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## WORLDWIDE STUDY SEEKS TO UNLOCK THE BRAIN'S GENETIC CODE; DATA SCIENTISTS DISCOVER SEVEN GENETIC VARIANTS LINKED TO INTRACRANIAL VOLUME, PARKINSON'S DISEASE RISK, AND COGNITIVE ABILITY

Scientists collaborating across 250 institutions in 35 countries have identified variations of the genetic code that are associated with intracranial volume, which is a reflection of the maximum brain volume an individual achieves over a lifetime. These variations were also found to be associated with a person's individual risk for Parkinson's disease and to cognitive ability. The findings, supported in part by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), provide new avenues of research that may lead to an enhanced understanding of how differences in our genetic code can predispose individuals to brain disorders.

Science Update: <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2016/worldwide-study-seeks-to-unlock-the-brains-genetic-code.shtml>

## MOLECULAR TOOL PARSES SOCIAL FEAR CIRCUIT INTERTWINED WITH AGGRESSION HUB

In its debut performance, a powerful new genetic engineering tool has revealed secrets of functionally distinct brain circuits for social fear and aggression in mice. This, even though these sets of neurons seem hopelessly intertwined. The tool, called CANE (Capturing Activated Neuronal Ensembles), helps trace distinct pathways embedded within the brain's spaghetti-like wiring. National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) grantee Fan Wang, Ph.D. of Duke University, and colleagues, reported on their discovery November 23, 2016 in the journal *Neuron*.

Science Update: <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2016/molecular-tool-parses-social-fear-circuit-intertwined-with-aggression-hub.shtml>

## SURGEON GENERAL ISSUES LANDMARK REPORT ON ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND HEALTH

A new Surgeon General's report finds alcohol and drug misuse and severe substance use disorders, commonly called addiction, to be one of America's most pressing public health concerns. Nearly 21 million Americans – more than the number of people who have all cancers combined – suffer from substance use disorders. The report, *Facing Addiction in America: The Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs, and Health*, marks the first time a United States (U.S.) Surgeon General has dedicated a report to substance misuse and related disorders. The report addresses alcohol, illicit drugs, and prescription drug misuse, with chapters dedicated to neurobiology, prevention, treatment, recovery, health systems integration, and recommendations for the future. It provides an in-depth look at the science of substance use disorders and addiction, calls for a cultural shift in the way Americans talk about the issue, and recommends actions we can take to prevent and treat these conditions, and promote recovery.

Press Release: <http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/11/17/surgeon-general-issues-landmark-report-alcohol-drugs-and-health.html>

## **SAMHSA PROVIDED UP TO \$46.6 MILLION FOR TREATMENT DRUG COURTS**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) provided up to \$46.6 million over three years for treatment drug court programs for people involved in the criminal justice system who have substance use disorders and those who have co-occurring mental disorders. Treatment drug courts combine the sanctioning power of courts with effective treatment services to reduce further criminal justice involvement and promote recovery for people with substance use disorders and with co-occurring mental disorders. By reducing the health and social costs of substance use disorders for individuals, treatment courts improve public safety in communities.

**Press Release:** <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/201611161130>

## **HHS TAKES ADDITIONAL STEPS TO EXPAND ACCESS TO OPIOID TREATMENT; ALLOWS MORE PROVIDERS TO PRESCRIBE TREATMENT**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is taking additional steps to address the U.S. opioid epidemic by further expanding access to medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorders. Administered by SAMHSA, the announcement enables nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician assistants (PAs) to immediately begin taking the 24 hours of required training to prescribe the opioid use disorder treatment, buprenorphine. NPs and PAs who complete the required training and seek to prescribe buprenorphine for up to 30 patients will be able to apply to do so beginning in early 2017. Previously, only physicians could prescribe buprenorphine. Once NPs and PAs receive their waiver they can begin prescribing buprenorphine immediately.

