

National Institute of Mental Health Outreach Partnership Program

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Science and Service News Updates

NIMH: Black Teens, Especially Girls, at High Risk for Suicide Attempts

Black American teens, especially females, may be at high risk for attempting suicide even if they have never been diagnosed with a mental disorder, according to researchers funded in part by NIMH. Their findings, based on responses from adolescent participants in the National Survey of American Life, provide the first national estimates of suicidal thoughts and behaviors (ideation) and suicide attempts in 13- to 17-year-old black youth in the United States. The study was published in the March 2009 issue of the *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*.
Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/black-teens-especially-girls-at-high-risk-for-suicide-attempts.shtml>

NIMH: Child Abuse Survivors Have Higher Risk for STDs in Adulthood Than Non-abused Adults

A history of child abuse or neglect can increase the risk for STDs in adulthood, according to a study partly funded by NIMH. The researchers reported their findings in the April 2009 supplemental issue of the *American Journal of Public Health*.
Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/child-abuse-survivors-have-higher-risk-for-stds-in-adulthood-than-non-abused-adults.shtml>

NIMH: Gene On/Off Instructions Inherited Via Shadowy Mechanism—Studies in Twins, Mice Turn Up Clues

The first large-scale study of its kind in twins has turned up evidence that we inherit instructions for the turning on and off of genes via mechanisms beyond the traditional sequence differences in the genetic code. Moreover, the results suggest that early random errors in replicating these instructions may trump environmental influences in shaping us. NIMH supported-researchers report on their findings in identical and fraternal twins in the February, 2009 issue of *Nature Genetics*.
Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/gene-on-off-instructions-inherited-via-shadowy-mechanism.shtml>

Resources: Publications, Toolkits, Other Resources

New on the NIMH Website

Bipolar Disorder in Children and Teens: A Parent's Guide

This booklet is a guide for parents who think their child may have symptoms of bipolar disorder, or parents whose child has been diagnosed.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/bipolar-disorder-in-children-and-teens-a-parents-guide/index.shtml>

NIH Research Matters: Toddlers With Autism Preoccupied by Audiovisual Synchrony

Those with autism spectrum disorders often have an unusual pattern of eye contact during social interactions, particularly a tendency to look toward people's mouths rather than their eyes. A new finding may explain why.

http://www.nih.gov/news/research_matters/april2009/04062009autism.htm

NIH Record: Putting Pieces Back Together—Brain Injury Expert Discusses War Casualties

A Bethesda Naval Medical Center expert on traumatic brain injury (TBI) and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), recently spoke on “Trauma and Resilience: Mind, Body, and Spirit,” at the National Library of Medicine (NLM). TBI occurs when sudden trauma causes damage to the brain. It is rapidly becoming one of the most frequent injuries in the United States—1.4 million people are diagnosed each year. TBI is also one of the major injuries resulting from the two current wars. A summary of the article along with NLM resources are available.

http://nihrecord.od.nih.gov/newsletters/2009/04_03_2009/story5.htm

New SAMHSA Resources

SAMHSA Video on Ending Chronic Homelessness: Transformation Through Partnerships—Systems Change To End Chronic Homelessness

The DVD video series presents the real-world stories of two cities as they implement strategic planning to coordinate services and collaborate with other organizations. The films chronicle two community organization's efforts to end chronic homelessness. It follows the organizations as they craft internal and external partnerships to leverage resources to effectively meet the multiple needs of persons who are homeless and have mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders. Included in the DVD package are guides for using the videos as planning tools in the community.

Order online at: <http://nmhicstore.samhsa.gov/publications/ordering.aspx>

Culture Card: American Indian and Alaska Native—A Guide to Build Cultural Awareness

The guide is intended to serve as a general briefing to enhance cultural competence while providing services to American Indian/Alaskan Native communities. This is a pocket sized guide with fold out sections that cover the following topics: About This Guide, Myths and Facts, Tribal Sovereignty, Regional Cultural Differences, Cultural Customs, Spirituality, Communication Styles, Role of Veterans and Elders, Strengths in AI/AN Communities, Health and Wellness Challenges, Self-Awareness, and Etiquette Do's and Don'ts.

