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HUBS HELP NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES ADDRESS YOUTH SUICIDE

Three collaborative research hubs funded by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) are exploring the factors behind the high suicide rates among American Indian (AI) and Alaska Native (AN) youth, and designing and testing approaches to preventing suicide. In each hub, research centers and tribal or urban AI/AN leaders and organizations are working together to provide information on which to base effective, community-based, and culturally sensitive preventive approaches that are suitable for use in low-resource settings. <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2018/hubs-help-native-american-communities-address-youth-suicide.shtml>

ATYPICAL BRAIN DEVELOPMENT OBSERVED IN PRESCHOOLERS WITH ADHD SYMPTOMS; NIH-FUNDED STUDY USES HIGH-RESOLUTION BRAIN SCANS TO UNCOVER STRUCTURAL CHANGES

Children as young as four years old with symptoms of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) may have significant differences in brain structure compared to children without such symptoms, according to researchers funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Their study is the first comprehensive examination of brain structure changes in preschoolers with signs of ADHD, a disorder marked by a pattern of inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsive behavior. <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/atypical-brain-development-observed-preschoolers-adhd-symptoms>

SAMHSA DIRECTING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO THREE STATES HIT HARD BY OPIOID CRISIS

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced it will award additional grant funding to three states that have been hit especially hard by the national opioid crisis. This additional funding will bolster the treatment and prevention work under way through the Opioid State Targeted Response grants previously awarded to Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and West Virginia. The determination of need for the states was based on a competitive peer review process. The purpose of these supplements is to expand or enhance prevention, treatment, and recovery-support efforts in the states hardest hit by the nation's opioid epidemic.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/201803200300>

U.S. DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS CONTINUE TO RISE; INCREASE FUELED BY SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS

An in-depth analysis of 2016 drug overdose data shows that America's overdose epidemic is spreading geographically and increasing across demographic groups. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report appears in the March 30, 2018 issue of the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. Drug overdoses killed 63,632 Americans in 2016. Nearly two-thirds of those deaths involved a prescription or illicit opioid. Overdose deaths increased in all categories of drugs examined for men and women, people ages 15 and older, all races and ethnicities, and across all levels of urbanization. CDC's new analysis confirms that recent increases in drug overdose deaths are driven by continued sharp increases in deaths involving synthetic opioids other than methadone such as illicitly manufactured fentanyl.

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2018/p0329-drug-overdose-deaths.html>

NON-PSYCHOACTIVE CANNABINOID MAY ENABLE DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY

An animal study finds that cannabidiol (CBD), a non-psychoactive chemical found in marijuana, may help reduce the risk of drug and alcohol relapse. The research, conducted by the Scripps Research Institute, was funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2018/03/non-psychoactive-cannabinoid-may-enable-drug-addiction-recovery>

E-CIGARETTE ADS ASSOCIATED WITH CIGARETTE SMOKING INITIATION AMONG YOUTH

A scientific study finds that receptivity to e-cigarette advertising increases the likelihood of trying conventional cigarettes one year later. The research was funded by NIDA and the Center for Tobacco Products at the United States (U.S.) Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2018/03/e-cigarette-ads-associated-cigarette-smoking-initiation-among-youth>

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ANNOUNCES NEW DISLOCATED WORKER GRANTS TO HELP FIGHT OPIOID PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced a new National Health Emergency Dislocated Worker Demonstration Grant pilot program to help communities fight the opioid crisis. The grants may be used to help provide new skills to workers, including new entrants to the workforce, who have been or are being impacted by the opioid crisis. Additionally, funds may be used for workforce development in professions that address or prevent problems related to opioids in American communities, such as addiction treatment service providers, pain management and therapy service providers, and mental health treatment providers.

