



UPDATE

April 15, 2018

- I. [Science and Service News Updates](#)
- II. [Resources: Publications, Toolkits, Other Resources](#)
- III. [Calendar of Events](#)
- IV. [Calls for Public Input](#)
- V. [Funding Information](#)

[**Subscribe to Receive the Update**](#)

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/news-and-updates-from-the-program.shtml>

[**Follow NIMH on Social Media**](#)

<http://twitter.com/nimhgov>
<http://www.facebook.com/nimhgov>
<http://www.youtube.com/nimhgov>

*Prepared by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,
National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Mental Health*

CYBERBULLYING, UNMET MEDICAL NEEDS CONTRIBUTE TO DEPRESSIVE SYMPTOMS AMONG SEXUAL MINORITY YOUTH; NIH STUDY FINDS HIGHER RATES OF DISSATISFACTION WITH FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

Cyberbullying, dissatisfaction with family relationships, and unmet medical needs are major contributors to the high rates of depressive symptoms seen among adolescents who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or questioning their sexual orientation, according to researchers at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Their new study on sexual minority youth now appears in *Pediatrics*. <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/cyberbullying-unmet-medical-needs-contribute-depressive-symptoms-among-sexual-minority-youth>

LACK OF SLEEP MAY BE LINKED TO RISK FACTOR FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE; PRELIMINARY NIH STUDY SHOWS INCREASED LEVELS OF BETA-AMYLOID

Losing just one night of sleep led to an immediate increase in beta-amyloid, a protein in the brain associated with Alzheimer's disease, according to a small, new study by NIH researchers. In Alzheimer's disease, beta-amyloid proteins clump together to form amyloid plaques, a hallmark of the disease. While acute sleep deprivation is known to elevate brain beta-amyloid levels in mice, less is known about the impact of sleep deprivation on beta-amyloid accumulation in the human brain. The study is among the first to demonstrate that sleep may play an important role in human beta-amyloid clearance.

<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/lack-sleep-may-be-linked-risk-factor-alzheimers-disease>

NIH LAUNCHES HEAL INITIATIVE, DOUBLES FUNDING TO ACCELERATE SCIENTIFIC SOLUTIONS TO STEM NATIONAL OPIOID EPIDEMIC

At the 2018 National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit, NIH Director Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D., announced the launch of the HEAL (Helping to End Addiction Long-term) Initiative, an aggressive, trans-agency effort to speed scientific solutions to stem the national opioid public health crisis. Toward this effort, NIH is nearly doubling funding for research on opioid misuse and addiction and pain from approximately \$600 million in fiscal year 2016 to \$1.1 billion in fiscal year 2018, made possible from a funding boost by Congress. NIH's efforts contribute to a government-wide push to meet the President's goal of ending the opioid crisis. <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-launches-heal-initiative-doubles-funding-accelerate-scientific-solutions-stem-national-opioid-epidemic>

NEW BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH FRAMEWORK FOR ALZHEIMER'S TO SPUR DISCOVERY

The research community now has a new framework toward developing a biologically-based definition of Alzheimer's disease. This proposed "biological construct" is based on measurable changes in the brain and is expected to facilitate better understanding of the disease process and the sequence of events that lead to cognitive impairment and dementia. With this construct, researchers can study Alzheimer's, from its earliest biological underpinnings to outward signs of memory loss and other clinical symptoms, which could result in a more precise and faster approach to testing drug and other interventions. The National Institute on Aging, part of NIH, and the Alzheimer's Association convened the effort, which as the "NIA-AA Research Framework: Towards a Biological Definition of Alzheimer's Disease," appears in the April 10, 2018 edition of *Alzheimer's & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association*. <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/new-biological-research-framework-alzheimers-spur-discovery>

SAMHSA LAUNCHES EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES RESOURCE CENTER TO EQUIP CLINICIANS, STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has launched an Evidence-Based Practices Resource Center (Resource Center) that aims to provide communities, clinicians, policy-makers, and others in the field with the information and tools they need to incorporate evidence-based practices into their communities or clinical settings. The Resource Center contains a collection of science-based resources, including toolkits, resource guides, and clinical practice guidelines, for a broad range of audiences. <https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/201804050230>