http://download.ncadi.samhsa.gov/ken/pdf/SMA08-4354/CultureCard_AI-AN.pdf

Nonmedical Use of Adderall® among Full-Time College Students

Adderall® is the brand name for an amphetamine formulation that is prescribed for the treatment of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and for narcolepsy. Under the Controlled Substance Act, Adderall® is classified as a Schedule II drug because of its high potential for abuse and dependence. Data for this report on Adderall® was collected as part of SAMHSA's National Survey on Drug Use and Health module on nonmedical use of prescription-type stimulants. Among persons aged 18 to 22, full-time college students were twice as likely to use Adderall® nonmedically in the past year as those who had not been in college at all or were only part-time students.

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

Exposure to Substance Use Prevention Messages and Substance Use among Adolescents, 2002 to 2007

This short report based on data from SAMHSA's National Survey on Drug Use and Health examines the demographics of youth who were exposed to substance use prevention messages, the sources of such prevention messages, and their impact on youths' cigarette, alcohol, and illicit drug use.

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

Alcohol Treatment: Need, Utilization, and Barriers

Based on SAMHSA's 2007 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 7.8% persons aged 12 or older needed treatment for their alcohol problem in the past year. The majority of those who needed alcohol treatment either did not perceive the need for treatment or did not receive it. Of those who needed alcohol treatment in the past year, 8.1% received treatment at a specialty treatment facility, 4.5% did not receive treatment but felt they needed it, and 87.4% neither received nor perceived a need for alcohol treatment.

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

GAO: Methadone-Associated Overdose Deaths—Factors Contributing to Increased Deaths and Efforts to Prevent Them

This Government Accountability Report (GAO) report examines the regulation of methadone, factors that have contributed to the increase in methadone-associated overdose deaths, and steps taken to prevent methadone-associated overdose deaths. GAO reviewed documents, laws and regulations, data, and research from relevant state and federal agencies, including the Drug Enforcement Administration and SAMHSA. GAO also interviewed federal officials, officials in five selected states, officials from professional associations and advocacy groups, and experts in pain management, addiction treatment, and forensic sciences.

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-09-341>

Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking

The Surgeon General's Call to Action seeks to raise awareness of and promote action on underage drinking and its effects. In addition to bringing attention to underage drinking and its consequences, the Call to Action identifies six goals for prevention and reducing youth drinking. The Report was developed in collaboration with the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and SAMHSA.

<http://ncadistore.samhsa.gov/catalog/productDetails.aspx?ProductID=17616>

New Products from National Center for PTSD

Returning from the War Zone: A Guide for Military Personnel

This guide contains information to help military personnel understand what to expect when returning from a war zone, and to help them to better adapt back to home life.

<http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/ptsd/files/SMGuide.pdf>

Returning from the War Zone: A Guide for Families of Military Members

This guide provides information to help military family members understand what to expect during the reintegration following time in a war zone, and to help them adapt back to home life with their loved one.

PDF Version: <http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/ptsd/files/FamilyGuide.pdf>

New online interactive version: <http://dev.mindandmedia.com/va/narration4/player.html>

PTSD Research Quarterly Newsletter: Epidemiology of the Relationship Between Traumatic Experience and Suicidal Behaviors

This review provides some highlights of the association between traumatic exposures and the risk of suicidal behaviors.

<http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/ptsd/files/pdf/V19N4.pdf>

NIA and HBO Join Forces on Alzheimer's Disease

National Institute on Aging (NIA) is collaborating with the HBO Documentary Films in presenting The Alzheimer's Project, a multi-platform information and outreach effort to bring wider understanding about research in Alzheimer's disease (AD) and greater knowledge of resources for caregivers. The Project, which will debut on HBO on May 10–12, is centered on a four-part series of films—on science and research, children touched by Alzheimer's, and two films focused on people with AD and their caregivers. The Project will also be providing 15 supplemental films featuring interviews with scientists involved in research, offering additional detail and insight into their work, and topics of current scientific interest.

