boards-and-groups/namhc/reports/directors-report-to-the-224th-national-advisory-mental-health-council-meeting-february-11-2010.shtml>

NIAAA: New Issue of NIAAA Spectrum posted

The National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) *Spectrum* is NIAAA's first-ever webzine. With engaging feature articles, short news updates and colorful graphics, *NIAAA Spectrum* offers accessible and relevant information on NIAAA and the alcohol research field for a wide range of audiences.

<http://www.spectrum.niaaa.nih.gov/>

SAMHSA: Treatment Admissions Reporting Abuse of Both Alcohol and Drugs: 1997-2007

Between 1997 and 2007, the proportion of substance abuse treatment admissions reporting co-abuse of alcohol and drugs declined from 45.3 to 39.4 percent. The most common combinations reported by co-abuse admissions in both 1997 and 2007 were alcohol and marijuana and alcohol and cocaine; however, the proportion of co-abuse admissions reporting alcohol and cocaine decreased between 1997 and 2007, from 51.1 percent to 44.8 percent. Nearly two thirds of co-abuse admissions had been in treatment at least once before.

<http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/207/207AlcDrug2k10.cfm>

CDC Announces Interactive, Online Course Designed To Help Understand Teen Dating Violence

Dating Matters: Understanding Teen Dating Violence Prevention is a 60-minute, web-based training designed to help educators, youth-serving organizations and others working with teens understand the risk factors and warning signs associated with teen dating violence. Developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in partnership with Liz Claiborne Inc., Dating Matters also will highlight the importance of promoting healthy relationships.

<http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/datingmatters.html>

Calendar of Events

Conference Call: Healthy Children and Families: Reducing Behavioral Health Disparities in Rural and Frontier Areas

March 18, 2010, 2010 1:00 - 2:30 PM ET

SAMHSA's National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health is sponsoring this teleconference to examine behavioral health disparities in rural and frontier areas. This call will present strategies in States to improve conditions that lead to enhanced quality of, and access to behavioral/mental healthcare services and supports for children and families in rural and frontier America.

<http://gucchdtcenter.georgetown.edu/resources/2010calls.html>

Webcast: Operating a Peer-Run Supportive Housing Program for Families: Housing Options Made Easy, Gowanda, NY

March 25, 2010, 12:00 - 1:30 PM ET

This SAMHSA webcast highlights one of the largest peer-run housing provider agencies in the country. Housing Options Made Easy operates a highly successful, innovative supportive housing program for individuals and families with mental health issues. During this webcast, presenters will share information about best practices within the program.

<http://homeless.samhsa.gov/Resource/View.aspx?id=46188>

SAMHSA ADS Center Training Teleconference: The Power of the Media and Its Impact on Mental Health Recovery

March 26, 2010, 3:00 - 4:30 PM ET

This SAMHSA ADS Center training teleconference will explore how the mental health community works with the media to positively and more accurately portray individuals with mental health problems. Please note: Registration will close at 5:00 p.m., ET, on Friday, March 19, 2010.

<http://www.promoteacceptance.samhsa.gov/teleconferences/default.aspx>

SAMHSA 10x10 Wellness Campaign Training Teleconference: Focus on Wellness to Increase Life Expectancy and Healthy Living of Individuals with Mental Health Problems

March 30, 2010, 3:00 - 4:30 PM ET

The SAMHSA 10x10 Wellness Campaign is presenting this free training teleconference to explore the implications of the findings of higher rates of illness and shorter life spans among people with mental health problems than among the general public and how the mental health community can promote wellness. Please note: Registration will close at 5:00 p.m., ET, on Tuesday, March 23, 2010.

<http://www.esi-bethesda.com/10x10teleconference/>

Webinar: Shared Decision Making in Mental Health: Panel on Service Provider Perspectives and Experiences

April 8, 2010, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ET

SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services presents this webinar which will focus on introducing shared decision making within an organization to include information on implementation issues and practical tips for overcoming them.

<https://www.livemeeting.com/lrs/8000963084/Registration.aspx?PageName=qdcrpjhklr2q3tvd>

Health Observance: National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day

May 6, 2010

National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day is a day for everyone to promote positive youth development, resilience, recovery and the transformation of mental health services delivery for children and youth with serious mental health needs and their families. This awareness day raises awareness of effective programs for children's mental health needs; demonstrates how children's mental health initiatives promote positive youth development, recovery and resilience; and shows how children with mental health needs thrive in their communities.

<http://www.samhsa.gov/children/index.aspx>

Promoting Wellness: An Integrated Approach to Homeless Service Delivery

March 31-April 01, 2010, Columbia, South Carolina

SAMHSA's Homelessness Resource Center and Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) is offering a FREE two day regional training on innovative strategies for providing homeless services and creating environments that are person-centered, trauma-informed and recovery-oriented for the Southeastern United States. This training will be applicable to anyone providing homeless services, including direct service providers, consumers, administrators, government staff and policy makers.

<http://homeless.samhsa.gov/>

Preventing Alzheimer's Disease Conference

April 26-28, 2010, Bethesda, Maryland

To examine important questions about Alzheimer's and cognitive decline in older people, the National Institute of Aging and NIH's Office of Medical Applications of Research will convene a state-of-the-science conference in April to assess available scientific evidence. The Preventing Alzheimer's Disease and Cognitive Decline conference will feature experts from across the United States, who will consider various aspects of Alzheimer's Disease. The three-day conference will conclude with a presentation of a draft state-of-the-science statement.