**Press Release:** <http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/11/16/additional-steps-expand-opioid-treatment.html>

## RESOURCES: PUBLICATIONS, TOOLKITS, OTHER RESOURCES

### NEW FROM NIH

#### BLOG POST: MENTAL HEALTH RISK FACTORS AND INTERVENTIONS FOR AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PEOPLE

Over the past 20 years, as research on alcohol, drug, and mental disorders has advanced, scientific inquiry among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) people has shifted from a primary focus on describing the prevalence of such problems to explorations of ways to address well-documented health disparities. This National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities blog post describes how these advances represent the continued marriage of good science with local benefit, consistent with the expectations of NIH and tribal communities. <http://nimhd.blogs.govdelivery.com/2016/11/21/mental-health-risk-factors-and-interventions-for-american-indian-and-alaska-native-people/>

#### NCCIH: ANXIETY AND COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH APPROACHES: CLINICAL DIGEST

This National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health digest provides a summary of current evidence on several complementary health approaches for anxiety, including mind and body practices and natural products. <https://nccih.nih.gov/health/providers/digest/anxiety>

#### BLOG POST: HOW HEALTH COMMUNICATORS AND JOURNALISTS CAN HELP REPLACE STIGMA WITH SCIENCE

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Director Nora Volkow, M.D. blogs about how one can use science to counter the stigma of drug addiction. There are still people who believe addiction is a moral failing that could be solved if the person had more willpower. In fact, the science is clear: Addiction is a chronic, relapsing neurobiological disorder caused by changes in the brain that make controlling drug use extremely difficult, even when an individual knows it has terrible consequences for his or her life and health and wants to stop. Journalists can help reduce the stigma toward addiction by providing information that helps the reader understand the person suffering from addiction rather than writing stories that generate anger and disgust. Increasing the public understanding of the underlying pathology and cultural reinforcers of addiction is a critical first step for improving the way our society addresses addiction. Journalists can dig deeper and ask how everyone can facilitate a more compassionate public health-based approach to those suffering from addiction. <https://www.nih.gov/institutes-nih/nih-office-director/office-communications-public-liaison/clear-communication/science-health-public-trust/how-health-communicators-journalists-can-help-replace-stigma-science>

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#### NIDA: NONMEDICAL TREATMENT FOR COCAINE ADDICTION SHOWS PROMISE IN PILOT TRIAL

In this pilot study, patients who received transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) were more likely to abstain from cocaine than patients who received medications for symptoms associated with abstinence. NIDA researchers concluded that TMS appears to be safe and its efficacy as a treatment for cocaine addiction deserves to be evaluated in a larger clinical trial. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/nida-notes/2016/11/nonmedical-treatment-cocaine-addiction-shows-promise-in-pilot-trial-0>

### NEW FROM SAMHSA

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#### ARCHIVED WEBINAR: ADVANCING COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SUICIDE PREVENTION: AN OVERVIEW

This event was the first in the webinar series, *Advancing Community Suicide Prevention*, which aims to disseminate comprehensive models of community suicide prevention based on the best existing evidence and drawing on experiences from across the globe. SAMHSA, the Public Health Agency of Canada, and the Mental Health Commission of Canada highlighted the work of the International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership and the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention, and introduced the webinar series. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YyyzTWt3d8U>

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#### ARCHIVED WEBISODE: DIVERTING TO TREATMENT: COMMUNITY POLICING AND MENTAL ILLNESS

This webisode explored the changing role of law enforcement in addressing youth and young adults with a mental illness. The program discussed evidence-based strategies to combine efforts of police officers, mental health educators, and community advocates to resolve potentially violent situations in more positive ways. Additionally, the webisode featured presentations from states that have implemented diversion programs, a law enforcement officer and crisis intervention team trainer, and a firsthand youth perspective. <http://fda.yorkcast.com/webcast/Play/e0ae27f18946477bbd02744e6dc7b0c11d>

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#### VIOLENT PLACES, DANGEROUS TIMES: DOES COMMUNITY VIOLENCE CONTROL YOUR LIFE?

This checklist allows youth to assess the violence in their lives and communities.

[http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/community\\_violenceList\\_final.pdf](http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/community_violenceList_final.pdf)

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#### COMMUNITY VIOLENCE: REACTIONS AND ACTIONS IN DANGEROUS TIMES

This fact sheet offers youth information they need to protect themselves, including safety tips for avoiding violence, links and phone numbers to hotlines and on-call help, ways to cope with feelings and behaviors that come with threats and violence, and statements from youth about how violence has affected them.