<http://getinvolved.nih.gov/newsbulletins/Esingle.asp?id=899&issue=april2009>

SOAR with NIA

You can find out the latest news in aging research from NIA by reading *Spotlight on Aging Research (SOAR)*, a free electronic newsletter for researchers, aging-service providers, health care professionals, policy makers, and the media. *SOAR* features NIA news and highlights, including stories of discovery and innovation from research initiatives, research highlights from recent papers, links to funding opportunities, and links to publications and other resources.

<http://www.nia.nih.gov/NewsAndEvents/SOAR>

Calendar of Events

Teleconference: A Public Health Approach to Children's Mental Health: A Comprehensive Framework for Health - Call 2

April 16, 2009 1-2:30 PM ET

This SAMHSA National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health call will present a public health approach from the state perspective. Collaboration across systems and sectors, from the child mental health care system to the public health system to all other settings and structures that impact children's well-being is critical, when adopting a public health approach to mental health. This call will highlight the collaboration and coordinating efforts of three states as they have attempted to pull together the variety of systems' efforts.

http://gucchd.georgetown.edu/programs/ta_center/tacalls2009.html

Webinar: Cyber Bullying

April 22, 2009, 3:00-4:30 PM EST

The Health Resources and Services Administration' Stop Bullying Now! Campaign will host a Web cast focusing on how to help prevent cyber bullying and lend support when bullying occurs. The Web cast will include experts in cyber bullying, who will provide current information on the use of cyber technologies and the emerging phenomenon of cyber bullying among youth. Participants will learn about best practices in prevention and intervention.

<http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/adult/indexAdult.asp>

HRC Regional Training: Promoting Wellness: An Integrated Approach to Homeless Service Delivery

May 21-22, 2009 Kansas City, Missouri

SAMHSA's Homelessness Resource Center (HRC) is sponsoring a free training on innovative strategies for providing homeless services and creating environments that are person-centered, recovery-oriented and trauma-informed.

<http://homeless.samhsa.gov/Resource/View.aspx?id=37734>

National Institute of Justice Conference

June 15-17, 2009 Arlington, Virginia

For more than a decade, NIJ's annual conference has brought together criminal justice scholars, policymakers, and practitioners at the local, state and federal levels to share the most recent findings from research and technology. The conference showcases what works, what doesn't work and what the research shows as promising. It puts a heavy emphasis on the benefits to researchers and practitioners who work together to create effective evidence-based policies and practices.

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij_conference/welcome.htm

The 20th NIMH Conference on Mental Health Services Research: Increasing the Efficiency of Research and Mental Health Services Delivery

July 20-21, 2009, Washington DC

Mental Health Services Research 2009 will engage leading minds in addressing the challenge of improving the efficiency of research and practice. Progress will directly promote Strategic Objective 4 of the NIMH Strategic Plan, "Enhancing the Public Health Impact of NIMH-funded Research."

This year's conference is designed to present and discuss research studies that represent the diverse research programs within the Services Research and Clinical Epidemiology Branch of NIMH's Division of Services and Intervention Research and that contribute to a portfolio addressing the need to increase the efficiency of research and mental health services delivery. The goal of MHSR 2009 is to stimulate new ideas and partnerships that will foster innovative mental health services research focusing on improving public health and mental health services delivery.

<http://www.blsmmeetings.net/2009mhsr/>

Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools National Conference

August 3-5, 2009, National Harbor, Maryland

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools National Conference will address issues related to crisis planning; health, mental health, and physical education; broad-based issues related to alcohol, drug and violence prevention; civic and character education; scientifically-based programs; and many other areas concerning drug and violence prevention.

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/news.html>

National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media 2009

August 11-13, 2009 Atlanta, Georgia

SAMHSA is joining with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to sponsor the 2009 National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media. SAMHSA's goal for co-sponsoring the conference is to increase the visibility and presence of mental health and substance abuse service delivery organizations, providers, and advocates. With your help, support, and participation, we can best leverage the new media environment to address the needs of people with or at risk for substance use and mental disorders.

<http://www.cdc.gov/healthmarketing/NCHCMM2009/>

Save the Date: 2010 National GAINS Center Conference

March 10-12, 2010 – Orlando, Florida

The 2010 National GAINS Conference is presented by the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare in conjunction with the SAMHSA Center for Mental Health Services National GAINS Center. The National GAINS Center Conference has been held on a biannual basis since 2000.