<https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/osec/osec20180320>

RESOURCES: PUBLICATIONS, TOOLKITS, OTHER RESOURCES

NEW FROM NIMH

TOWARDS A GENOMIC PSYCHIATRY: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENOMICS WORKGROUP OF THE NAMHC

In his latest Director's Message, NIMH Director Dr. Joshua Gordon reviews the recent recommendations of the Genomics Working Group of the National Advisory Mental Health Council. The report delves into how researchers can make progress given the complexity of the genetic landscape underlying psychiatric disorders. <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/messages/2018/towards-a-genomic-psychiatry-recommendations-of-the-genomics-workgroup-of-the-namhc.shtml>

NEW FROM NIH

STUDY IDENTIFIES TWO SUBSTANCES DERIVED FROM PLANTS THAT MAY HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO TREAT DEPRESSION

Natural products derived from plants may become the building blocks for new types of therapeutic agents to combat depression, according to a study partially funded by the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health. <https://nccih.nih.gov/research/results/spotlight/phytochemicals-for-depression?nav=govd>

BRAIN NETWORK FOR SOCIAL UNDERSTANDING DEVELOPS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

A new NIH-funded study reveals that a network of brain areas involved in interpreting other people's states of mind has started developing by age three. The findings provide insight into the development of social understanding and may lead to insights into conditions that involve difficulty with social interactions. <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/nih-research-matters/brain-network-social-understanding-develops-early-childhood>

NIDA DIRECTOR'S BLOG: WHAT DOES IT MEAN WHEN WE CALL ADDICTION A BRAIN DISORDER?

NIDA Director Dr. Nora Volkow discusses the importance of referring to addiction as a "brain disorder," as it acknowledges that addiction is a chronic, but treatable medical condition involving changes to circuits involved in reward, stress, and self-control. A myriad of factors contributes to addiction —biological, psychological, behavioral, societal, economic, etc., but viewing it as a treatable medical problem from which people can and do recover is crucial for enabling a public health-focused response. Such a response would ensure access to effective treatments and lessen the stigma surrounding a condition that afflicts nearly 10 percent of Americans at some point in their lives. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/about-nida/noras-blog/2018/03/what-does-it-mean-when-we-call-addiction-brain-disorder>

UPDATE ON ALL OF US' GENOMICS PLAN

In this video blog, Eric Dishman, director of the *All of Us* Research Program, gives an update about the program's genomics strategy. *All of Us* recently announced its intent to fund genome centers to do genotyping and whole genome sequencing for one million participants. The program will also be launching a pilot initiative to responsibly return genomic data to participants. <https://allofus.nih.gov/news-events-and-media/videos/dish-update-all-us-genomics-plan>

NEW FROM SAMHSA

SUICIDAL THOUGHTS AND BEHAVIOR IN 33 METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS UPDATE: 2013 TO 2015

This short report, based on combined 2013 to 2015 data from SAMHSA's National Survey on Drug Use and Health, presents estimates of past year serious suicidal thought, suicide planning, and suicide attempts among those aged 18 or older who were residing in 33 metropolitan statistical areas. An annual average of 9.5 million adults aged 18 or older had serious thoughts of suicide in the past year, 2.7 million made a suicide plan, and 1.3 million attempted suicide.

https://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/report_3452/ShortReport-3452.html

OPIOID OVERDOSE AND THE ROLE OF PRESCRIBER EDUCATION

This at-a-glance resource describes the relationship between opioid overdose and over-prescribing, and makes the case for prescriber education as a prevention strategy.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-resources/opioid-overdose-role-prescriber-education>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATING WITH MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS TO PREVENT OPIOID MISUSE

This tool presents examples of state- and local-level opportunities for collaborating with medical professionals across settings to plan and support prescriber education programming.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-resources/opportunities-collaborating-with-medical-professionals-to-prevent-opioid-misuse>

PREPARING FOR PRESCRIBER EDUCATION: GETTING THE LAY OF THE LAND

This practice support tool identifies the different agencies responsible for prescribing and distributing prescription opioids in a community.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-resources/preparing-prescriber-education-lay-of-land>

NEW FROM HHS

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

During 2015–2016, the age-adjusted death rates from drug overdose for the total population increased from 16.3 per 100,000 standard population to 19.8 per 100,000. The rate increased from 21.1 to 25.3 for non-Hispanic whites, from 12.2 to 17.1 for non-Hispanic blacks, and from 7.7 to 9.5 for Hispanics.

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/wr/mm6712a9.htm?s_cid=mm6712a9_e

OPIOID OVERDOSES TREATED IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS: IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION

This new CDC *Vital Signs* shows how emergency departments can work with other healthcare providers to prevent opioid overdose and death. <https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/opioid-overdoses/>

BULLYING AS AN ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE (ACE)

An adverse childhood experience (ACE) is a potentially traumatic event that can have negative, lasting effects on a person. Prolonged and repeated abuse that occurs through bullying and cyberbullying can affect children and youth in terms of their development, the way they interact with others, and how they perform in school. This StopBully.gov factsheet describes ACEs, bullying as an ACE, and strategies on how to address ACEs and prevent bullying.