SURGEON GENERAL RELEASES ADVISORY ON NALOXONE, AN OPIOID OVERDOSE-REVERSING DRUG; URGES MORE INDIVIDUALS TO CARRY LIFE-SAVING MEDICATION

The U.S. Surgeon General Jerome M. Adams, M.D., M.P.H., urged more Americans to carry a lifesaving medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. The medication, naloxone, is already carried by many first responders, such as emergency medical technicians and police officers. The Surgeon General is now recommending that more individuals, including family, friends, and those who are personally at risk for an opioid overdose, also keep the drug on hand. Naloxone, a medication approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) can be delivered via nasal mist or injection, is not a long-term solution, but it can temporarily suspend the effects of the overdose until emergency responders arrive.

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2018/04/05/surgeon-general-releases-advisory-on-naloxone-an-opioid-overdose-reversing-drug.html>

DE MADRE A MADRE: LAY HEALTH EDUCATORS REACH OUT TO HELP HISPANIC WOMEN SUCCESSFULLY NAVIGATE PREGNANCY

Pregnancy and caring for newborns can be daunting times of life for new mothers, with unanticipated challenges and obstacles. For the 11 million Hispanic women in their childbearing years in the United States (U.S.) this can be overwhelming as they are twice as likely to receive late or no prenatal care than non-Hispanic white women are. A grant from the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities supports a program that provides educational groups for Hispanic women using the *De Madre a Madre* prenatal care photonovels to help guide them through pregnancy, childbirth, and postnatal experiences. Photonovels, which are similar to comic books but illustrated with photographs, are popular in Mexico and Latin America. <https://www.nimhd.nih.gov/news-events/features/community-health/lay-health-educators.html>

RESOURCES: PUBLICATIONS, TOOLKITS, OTHER RESOURCES

NEW FROM NIMH

NAMHC GENOMICS WORKGROUP REPORT

The National Advisory Mental Health Council (NAMHC) Genomics Workgroup has published a report on how genetics research relates to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) mission and research portfolio. <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/advisory-boards-and-groups/namhc/reports/report-of-the-national-advisory-mental-health-council-workgroup-on-genomics.shtml>

OUTREACH CONNECTION—LATEST ISSUE AVAILABLE

The e-newsletter of the NIMH Outreach Partnership Program highlights how its Partners are disseminating NIMH information and educating the public about research in communities across the country.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNIMH/bulletins/1e91f66>

NEW FROM NIH

TICK TOCK: YOUR BODY CLOCKS: UNDERSTANDING YOUR DAILY RHYTHMS

This *News in Health* article describes our body's biological clocks which help us feel alert during the day, hungry at mealtimes, and sleepy at night. Keeping your body's daily cycles, or circadian rhythms, in sync is important for your health. <https://newsinhealth.nih.gov/2018/04/tick-tock-your-body-clocks>

BUILDING SOCIAL BONDS: CONNECTIONS THAT PROMOTE WELL-BEING

Strong, healthy relationships are important throughout your life. Social ties with family members, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and others impact one's mental, emotional, and even physical well-being. This *News in Health* article describes NIH-funded research exploring the causes of unhealthy relationship behavior and finding ways to help people learn to have healthier relationships.

<https://newsinhealth.nih.gov/2018/04/building-social-bonds>

COMMUNITIES THAT CARE PROGRAM SHOWS SUCCESS IN REDUCING SUBSTANCE USE AND BEHAVIORAL ISSUES IN ADOLESCENT

A newly published study looking at long-term outcomes from the Communities That Care (CTC) program showed remarkable success in preventing substance use and antisocial behaviors in adolescents. The CTC is a prevention planning and implementation system that trains community coalition is to assess their community's needs, then select and use evidence-based programs and policies to reduce risk factors and enhance protective factors. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/latest-science/communities-care-program-shows-success-in-reducing-substance-use-behavioral-issues-in-adolescent>

NIH ALL OF US PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE IN SPANISH

The *All of Us* Research Program website is now available in Spanish. Users can now learn about the program and ask questions through its Support Center in Spanish. <https://allofus.nih.gov/news-events-and-media/videos/dish-el-programa-cientifico-all-us-ya-esta-disponible-en-espanol>