[http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/community\\_violence\\_reactions\\_actions.pdf](http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/community_violence_reactions_actions.pdf)

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#### STATE-LEVEL LOGIC MODEL DRIVES WISCONSIN PREVENTION EFFORTS

Learn how Wisconsin is using its state-level logic model to guide and strengthen the state's substance use prevention systems. <http://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-resources/state-level-logic-model-drives-wisconsin-prevention-efforts>

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#### EXAMPLES OF LOCAL-LEVEL LOGIC MODELS FOR ADDRESSING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISPARITIES

This resource offers three examples of logic models prevention practitioners can use to think through their process for addressing behavioral health disparities at the community level.

<http://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-resources/examples-local-level-logic-models-addressing-behavioral-health-disparities>

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#### PENNSYLVANIA STATEWIDE OPIOID MISUSE PREVENTION MEDIA CAMPAIGN

Learn how the Commonwealth Prevention Alliance forged a collaboration among prevention, addiction, and media experts to raise public awareness about prescription drug misuse and heroin.

<https://captcollaboration.edc.org/story/pennsylvania-creates-statewide-opioid-misuse-prevention-media-campaign>

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#### CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

SAMHSA's Center of Excellence (CoE) for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (IECMHC) announced an opportunity for states and tribes that are motivated and committed to advancing their IECMHC systems, including planning, implementation, evaluation and sustainability efforts. States and tribes that are interested in developing new or embarking on existing strategic goals, strengthening partnerships and beginning or furthering service delivery around infant and childhood mental health consultation are invited to respond online for intensive one-on-one technical assistance provided through the CoE. States and tribes that are at all levels of implementation are invited to apply, from those that do not yet have an IECMHC system but are committed to building one, to those that have an existing system and are committed to expanding and improving it. Invitations are open through December 30, 2016. There will be an informational webinar offered on December 7 from 3:00-4:15 PM ET. For more information, please email the CoE at IECMHC@edc.org.

For States: <https://go.edc.org/IECMHCTAInvitation>

For Tribal Nations: <https://go.edc.org/IECMHCTribalTAInvitation>

## NEW FROM CDC

### CDC RELEASES SEXUAL VIOLENCE ON CAMPUS: STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTION

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released this resource to help states, colleges, and universities prioritize efforts to prevent sexual violence on campus. The resource highlights five components to consider when working to prevent sexual violence in college and university settings: comprehensive prevention, audience, infrastructure, partnerships and sustainability, and evaluation. The integration of all five components offers an opportunity to implement prevention efforts to have greater impact on the reduction and prevention of sexual violence on campus.

<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/campusvprevention.pdf>

### CLEAR COMMUNICATION INDEX WIDGET

The *Clear Communication Index* is designed to help health communicators communicate clearly with their intended audience. It has four introductory questions and 20 scored items drawn from scientific literature in communication and related disciplines. The Index can be used to inform the design and development of a new communication product; assess the clarity of a communication product before or after public release; and foster discussion and collaboration between writers and reviewers before or during the clearance process as you work to attain scientific accuracy and clarity of content. The index can also be incorporated on your website as a widget. <http://www.cdc.gov/ccindex/index.html>

## NEW FROM ACF

### UNDERSTANDING CHILD WELFARE AND THE COURTS

Families involved with the child welfare system must often engage with the judicial system. This Administration for Children and Families factsheet is designed to demystify the legal process and inform families of their rights and responsibilities. It includes frequently asked questions about the different stages of court proceedings, how parents and family members can prepare for court hearings, and who and what to expect in the courtroom and throughout the process.

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/factsheets/cwandcourts/>

### DEFINITIONS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

This fact sheet presents state criminal laws that define human trafficking, including involuntary servitude, forced labor and services, and sex trafficking of minors. Federal definitions of human trafficking and the inclusion of trafficking in civil child abuse definitions also are discussed. Summaries of laws for all states and U.S. territories are included.

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/laws-policies/statutes/definitions-trafficking/>

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## SUPPORTING YOUNG CHILDREN AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Today there is an increased awareness that homelessness affects families and families with young children, and an increased understanding of the impact that homelessness has on families and especially on young children. There is also a deeper understanding of the important role various systems can play to prevent and help end homelessness among young children and their families. This blog post describes the special provisions in the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 and the Child Care Development Block Grant Act of 2014 for serving children and families experiencing homelessness.