<https://www.stopbullying.gov/sites/default/files/2017-10/bullying-as-an-ace-fact-sheet.pdf>

OFFICE OF HEALTH EQUITY: 2017 HEALTH EQUITY REPORT

This report from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) presents a comprehensive analysis of HRSA's efforts in reducing health disparities and promoting health equity for various populations at the national, state, and local levels. Trends are presented for program areas such as mental and behavioral health, chronic disease prevention and health promotion, health workforce, and rural-urban and geographic disparities. <https://www.hrsa.gov/about/organization/bureaus/ohe/index.html>

NEW FROM THE VA

SHARED DECISION-MAKING FOR PTSD

This newsletter from the National Center on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) provides a comprehensive guide to the emerging literature on engaging patients in shared decision-making regarding effective treatment options. <https://www.ptsd.va.gov/professional/newsletters/research-quarterly/V29N1.pdf>

PODCAST: SUICIDE BEHAVIOR AND CHRONIC PAIN

This U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Rocky Mountain Mental Illness Research Education Clinical Council for Suicide Prevention podcast discusses the work of Dr. Margaret Legarreta and her colleagues regarding suicide prevention and chronic pain. In her latest paper, Dr. Legarreta looks at how catastrophic thinking patterns can increase suicidal ideation and suicide attempts.

https://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn19/education/media/podcasts/3_14_2018.asp

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/>

WEBINAR: 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 U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's (HHS) healthfinder.gov website is available to help communities spread the word. <https://healthfinder.gov/NHO/AprilToolkit.aspx>

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: 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>

NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH TWITTER THUNDERCLAP

APRIL 2, 2018

In this Thunderclap, help OMH spread the word about the importance of partnerships to help achieve health equity for all. <https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/68957-partnering-for-health-equity>

PUBLIC MEETING: FDA CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH AND YOU: KEYS TO EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT

APRIL 3, 2018, SILVER SPRING, MD

The FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) is conducting this public workshop for patient advocacy groups. It builds upon previous efforts to help advocates understand how they can engage with the FDA to enhance drug development and safety. The workshop will include educational presentations about the drug approval process, an interactive panel featuring patient advocates who will offer guidance on engaging with CDER, as well as an opportunity for questions and answers following many of the presentations. Finally, presenters will explain CDER’s new procedure for requesting drug-related meetings.

<https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/NewsEvents/ucm592902.htm>

WEBINAR: THERAPEUTIC ALLIANCE AND ITS IMPACT ON ENGAGEMENT

APRIL 4, 2018, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

This SAMHSA Recovery to Practice Initiative webinar will present clinical frameworks for strengthening engagement and alliance in therapeutic relationships based on recovery-oriented principles and practices.

https://events-na2.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/916603251/en/events/event/shared/1155722234/event_landing.html?sco_id=1092823048&_charset_=utf-8

WEBINAR: COMMUNITY-BASED PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH IN INDIAN COUNTRY

APRIL 5, 2018, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

This OMH webinar will focus on community-based participatory research (CBPR) principles to address health disparities among AI/AN communities. A brief overview of CBPR for health promising practices will be provided, as will definitions and specific examples of practices associated with outcomes for improving health equity. Webinar participants will be able to define CBPR, community-engaged research, and promising practices in the context of the CBPR framework. The presenter will discuss the development of CBPR partnerships and will share practices and tools, connecting them to research implementation.

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

NIH SPECIAL EVENT FOR AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH: THE STORY BEHIND JULIA, SESAME STREET'S MUPPET WITH AUTISM

APRIL 9, 2018, 1:00-3:15 PM ET, BETHESDA, MD, AND VIDEOCAST

The NIMH Office of Autism Research Coordination (OARC) annual special event to recognize National Autism Awareness Month will feature a panel presentation of speakers from Sesame Workshop, the educational non-profit behind the television show Sesame Street, and a “Meet and Greet” with Julia, a muppet on the show who has autism. The panel will present information on how Julia was created, her role on the show, and her outreach and social impact. The panel presentation is appropriate for ages 10 and up. The meeting is free and open to the public, and will be available via videocast. <https://iacc.hhs.gov/meetings/autism-events/2018/april9/sesame-street.shtml>