NIAAA SPECTRUM: BLACKOUTS—DROWNING MEMORIES WITH ALCOHOL

This article from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) provides a look at the dangerous consequences of blackouts, alcohol-induced memory loss for events that transpired while intoxicated. <https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/research/niaaa-research-highlights/niaaa-spectrum-blackouts-drowning-memories-alcohol>

OBSSR DIRECTOR'S VOICE: SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES CRUCIAL TO TREATING AUTISM

The NIH-funded Autism Centers of Excellence program supports nine large research projects aimed at understanding and developing interventions for autism spectrum disorder (ASD). In this blog post, the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research (OBBSR) Director summarizes what is being learned from these projects to address a range of research areas including brain development, early detection, and psychosocial interventions that support families of ASD children. <https://obssr.od.nih.gov/social-and-behavioral-sciences-crucial-to-treating-autism>

NEW FROM SAMHSA

FINDING QUALITY TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

This fact sheet serves as a guide for individuals seeking behavioral health treatment. It provides three necessary steps to complete prior to utilizing a treatment center and the five signs of a quality treatment center, which include a review of the accreditation, medication, evidence-based practices, position on the role of families, and support networks. <https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Finding-Quality-Treatment-for-Substance-Use-Disorders/All-New-Products/PEP18-TREATMENT-LOC>

WEBISODE: ADDRESSING THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF MILITARY FAMILIES AND THEIR CHILDREN

Held in partnership between SAMHSA and the Defense Health Agency, this webisode explores evidence-based strategies to address the mental health needs of military families and their children. A panel discusses common concerns, as well as shared tips, resources, and information about available services and supports. <http://fda.yorkcast.com/webcast/Play/985ee898606b4d118e8d6f8f60104d801d>

SAFE SCHOOLS/HEALTHY STUDENTS INFOGRAPHIC

From SAMHSA's National Resource Center for Mental Health Promotion and Youth Violence Prevention, this new infographic highlights the impact and success of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) program. https://healthysafechildren.org/sites/default/files/SS-HS_infographic.PDF

INCREASING EMPLOYMENT MAY IMPROVE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES

This article highlights research on supported employment programs which have been shown to improve employment outcomes, behavioral health symptoms, quality of life, self-esteem, and social functioning for individuals with serious mental illness. <https://www.prainc.com/race-equity-p3/>

TRAINING: CLOZAPINE AS A TOOL IN MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY

This one-hour online course offers information and resources for physicians, clinicians, and other practitioners serving people experiencing psychotic symptoms who are considering the use of clozapine. Through a "virtual grand rounds," this course will help participants better understand the FDA guidelines, which individuals might benefit from clozapine, the risks and benefits of the medication, and how to engage in shared decision-making with individuals about using clozapine. https://events-na2.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/916603251/en/events/event/shared/1099848684/event_landing.html?sco_id=1099822246&_charset_=utf-8

NEW FROM CDC

QUICKSTATS: AGE-ADJUSTED SUICIDE RATES, BY RACE/ETHNICITY — NATIONAL VITAL STATISTICS SYSTEM, U.S., 2015–2016

From 2015 to 2016, the age-adjusted suicide rate for the total U.S. population increased from 13.3 per 100,000 standard population to 13.5. The rate increased from 5.8 to 6.3 for non-Hispanic blacks and from 6.2 to 6.7 for Hispanics; it remained unchanged for non-Hispanic whites. In both 2015 and 2016, the non-Hispanic white rate was nearly three times the non-Hispanic black rate and 2.5 times the rate for the Hispanic population. https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/wr/mm6714a6.htm?s_cid=mm6714a6_e

TIMELINESS OF DEATH CERTIFICATE DATA FOR SUICIDES

This report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) evaluates the lag time between the week a suicide occurred and the week when information on the death certificate became available for the National Center for Health Statistics mortality surveillance program.

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/vsrr/report003.pdf>

NEW VIDEO RELEASED ON VETOVIOLENCE FACEBOOK: WHAT IS SEXUAL VIOLENCE?

The CDC is working to promote a consistent definition of sexual violence and associated terms, and to encourage the use of strategies based on the best available evidence. These efforts, including the launch of this new video, help assure a uniform understanding of and approach to sexual violence prevention which contributes to accurate reporting and surveillance, adherence to proven interventions, and opportunities to enhance existing prevention strategies and develop new ones.