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/blog/2016/11/supporting-young-children-and-families-experiencing-homelessness>

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## NEW FROM HHS

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### HHS BLOG POST: LINKING HEALTH CARE TO HOUSING THROUGH HRSA SAFETY NET PROGRAMS

When people have stable living conditions, it positively impacts their health. Programs across the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) recognize this connection and have linked health care services and housing, whether directly through grant awards or through partnerships across the Federal Government. This HHS blog post describes these linkages. <http://www.hhs.gov/blog/2016/11/14/linking-health-care-to-housing-through-hrsa-safety-net-programs.html>

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### INJURY DATA FACT SHEETS

HRSA's Children's Safety Network has released state-by-state injury data fact sheets for 2016 that contain analyses of childhood injury fatalities and hospitalizations. Each sheet includes a description of the intent, mechanisms, incidence, and rates of hospital-admitted injury; a summary of the top five leading causes of injury fatalities and hospitalizations; and information on the factors associated with youth suicidality, motor vehicle traffic crashes, falls, and drug overdoses.

<https://www.childrenssafetynetwork.org/blog/injury-data-fact-sheets>

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### PROJECTING SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS

This HHS blog post describes a new analysis of the nation's behavioral health workforce by HRSA and SAMHSA. The report, *National Projections of Supply and Demand for Selected Behavioral Health Practitioners: 2013-2025*, provides estimates for the supply and demand of nine separate behavioral health practitioner disciplines. Under the most conservative projections, by 2025, shortages are projected in a number of key behavioral health professions. Specifically, mental health and substance abuse social workers and school counselors are projected to have the largest shortages of more than 10,000 full-time equivalents nationwide in 2025. The projection for mental health and substance abuse social workers reflects a 16 percent shortage to meet demand in 2025 and a six percent shortage in school counselors to meet demand in 2025. <http://www.hhs.gov/blog/2016/11/17/projecting-supply-and-demand-behavioral-health-practitioners.html>

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## COMPENDIUM OF PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DATASETS AND OTHER DATA-RELATED RESOURCES

The HHS Office of Minority Health released a new resource to aid researchers, public health practitioners, and policymakers with data on health and health care disparities and social determinants of health. The *Compendium of Publicly Available Datasets and Other Data-Related Resources* is a free resource that compiles in one place descriptions of and links to 132 public datasets and resources that include information about health conditions and other factors that impact the health of minority populations.

<http://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/npa/templates/browse.aspx?lvl=1&lvlid=46>

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## A CHANCE FOR LGBTQI-GNC AND TWO-SPIRIT YOUTH

All children deserve a chance to be safe, to be educated, and to be themselves. Too often, this chance is denied to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning/queer, intersex, gender nonconforming (LGBTQI-GNC) and Two-Spirit youth. Many of these youth are rejected by their families and bullied by their peers. The lack of familial and peer support can lead LGBTQI-GNC youth into the juvenile justice system, where they may also face abuse or harassment. This StopBullying.gov blog post describes the challenges these youth face, and efforts by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to help them succeed. <https://www.stopbullying.gov/blog/2016/11/21/chance-lgbtqi-gnc-and-two-spirit-youth>

## REAL WARRIORS: NEW SPANISH LANGUAGE INFOGRAPHIC

The Real Warriors Campaign now provides a Spanish language version of “5 Tips to Stay Mission Ready” titled, “Cinco Consejos Para Estar Listo Para La Misión.” Access and download the infographic on the Real Warriors Campaign website: <http://www.realwarriors.net/materials>

Order as a small poster: <http://www.realwarriors.net/content/stay-mission-readycinco-consejos-infographic-spanish-small>

Order as a large poster <http://www.realwarriors.net/content/stay-mission-readycinco-consejos-infographic-spanish-large>

## DCOE BLOG POST: ALCOHOL USE, PTSD AMONG COMBAT SERVICEWOMEN

This Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE) blog post summarizes a recent webinar in which scientists discussed the need for more research and other post-deployment concerns that affect female service members. Because almost half of female service members eligible for care through the Defense Health Agency do not use it, gathering data on their post-combat experiences is difficult. Also, most of the post-deployment studies on post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and substance use disorder occurred before women openly served in combat. This means most deployment-related studies do not accurately reflect the experiences of women. [http://www.dcoe.mil/blog/16-11-23/Alcohol\\_Use\\_PTSD\\_among\\_Combat\\_Servicewomen.aspx](http://www.dcoe.mil/blog/16-11-23/Alcohol_Use_PTSD_among_Combat_Servicewomen.aspx)