<http://consensus.nih.gov/2010/alz.htm>

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

April 22-23, 2010, Albuquerque, New Mexico

NIDA's 8th Blending 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 to: 1) discuss and disseminate science-based, drug abuse prevention and treatment practices across diverse populations and settings; 2) provide additional resources to enhance knowledge and skill development of science-based practices; and 3) appreciate the value of bi-directional communication to advance the exchange of ideas among drug abuse and addiction researchers and community treatment providers.

<http://www.seiservices.com/blendingalbuquerque/>

4th National Conference on Women, Addiction and Recovery

July 26-28, 2010, Chicago, Illinois

SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment in partnership with Treatment Alternatives for a Safe Community is sponsoring its 4th National Conference on Women, Addiction and Recovery. Join with leaders, colleagues and stakeholders in the addiction treatment field to focus on current trends and innovations in creating recovery opportunities for women with substance use disorders and their families. Among topics to be discussed are: family-centered treatment, current developments in health policy, working with the criminal justice system, inter-agency collaboration, women's recovery support, use of technology, culturally responsive approaches, treatment for adolescent girls, housing supports, workforce development, demonstrating program effectiveness and many others.

<http://SAMHSAWomensConference.org>

Calls for Public Input

2010 Science and Service Awards Will Honor Implementation of Evidence-Based Mental Health and Substance Abuse Interventions

SAMHSA has issued a call for applications for its 2010 Science and Service Awards, a national program that recognizes community-based organizations and coalitions that have shown exemplary implementation of evidence-based mental health and substance abuse interventions.

Awards will be made in each of the five categories: substance abuse prevention; treatment of substance abuse and recovery support services; mental health promotion; treatment of mental illness and recovery support services; and co-occurring disorders. To be eligible for an award, an organization must have successfully implemented a recognized evidence-based intervention. Examples include those that are published in scientific literature and/or appear on a Federal and/or state registry of evidence-based interventions.

Application deadline: April 9, 2010

<http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1001065017.aspx>

SAMHSA: Celebrating Those Who Make a Difference for Mental Health

Join SAMHSA in recognizing entertainment industry professionals and mental health consumers who have given a voice to people with mental health problems. The Voice Awards honor film and television writers and producers who incorporate dignified, respectful and accurate portrayals of people with mental illnesses into their scripts, programs and productions. The awards also recognize the accomplishments of consumer leaders who have been instrumental in both raising awareness and understanding of mental health issues and promoting the social inclusion of people with mental health problems. Nominations are open to anyone, are free and there is no limit to the number an individual may submit.

Entertainment industry nominations due: April 30, 2010

Mental health consumer nominations due: May 14, 2010

<http://whatadifference.samhsa.gov/voiceawards/nominate.html>

Funding Information

SAMHSA is Accepting Applications for More than \$82.5 Million in Mental Health Transformation Grants to Help Adults with Serious Mental Illnesses

SAMHSA is accepting applications for \$82.5 million in Mental Health Transformation Grants. These grants will provide States, Tribes and local governments the opportunity to expand treatment capacity and to identify emerging service needs of adults with serious mental illnesses, especially those related to economic problems.

Application due date: April 30, 2010

<http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2010/SM-10-010.aspx>

HHS Announces the Availability of Recovery Act Funds for Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative: Cooperative Agreement Opportunities for National Organizations

National organizations will have a key role in building a healthier nation as part of the new U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Communities Putting Prevention to Work initiative. HHS announced a funding opportunity for national public or private non-profit organizations to apply for \$10 million in cooperative agreements to help communities decrease smoking and obesity, increase physical activity and improve nutrition.

Application due date: April 19, 2010

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2010pres/03/20100305a.html>

Programmatic Funding

CDC: Intervention through National Networking, Education, and Dissemination (FASD)

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=zGF1LhYBWJGbdpDTjJ7Dp8GsGhnTR9r0B8tMh71nx27vLh8RQSLy!1551645396?oppId=52755&mode=VIEW>

HRSA: Rural Health Workforce Development Program

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=2E9E60E9-25CD-42C4-84C4-84F4059AE063>

OJDDP: Research and Evaluation on the Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Elderly Individuals and Residents of Residential Care Facilities

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000863.pdf>

SAMHSA: Family Centered Substance Abuse Treatment

<http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2010/TI-10-002.aspx>

**SAMHSA: Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment in Targeted Areas of Need -
Technology Assisted Care**

<http://samhsa.gov/Grants/2010/TI-10-012.aspx>

Research Funding Opportunities

Selected Request for Applications

NCMHD Advances in Health Disparities Research on Social Determinants of Health

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-10-005.html>

Pharmacokinetic Research in Pediatric HIV/TB Co-Infection

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HD-09-015.html> (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HD-09-016.html> (R21)

**Recovery Act Limited Competition: The NIH Directors ARRA Funded Pathfinder Award to
Promote Diversity in the Scientific Workforce (DP4)**

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-10-013.html>

Large Scale Production of Perturbagen-Induced Cellular Signatures (U54)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-10-003.html>

Advancing Regulatory Science through Novel Research and Science-Based Technologies (U01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-10-006.html>

Production of Human Proteins to Be Used for Generating Affinity Reagents (U01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-10-007.html>

Selected Program Announcements

Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-133.html> (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-134.html> (R03)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-135.html> (R21)



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The **Outreach Partnership Program** is a nationwide outreach initiative of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) with support from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and in cooperation with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) that enlists state and national organizations in a partnership to help close the gap between mental health research and clinical practice, inform the public about mental illnesses, and reduce the stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness. For more information on the NIMH Outreach Program please visit

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partners>.

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