<https://www.facebook.com/VetoViolence/videos/1879905198721539/>

NEW FROM HHS

NEW WEBSITE: HELP, RESOURCES, AND INFORMATION TO ADDRESS THE NATIONAL OPIOID CRISIS

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has created this new website that provides help, resources, and information on the national opioid crisis. Visit the site for tools that will aid in prevention, treatment, and recovery. <http://HHS.gov/Opioids>

INTERACTIVE TRAINING: PATHWAYS TO SAFER OPIOID USE

This HHS Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion training program promotes the appropriate, safe, and effective use of opioids to manage chronic pain. The training is based on the opioid-related recommendations in the National Action Plan for Adverse Drug Event Prevention. The training is intended for physicians, nurses, and pharmacists, public health professionals, health educators, and students in health-related fields. <https://health.gov/hcq/trainings/pathways/index.html>

EVENTS

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

APRIL 2018

National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and promotes the social and emotional well-being of children and families. A resource guide and outreach materials are available to support community activities.

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/>

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

APRIL 2018

Communities can use Alcohol Awareness Month to raise awareness about alcohol abuse and take action to prevent it, both at home and in the community. A national health observance toolkit from the HHS healthfinder.gov website is available to help communities spread the word.

<https://healthfinder.gov/NHO/AprilToolkit.aspx>

NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

APRIL 2018

The theme for the 2018 National Minority Health Month is “Partnering for Health Equity.” Partnerships at the national, state, tribal, and local levels are vital to the work of reducing health disparities and advancing health equity. During National Minority Health Month, the HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) will join with partners, health advocates, and organizations in highlighting the role of partnerships in improving the health of people and communities across the country.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USOPHSOMH/bulletins/1d5cf12>

WEBINAR: IMPACT OF ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES AND ADOPTION OF TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACHES IN INTEGRATED SETTINGS

APRIL 18, 2018, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

Join the SAMHSA-Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Center for Integrated Health Solutions and nationally-recognized speakers for this webinar to learn more about trauma and its impact, hear the case for adopting trauma-informed approaches, and walk through a methodology for implementing trauma-informed care. https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1184921&tp_key=5d667eade3

WEBINAR: ASSESSING AND MANAGING VIOLENCE RISK IN VETERANS WITH PTSD

APRIL 18, 2018, 2:00 PM ET

This lecture in the National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Consultation Lecture Series will address assessing and managing violence risk in Veterans with PTSD.

<https://www.ptsd.va.gov/professional/consult/lecture-series.asp>

WEBINAR: UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF SUICIDE IN RURAL AMERICA

APRIL 24, 2018, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

The HRSA-supported Rural Health Information Hub is hosting a webinar to discuss the policy brief on suicide in rural America recently released by the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services.

<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/webinars/suicide-impact-rural-america>

FORUM ON OPIOIDS: STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS FOR MINORITY COMMUNITIES

APRIL 25, 2018, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM ET, WASHINGTON, DC

In recognition of National Minority Health Month, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Office of Minority Health in partnership with SAMHSA's Office of Behavioral Health Equity will host this forum to discuss partnerships and efforts to combat the opioid epidemic and better address behavioral health in minority populations. This forum brings together a panel of public health leaders, health care professionals, and community members to talk about challenges and solutions around opioid use and behavioral health, specifically those that uniquely affect minority communities. Attendees will receive updates of strategies and solutions for prevention, diagnosis, intervention, treatment, recovery and access to behavioral health services. Model programs and lessons learned on successful projects to combat the opioid epidemic will be highlighted as well as information on the latest resources available to support behavioral health. This event will be livestreamed. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/forum-on-opioids-strategies-and-solutions-for-minority-communities-registration-44654227998?>

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

APRIL 26, 2017, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM ET

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications. The Drug Enforcement Agency has created a new partnership toolbox of materials to help promote the event. The toolbox includes print materials, digital and print billboards, bus ads, site location banners, and a web button. https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/

WEBCAST: WHY ADDICTION IS A “DISEASE” AND WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