## EVENTS

### TEXT, TALK, ACT FOR FAMILIES

DECEMBER 1-31, 2016

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In partnership with SAMHSA's Voice Awards, families can come together in a Text, Talk, Act conversation about how to strengthen their family's emotional well-being through hope and help. Here's how it works: family members gather together with a cell phone. They text FAMILY to 89800 and then receive a series of text messages that guides their family through a conversation on how they can support each other and strengthen their emotional well-being. <http://creatingcommunitysolutions.org/texttalkact>

### WEBINAR: NATIONAL CENTER FOR VETERANS STUDIES PRESENTS INTERVENTIONS FOR SUICIDAL MILITARY POPULATIONS

DECEMBER 2, 2016, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

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Suicide is one of the most challenging mental health issues faced by today's service members and Veterans. In 2012 and 2013, suicide became one of the leading causes of death in the Military, exceeding deaths due to war, homicide, heart disease, and even cancer. To respond to this alarming increase in suicides, the Department of Defense invested significant resources into studies focused on military suicide. This Army OneSource webinar will explore effective therapies for suicidal behavior and the latest findings from military suicide research. Participants will explore: essential elements of effective therapies for suicidal behavior, the fluid vulnerability theory of suicide, the primary motives that underlie suicidal behavior, and three phases of brief cognitive behavioral therapy for suicide risk.

<http://www.aosresourcecenter.com/learn/training-library/behavioral-health/event/716-national-center-for-veterans-studies-presents-interventions-for-suicidal-military-populations>

### TRIBAL YOUTH CONFERENCE: WALKING WITH YOUTH: TRAUMA-INFORMED, CULTURALLY-BASED JUSTICE AND HEALING

DECEMBER 5-7, 2016, PALM SPRINGS, CA

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The OJJDP Tribal Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center is holding a tribal youth conference to bring together programs for tribal youth, and share successes and challenges in creating, expanding, and sustaining innovative, developmentally appropriate, and culturally relevant approaches for supporting tribal youth. Program leaders will learn from their peers in the fields of youth development, juvenile justice, trauma-informed care, and culturally-based teachings and practices. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ojjdp-tribal-youth-conference-registration-registration-27290683168>

## WEBINAR: A SECOND LOOK: PSYCHIATRIC ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2016, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

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This SAMHSA Recovery to Practice webinar will explore the role of practitioners and clinicians in developing and responding to psychiatric advance directives (PADs). Topics will include best practices for developing and disseminating PADs, roles and approaches for direct service providers for responding to PADs, and understanding the limitations of PADs. The presenters bring different perspectives: one as a disability rights attorney, and the other as an educator/trainer who uses a PAD to support her personal recovery, and regularly trains and supports staff in the importance and use of PADs.

[https://events-na2.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/916603251/en/events/event/shared/1001290720/event\\_landing.html?scid=1001290593&\\_charset\\_=utf-8](https://events-na2.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/916603251/en/events/event/shared/1001290720/event_landing.html?scid=1001290593&_charset_=utf-8)

## WEBINAR: HOW TO BE MORE OUTCOMES-BASED IN YOUR WRAPAROUND PRACTICE

DECEMBER 6, 2016, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

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Being outcomes-based may be one of the most important principles of Wraparound, but consistently and routinely measuring progress toward meeting needs can be challenging for many teams. This SAMHSA National Wraparound Initiative webinar will explain the power of progress monitoring and provide concrete, family-friendly approaches, and tools for getting and using data to help stay on track.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7586454688015595780>

## WEBINAR: ACA 101 FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

DECEMBER 6, 2016, 2:00 PM ET

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This presentation will discuss what the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is and the Health Insurance Marketplace, how to enroll in health insurance, key websites, and resources on the law. The open enrollment period has started with coverage available as soon as January 1, 2017 for those who enroll by December 15, 2016.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5289372587295283201>

## NIMH RDOC OFFICE HOURS

DECEMBER 9, 2016, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

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The NIMH Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) Unit holds monthly virtual “office hours” via video conference on the second Friday of every month. Topics that may be addressed during the office hours include the basic principles of the initiative, general queries about designing and applying for grants based on RDoC ideas, and the role of RDoC within NIMH and its relationship to other initiatives. <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-priorities/rdoc/rdoc-educational-and-training-resources.shtml>

## BRAIN INITIATIVE INVESTIGATORS MEETING

DECEMBER 12-14, 2016, BETHESDA, MD

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Hundreds of the BRAIN researchers will gather to present the latest results from the more than 225 grants that have been awarded to top researchers in neuroscience, biomedicine, and engineering across the country. They will also discuss the best ways to keep the momentum of the BRAIN initiative going. The plenary sessions of the meeting will be webcast.