WEBINAR: STATE LEGISLATIVE APPROACHES TO REDUCING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISPARITIES

APRIL 10, 2018, 3:00 PM ET

Behavioral health disparities affect populations such as racial and ethnic minorities who may face greater challenges in accessing care and receiving services that are culturally appropriate. This OMH webinar highlights state policy approaches to reducing those disparities. To understand how state legislators address behavioral health challenges and disparities in their states, the National Conference of State Legislatures, with OMH guidance and support, conducted an analysis of legislation introduced in 2017 related to behavioral health disparities. This webinar focuses on the results of the analysis. Presenters will describe behavioral health issues and challenges, key barriers to care, and factors contributing to behavioral health disparities; highlight state actions from the 2017 legislative sessions and identify common legislative approaches; and describe emerging strategies to improve access to behavioral health providers and services. <https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/nmhm18/#webinar>

TWITTER CHAT: MILITARY FAMILY RESOURCES TO IMPROVE PSYCHOLOGICAL READINESS

APRIL 11, 2018, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

The Real Warriors Campaign and Sesame Workshop are co-hosting a Twitter chat this April in observance of the Month of the Military Child. Use hashtag #MilFamsReachOut to join the conversation and learn about available psychological health support tools and resources for military families and caregivers.

WEBINAR: SUPPORT OUR HEROES: OVERVIEW AND CLINICAL INTERVENTIONS

APRIL 12, 2018 12:30-2:00 PM ET

This webinar will launch this a new series from the SAMHSA's Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance Center with an overview of the specialized needs of Veterans and individuals with military experience who are experiencing homelessness and behavioral health conditions. Content will include the characteristics of veterans and other individuals with military experience who experience or are at risk of homelessness, as well as the clinical interventions, support services, and collaborations that benefit them. Topics will include traumatic brain injury, PTSD, military sexual trauma, domestic violence, reintegration challenges, health concerns, substance use, and serious mental illness, as well as the strengths and assets that are common among individuals with military experience. https://events-na2.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/916603251/en/events/event/shared/1150965619/event_launching.html?sco_id=1150762068&_charset_=utf-8

NIMH WEBINAR: DEPRESSION AND TMS

APRIL 12, 2018, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

Join NIMH staff scientist Dr. Bruce Luber for a webinar on depression and transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS). Dr. Luber will discuss depression as a brain disorder, and participants will learn about the old and new approaches to understanding depression, including diagnosis using symptoms versus abnormal brain networks. In addition, the webinar will cover neurostimulation tools, from electroconvulsive therapy to TMS; modulating brain dysfunction and enhancing neuroplasticity in depression through TMS; pairing psychotherapy with neurostimulation; and the latest research at NIMH on TMS and depression.

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/events/announcements/live-webinar-depression-and-tms.shtml>

PUBLIC MEETING: PATIENT-FOCUSED DRUG DEVELOPMENT ON OUD

APRIL 17, 2018, SILVER SPRING, MD

The FDA, in collaboration with NIDA, is hosting a public meeting on patient-focused drug development for opioid use disorder (OUD). The FDA is also working closely with patient advocacy and community organizations to encourage participation from persons with OUD. This meeting aligns with FDA's ongoing work aimed at reducing the impact of opioid abuse and addiction. The FDA is interested in learning patients' perspectives on OUD, including the effects on their health and well-being that have the greatest impact on daily life, their experience using prescription medical treatments and other treatments or therapies for OUD, and challenges or barriers to accessing or using medical treatments for OUD. Participants can attend in person or via webcast. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/public-meeting-for-patient-focused-drug-development-on-opioid-use-disorder-oud-registration-42531194949>

WEBINAR: ASSESSING AND MANAGING VIOLENCE RISK IN VETERANS WITH PTSD

APRIL 18, 2018, 2:00 PM ET

This lecture in the National Center for 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>

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>

UNIVERSITY TECHNICAL GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

APRIL 26-27, 2018, BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY – BEMIDJI, MN

The HHS OMH Resource Center offers a series of University Vision, Design and Capacity technical grant writing workshops to provide university and health professionals with strategies to make grant proposals more competitive. These hands-on, two-day workshops are for junior faculty, staff, and college/university health professionals who are interested in CBPR; committed to working with underserved populations; and want to build their institution's capacity to compete and receive competitive grant awards.