APRIL 26, 2018, 2:00 PM ET

SAMHSA, together with Massachusetts General Hospital’s Recovery Research Institute, is offering a webcast series, *The Power of Perceptions and Understanding: Changing How We Deliver Treatment and Recovery Services*, for health care providers. This webcast in the series will focus on the definition of disease and why it is particularly important for addiction to be emphasized as a disease. <https://www.samhsa.gov/power-perceptions-understanding>

WEBINAR: STRATEGIES FOR BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING THE CHW EFFORT IN YOUR AREA: A CASE STUDY FROM UTAH

APRIL 26, 2018, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

In this OMH webinar, the National Partnership for Action to End Disparities’ Mountain States Regional Health Equity Council Community Health Worker (CHW) Subcommittee will share strategies and pathways for building and strengthening CHW efforts in the community. The webinar will focus on the history, infrastructure, strategies, goals, and progress of the Utah Broad-Based CHW Coalition.

<https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/nmhm18/#webinar>

GAINS WEBINAR: SEVEN HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE AOT JUDGES

APRIL 30, 2018 12:00 PM ET

This webinar, hosted by SAMHSA’s GAINS Center, will present seven habits that highly effective Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) judges use before and during AOT hearings. The implementation of these habits shows positive impacts on AOT programs and people receiving AOT services.

<https://t.e2ma.net/message/059ym/4ce6po>

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

MAY 2018

May is National Foster Care Month, a month set aside to acknowledge foster parents, family members, volunteers, mentors, policymakers, child welfare professionals, and other members of the community who help children and youth in foster care find permanent homes and connections.

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth/>

NIH REGIONAL SEMINAR ON PROGRAM FUNDING AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

MAY 2-4, 2018, WASHINGTON, DC

This seminar serves the NIH mission of providing education and training for the next generation of biomedical and behavioral scientists. This seminar is intended to: demystify the application and review process, clarify federal regulations and policies, and highlight current areas of special interest or concern. The seminar and optional workshops are appropriate for those who are new to working with the NIH grants process – administrators, early stage investigators, researchers, graduate students, etc.

<https://regionalseminars.od.nih.gov/washingtondc2018>

WEBINAR: MODEL PROGRAMS GUIDE DIVERSION PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE

MAY 2, 2018, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

This Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) webinar will provide an overview of the resources available on OJJDP's *Model Programs Guide*, including program profiles, literature reviews, and Implementation Guides (I-Guides). Presenters will focus on the research that informed the development of the I-Guides, including the new *Diversion Programs I-Guide*. The webinar will also feature discussion from a practitioner who is currently using the *Diversion Programs I-Guide*.

<https://www.ojjdp.gov/events/EventDetail.asp?ei=27650>

SAVE THE DATE: NIMH TWITTER CHAT ON TEEN DEPRESSION

MAY 3, 2018, 3:00-4:00 PM ET

Save the date for the NIMH Twitter chat on adolescent depression featuring NIMH scientists Argyris Stringaris, M.D., Ph.D., and Kenneth Towbin, M.D. from the NIMH Mood Brain and Development Unit. Follow @NIMHgov on Twitter and use #NIMHchats to follow the conversation and ask questions.

WEBINAR: VOICES FROM THE FIELD ON THE IMPACT OF OPIOID ADDICTION IN DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

MAY 9, 2018, 1:30-3:00 PM ET

SAMHSA's National Network to Eliminate Disparities in Behavioral Health is hosting a Virtual Roundtable to discuss opioid addiction and treatment in communities of color and strategies for community-based organizations to engage in cross-systems work. In addition to raising awareness and increasing knowledge of participants around opioid addiction and treatment, the dialogue will aim to draw attention to cultural considerations, persistent disparities, and the cultural divides that play a role in the opioid crisis.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2943960365233230339>

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

MAY 10, 2018

National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day shines a national spotlight on the importance of caring for every child's mental health and reinforces that positive mental health is essential to a child's healthy development. The Awareness Day theme for 2018 is "Partnering for Health and Hope Following Trauma." This year's national observance focuses on the importance of an integrated health approach to supporting children, youth, and young adults with serious emotional disturbance who have experienced trauma.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/children/awareness-day>

AWARENESS DAY: SAMHSA NATIONAL EVENT

MAY 10, 2018, 6:00-9:30 PM ET, WASHINGTON, DC

Awareness Day shines a national spotlight on the importance of caring for every child's mental health. This year's event, *Awareness Day 2018: Partnering for Health and Hope Following Trauma*, will focus on the importance of an integrated health approach to supporting children, youth, and young adults who have experienced trauma. HHS Secretary Alex M. Azar II will present governors' spouses with a SAMHSA Special Recognition Award for their work in promoting trauma-informed care in their states. First Lady of Wisconsin Tonette Walker will accept the award on behalf of the governors' spouses.