<https://palladianpartners.cvent.com/braininvestigatorsmeeting>

## WEBINAR: CULTURAL COMPETENCIES FOR AN AGING LGBTQ POPULATION

DECEMBER 13, 2016, 1:00 PM ET

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This HRSA webinar will discuss the health and social care needs of older adults in the LGBTQ community. Presenters will highlight the special obstacles faced by this population, opportunities to improve cultural competency, and best practices to integrate LGBTQ-friendly care into an organization. The target audience includes HRSA grantees, health care providers, public health officials, community based organizations, and advocates wanting to improve competency in regards to serving the needs of aging LGBTQ patients in their practices. [https://hrsaseminar.adobeconnect.com/aging\\_lgbtq\\_population/event/registration.html](https://hrsaseminar.adobeconnect.com/aging_lgbtq_population/event/registration.html)

## WEBINAR: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE ACA

DECEMBER 14, 2016, 2:00 PM ET

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If you have questions about the ACA and the Health Insurance Marketplace, this is the webinar for you. This webinar will provide a brief presentation on how to sign up for health insurance and pick a plan, and will answer questions. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7344996436846255108>

## 9TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON THE SCIENCE OF DISSEMINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION IN HEALTH

DECEMBER 14-15, 2016, WASHINGTON, DC

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Join those on the front lines of dissemination and implementation science by registering for the 9th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation, co-sponsored by NIH and AcademyHealth, along with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and Veterans Administration. This meeting will focus thinking on the highest priorities for dissemination and implementation science now and in the future to help optimize health and health care. <https://obssr.od.nih.gov/event/9th-annual-conference-on-the-science-of-dissemination-and-implementation-mapping-the-complexity-and-dynamism-of-the-field/>

## WEBCAST: ADDRESSING THE UNIQUE CHALLENGES OF OPIOID USE DISORDERS AMONG WOMEN

JANUARY 17, 2017, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

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Save the date for CDC's Public Health Grand Rounds addressing the unique challenges of opioid use disorders among women. A live external webcast will be available through the Public Health Grand Rounds website. For individuals who are unable to view the session during the scheduled time, a video of the session will be posted to the archives two-three days after the presentation.

<http://www.cdc.gov/cdcgrandrounds/index.htm>

## WEBINAR: UNDERSTANDING DEPRESSION IN TEENAGERS

JANUARY 19, 2017, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

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Join Dr. Argyris Stringaris, Chief of the NIMH Mood Brain and Development Unit for a webinar on depression in teenagers. Depression is one of the leading causes of the global burden of disease, more so than major physical illnesses such as cancer or cardiovascular disease. Moreover, depression has its origins early in life, but its treatment is still inadequate. Close to a third of young people with depression do not respond to treatment and many of those who do respond, eventually relapse. The following questions and topics will be addressed: how common and impairing is depression; what are the most sensitive phases of development for young people; why do some children become depressed while others are resilient in the face of stress; is there a role for psychological treatments; and how good are the current treatments for youth depression and what are we still lacking? <https://depressioninteenagers.eventbrite.com>

## NATIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL FACTS WEEK

JANUARY 23-29, 2017

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National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week links students with scientists and other experts to counteract the myths about drugs and alcohol that teens get from the internet, social media, TV, movies, music, or from friends. It was launched in 2010 by NIDA scientists to stimulate educational events in communities so teens can learn what science has taught us about drug use and addiction. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism became a partner starting in 2016, and alcohol has been added as a topic area for the week. <https://teens.drugabuse.gov/national-drug-alcohol-facts-week/learn-about-national-drug-alcohol-facts-week>

## SAMHSA'S 13TH ANNUAL PREVENTION DAY

FEBRUARY 6, 2017, NATIONAL HARBOR, MD

This event will feature presentations, training sessions, technical assistance, and resources to support prevention practitioners, community leaders, researchers, and consumers in successfully addressing emerging prevention issues. <http://www.samhsa.gov/capt/news-announcements/conferences-trainings/samhsa%20%99s-13th-annual-prevention-day>

### CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

#### REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE NATIONAL USE-OF-FORCE DATA COLLECTION PROGRAM

To provide a better understanding of the incidents of use of force by law enforcement, the Uniform Crime Reporting Program is proposing a new data collection for law enforcement agencies to provide information on incidents where use of force by a law enforcement officer has led to the death or serious bodily injury of a person as well as when a law enforcement officer discharges a firearm at or in the direction of a person. The Federal Bureau of Investigation seeks comments from all interested parties, including local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement, civil rights organizations, and other community stakeholders. Comments accepted through December 5, 2016. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/10/05/2016-24173/agency-information-collection-activities-proposed-ecollection-ecomments-requested-a-newly-approved>

#### THE ALL OF US RESEARCH PROGRAM SEEKS FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY

The *All of Us* Research Program will create a community of one million or more people from across the U.S. to improve the future of health. Those who join the program will contribute their health, environment, and lifestyle information over an extended period of time. By gathering information from such a large group of people, researchers will be able to learn how specific factors impact an individual's health, and disease prevention and treatment. This approach to tailoring health care for each unique individual is called, "precision medicine." The research program developers want to hear from everyone about their thoughts and ideas for how to make *All of Us* a success. Ideas on topics such as participant engagement and communications, health information data security, and the type of data to be collected are welcome from researchers, health care providers, patients, or anyone who wants to contribute to greater knowledge. <https://app.hatchbuck.com/OnlineForm/62861057585>

## NIH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: STRATEGIES FOR NIH DATA MANAGEMENT, SHARING, AND CITATION

This Request for Information (RFI) seeks public comments on data management, sharing, and citation strategies in order to consider: (1) what, when, and how digital scientific data generated from NIH-funded research should be managed, and to the fullest extent possible, made publicly available; and (2) setting standards for citing shared data and software. Responses accepted through December 29, 2016.

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-17-015.html>

### CLINICAL TRIAL PARTICIPATION NEWS

#### NIH RESEARCH STUDY: DEPRESSION IN TEENAGERS

Study seeks to understand the causes of depression in teenagers. As part of a larger study looking at mood dysregulation, this part of the study is currently recruiting, medically healthy teenager ages 12 to 17, who meet the criteria for major depressive disorder, and are in treatment with a physician. Study participation begins with an initial 1-day evaluation. Research visits may include annual outpatient visits up to age 25, and/or a 4- to 15-week inpatient treatment. Call 1-301-496-8381 [TTY: 1-866-411-1010], Email [depressedkids@mail.nih.gov](mailto:depressedkids@mail.nih.gov), <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/labs-at-nimh/join-a-study/trials/childrens-studies/understanding-depression-in-teenagers.shtml>

Department of Health & Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Mental Health

#### FACEBOOK:

NIH Research Study: Understanding the causes of depression in teenagers. Currently recruiting ages 12-17. Initial 1-day evaluation for outpatient visits annually and/or 4- to 15-week inpatient treatment. Call 1-301-496-8381 [TTY: 1-866-411-1010] or Email [depressedkids@mail.nih.gov](mailto:depressedkids@mail.nih.gov). Department of Health & Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Mental Health.

<http://go.usa.gov/x8Xmk>

#### TWITTER:

NIH Research study: Currently recruiting teenagers with depression for outpatient visits & treatment studies to understand the causes of depression. <http://go.usa.gov/x8Xmk>

## FUNDING INFORMATION

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR EXPANSION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-17-001>

PLANNING AND DEVELOPING INFRASTRUCTURE TO IMPROVE THE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVES COMMUNITIES

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-17-002>

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR ADOLESCENT AND TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH TREATMENT IMPLEMENTATION

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-17-002>

PRAGMATIC TRIALS FOR DEMENTIA CARE IN LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORT SETTINGS

[http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-17-064.html \(R01\)](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-17-064.html (R01))

[http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-17-065.html \(R21/R33\)](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-17-065.html (R21/R33))

LEVERAGING EXISTING COHORT STUDIES TO CLARIFY RISK AND PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR ALZHEIMERS DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-17-054.html>

EDUCATING STATE-LEVEL STAKEHOLDERS ON INJURY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION (FORECAST)

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=290121>

HOME VISITING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PLATFORM

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=290030>



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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>.

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