<https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/browse.aspx?lvl=3&lvid=100>

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. Stay tuned for further details.

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>

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>

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 key questions and the following reports:

INTERVENTIONS FOR THE TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS IN ADOLESCENTS
(COMMENTS ACCEPTED THROUGH APRIL 4, 2018)

<https://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/node/31714>

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>

CLINICAL TRIAL PARTICIPATION NEWS

JOIN THE CONVERSATION ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) at NIH is seeking ideas from the wider community — advocates, clinicians, people with dementia, family members, caregivers, researchers, and site coordinators — about how to overcome barriers and optimize participation in Alzheimer's research. Clinical trials and studies are critical to finding a treatment or cure for Alzheimer's disease. Yet efforts in many cases to engage participants in Alzheimer's research have not been able to keep pace with the need. NIA is seeking ideas on how to optimize recruitment by building trusting relationships in local communities, raising national awareness about participation in studies, enhancing the capacity of study sites, tracking progress, and cultivating a science of recruitment. <https://nia-research.ideoscale.com/>

NIMH NATIONWIDE RECRUITMENT

CONCERNED THAT YOUR TEENAGER HAS DEPRESSION? NIH RESEARCH

JOIN A RESEARCH STUDY SEEKING TO FIND CAUSES AND TREATMENTS OF DEPRESSION IN TEENAGERS.

The study is recruiting participants ages 11-17 who are depressed and have a pediatrician or medical provider. The study begins with an outpatient evaluation (clinical assessment, interviews, and questionnaires). Outpatient study visits include a clinical assessment, research tasks, and brain imaging, up to age 25. Eligible participants may receive treatment of evidence-based cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT), and if indicated, standard medicines. Enrollment is from across the U.S. Transportation expenses to NIH in Bethesda, MD are reimbursed. There is no cost to participate, compensation is provided.

www.nimh.nih.gov/TeenDepressionStudy

Call 1-301-827-1350 [TTY: 1-866-411-1010] or Email depressedkids@mail.nih.gov

Department of Health & Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Mental Health, Protocol Number: 18-M-0037

Facebook:

Concerned about your teen's depression?

Symptoms include depressed mood, loss of pleasure, lack of interest, problems with sleeping, eating, and concentration. Study seeks to find causes and treatments. Parental permission required. Contact us depressedkids@mail.nih.gov or call 1-301-827-1350. www.nimh.nih.gov/TeenDepressionStudy

Twitter:

Concerned about your teens depression? Research study enrolling ages 11-17 for evaluations and treatment. www.nimh.nih.gov/TeenDepressionStudy

FUNDING INFORMATION

SAMHSA-HRSA INNOVATION COMMUNITIES: A RAPID-CYCLE IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITY TO TRANSFORM YOUR INTEGRATED HEALTH PRACTICES

https://www.integration.samhsa.gov/about-us/innovation_communities_2018

SECOND CHANCE ACT COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY-BASED ADULT REENTRY PROGRAM

<https://www.bja.gov/Funding/CommunityReentry18.pdf>

INVESTIGATOR-INITIATED RESEARCH AND EVALUATION ON FIREARMS VIOLENCE

<https://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2018-13960.pdf>

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION OF TECHNOLOGIES TO IMPROVE SCHOOL SAFETY

<https://www.nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2018-14054.pdf>

IMPROVING PATIENT ADHERENCE TO TREATMENT AND PREVENTION REGIMENS TO PROMOTE HEALTH (CLINICAL TRIAL OPTIONAL)

[https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-723.html \(R21\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-723.html)

[https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-722.html \(R01\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-722.html)

PROMOTING RESOURCES FOR FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=301799>

NOVEL TOOLS FOR INVESTIGATING BRAIN-DERIVED GPCRS IN MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH (R43/R44 CLINICAL TRIAL NOT ALLOWED)

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-708.html>

NOVEL TOOLS FOR INVESTIGATING BRAIN-DERIVED GPCRS IN MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH (R41/R42 CLINICAL TRIAL NOT ALLOWED)

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-709.html>

RESEARCH GRANTS FOR THE PRIMARY OR SECONDARY PREVENTION OF OPIOID OVERDOSE

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=299896>



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