<https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=2269499>

NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK 2018

MAY 13-19, 2018

National Prevention Week is an annual health observance dedicated to increasing public awareness of, and action around, mental and/or substance use disorders. Each year around this observance, communities and organizations across the country come together to raise awareness about the importance of substance use prevention and positive mental health. This year's theme is "Action Today. Healthier Tomorrow."

<https://www.samhsa.gov/prevention-week>

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR AHRQ EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM REPORTS

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's Effective Health Care Program encourages the public to participate in the development of its research projects. The Program uses these comments to help focus its research, and ensure that the final comparative effectiveness reviews answer the most important questions that clinicians, patients, consumers, and policymakers have about a given treatment, test, or procedure. The Program is currently seeking comments on the following report:

LIBRARY OF COMMON DATA DEFINITIONS: DEPRESSION WHITE PAPER (COMMENTS ACCEPTED THROUGH APRIL 20, 2018)

<https://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/topics/ropr-definition-depression/draft-report>

CDC DIVISION OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION NEEDS YOUR HELP TO IMPROVE ITS WEBSITE

The CDC's Division of Violence Prevention (DVP) is continually enhancing its Violence Prevention website (<https://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/index.html>). DVP is soliciting input and feedback to learn more about what works well and what does not on the website. Users can participate in an online usability testing that will last no longer than 60 minutes and can be conducted from one's own office. Participation is entirely voluntary and no personally identifiable information will be collected. If you would like to participate, please go to this link: <https://3q66fjwi.optimalworkshop.com/treejack/dvp>. Should you have any questions while you are testing, please contact DVP at dvpinquiries@cdc.gov. The deadline to participate is April 27, 2018.

FUNDING INFORMATION

RESEARCH ON THE HEALTH OF TRANSGENDER AND GENDER NONCONFORMING POPULATIONS
(CLINICAL TRIAL OPTIONAL)

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-729.html> (R01)

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-728.html> (R21)

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING GRANTS

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-18-009>

IMPROVING ACCESS TO OVERDOSE TREATMENT

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sp-18-006>

PROJECT AWARE (ADVANCING WELLNESS AND RESILIENCY IN EDUCATION) STATE EDUCATION AGENCY

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-18-006>

ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT GRANTS

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-18-013>

OJJDP FISCAL YEAR 2018 JUVENILE REENTRY RESEARCH AND EVALUATION PROGRAM

<https://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2018/ReentryResearch.pdf>

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION IN SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELLNESS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

<https://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2018-14100.pdf>

RESEARCH ON REDUCING VIOLENCE IN COMMUNITIES

<https://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2018-13908.pdf>

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

<https://nij.gov/funding/documents/solicitations/NIJ-2018-14053.pdf>

INITIATIVE TO DEVELOP A RESEARCH-BASED PRACTICE GUIDE TO PREVENT AND REDUCE YOUTH VIOLENCE IN COMMUNITIES

<https://www.ojjdp.gov/funding/FundingDetail.asp?fi=456>

SECOND CHANCE ACT ENSURING PUBLIC SAFETY AND IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR YOUTH IN CONFINEMENT AND WHILE UNDER COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

<https://www.ojjdp.gov/funding/FundingDetail.asp?fi=457>



National Institute
of Mental Health

The **Outreach Partnership Program** is a nationwide outreach initiative of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) that enlists state and national organizations in a partnership to increase the public's access to science-based mental health information through partnerships with national and state organizations. For more information about the program, please visit: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/index.shtml>. To subscribe to receive the Update every two weeks, go to: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/news-and-updates-from-the-program.shtml>.

The information provided in the **Update** is intended for use by NIMH Outreach Partners, National Partners and their associates for the express purpose of exchanging information that may be useful in the development of state and local mental health outreach, information, education, and partnership programs.