<http://www.gainscenter.samhsa.gov/html/conference/default.asp>

Calls for Public Input

SAMHSA Provides a New Online Resource for Ideas and Discussion about Health System Reform

SAMHSA has created a new place on its website for posting and exchanging ideas about the issues and opportunities surrounding the future shape of America's health system – especially on how reform may affect mental health, substance abuse prevention and treatment services. The goal of the website is to provide background information to policy makers and opinion leaders on this important perspective of the health reform discussion. States, local governments, providers, consumers, the recovery community and family members can work together on this website to examine opportunities where health system reform might enhance prevention, treatment, and recovery services to people in need.

<http://www.samhsa.gov/healthreform>

Moving Into the Future: New Dimensions and Strategies for Women's Health Research for the NIH

On May 27-29, 2009, the NIH's Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) is convening the second in a series of four public hearings and scientific workshops to update the Women's Health Research Agenda at the NIH for the coming decade. The meeting is co-hosted by the ORWH and UCSF. The ideas and recommendations emerging from this conference and other regional conferences will help inform future women's health research priorities at the NIH. The conference will include input from a variety of stakeholder groups including: researchers, clinicians, patients, advocacy groups, community organizations, and industry. In addition, many Program Officers and Leaders from NIH Institutes and Centers will actively participate in the event. Stakeholder commentary regarding all areas related to women's health research will be included. In addition, the conference will address specific focus areas related to women's health.

All sessions will be held at: Mission Bay Conference Center at UCSF, San Francisco, California

<http://www.orwhmeetings.com/movingintothefuture>

Funding Information

SAMHSA Accepting Applications for FY 2009 National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative Community Treatment and Services Center Grants

SAMHSA is soliciting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2009 National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative Community Treatment and Services Center Grants. The purpose of these grants is to improve treatment and services for children and adolescents who have experienced traumatic events. The grants fund participation in a national network of intervention developers and service providers who work collaboratively to promote effective community practices for children and adolescents who have been exposed to traumatic experiences. The national network is comprised of three types of centers: the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress, the Treatment and Service Adaptation Centers, and the Community Treatment and Services Centers.

Applications are due by May 6, 2009

http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2009/sm_09_006.aspx

New NIH Recovery Act Opportunity Seeks to Fund High Impact, Large-Scale, Accelerated Research —Goal to Promote Growth and Investment in Biomedical R&D, Public Health and Health Care Delivery

The National Institutes of Health highlighted a new funding opportunity under the Recovery Act that will support approximately \$200 million in large-scale research projects that have a high likelihood of enabling growth and investment in biomedical research and development, public health and health care delivery. The purpose of this new program, the Research and Research Infrastructure "Grand Opportunities" (GO), is to support high impact ideas that lend themselves to short-term funding and may lay the foundation for new fields of scientific inquiry.

<http://www.nih.gov/news/health/apr2009/od-13.htm>

Programmatic Funding Opportunities

Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act Grants

http://samhsa.gov/Grants/2009/sp_09_007.aspx

OJJDP FY 09 Recovery Act National Youth Mentoring Programs

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2009/ARRANationalYouthMentoring.pdf>

Research Funding Opportunities

Selected NIH Request for Applications (RFAs)

[Full listing of NIH RFAs at

http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/search_results.htm?year=active&scope=rfa]

Recovery Act Limited Competition: Supporting New Faculty Recruitment to Enhance Research Resources through Biomedical Research Core Centers (P30)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-09-005.html>

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Novel statistical methods for human gene expression quantitative trait loci (eQTL) analysis (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-09-006.html>

Selected NIH Program Announcements

[Full listing of NIH PAs at

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/search_results.htm?year=active&scope=pa]

Research on Psychopathology in Intellectual Disabilities (Mental Retardation) (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-150.html>

Collaborative R01s for Clinical and Services Studies of Mental Disorders, AIDS and Alcohol Use Disorders (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-153.html>

Pilot and Feasibility Studies in Preparation for Drug Abuse Prevention Trials (R34)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-146.html>



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

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