

National Institute of Mental Health Outreach Partnership Program

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Science and Service News Updates

NIMH: Teaching Teens about Abstinence May Delay Sexual Activity, Reduce Risk Behaviors—Researchers Evaluated Intervention Focusing on Preventive Health and Future Goal Attainment, Not Moral Choices

Teens who received a behavioral intervention centered on abstinence were more likely to delay first sexual contact than teens who received a control intervention focusing on general health promotion, according to an NIMH-funded study. Though differing from federally funded abstinence-only programs, the researchers describe how an abstinence-based intervention may help delay sexual activity among adolescents in the February 2010 issue of the *Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine*.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2010/teaching-teens-about-abstinence-may-delay-sexual-activity-reduce-risk-behaviors.shtml>

NIH: Special Report – Health Concerns in Haiti: Infectious Disease and Mental Health Perspective

NIMH and NIAID Directors, Drs. Thomas Insel and Anthony Fauci, discuss health concerns in Haiti from the infectious diseases and mental illness perspectives in this excerpt from episode 102 of the NIH Research Radio Podcast.

Sound Bite: <http://www.nih.gov/news/radio/feb2010/20100204Haiti.htm>

SAMHSA: New National Study Highlights Substance Use Disorder Treatment Need among Full-Time Workers without Health Insurance

An estimated three million full-time workers in America without health insurance (16.3 percent of all full-time workers without health care insurance) needed substance use treatment in the past year, according to a national survey conducted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Levels of need were particularly high among those who were aged 18 to 25 (24.4 percent) and males (19.2 percent). The survey also revealed that among these uninsured workers in need of substance use treatment only 12.6 percent received treatment at a specialty facility. More than 80 percent of uninsured full-time workers needing treatment in the past year did not perceive a need for treatment. The remaining 6.6 percent of all workers in need of treatment did perceive the need for treatment, but they did not receive it.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1002043538.aspx>

Full Report: <http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/177/UninsuredWorkers.cfm>

Resources: Publications, Toolkits, Other Resources

New on NIMH Directors Blog: Re-Thinking Classification of Mental Disorders

The NIMH Director discusses the Institute's new Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) project. RDoC will build a framework for studying mental illness across basic dimensions of mental functioning – such as emotion and cognition. Cutting across traditional diagnostic categories, it will encompass multiple levels of analysis, from genes to neural circuits to behaviors. RDoC is not intended to supplant the diagnostic systems for practitioners, nor is it expected to even inform the ongoing revisions of the DSM and ICD. In this initial phase, RDoC will be developed for the research community to help break out of diagnostic formulations that may have more reliability than validity. If RDoC is successful, it will yield a robust classification system that will become the basis for NIMH research on mental illness, from etiology to treatment.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2010/re-thinking-classification-of-mental-disorders.shtml>

NIDA InfoFacts: Comorbidity: Addiction and Other Mental Disorders

NIDA's online fact sheet about the comorbidity of addiction and other mental disorders is now available in English and Spanish.

English: <http://www.nida.nih.gov/Infofacts/Comorbidity.html>

Spanish: <http://www.nida.nih.gov/Infofacts/Comorbidity-Sp.html>

NIA: Latest Progress Report on Alzheimer's Disease Research Released

The National Institute on Aging's (NIA) annual report on Alzheimer's disease research is now available. Alzheimer's disease research is moving forward in many scientific domains, providing new knowledge to pave the way for advances in diagnosis, treatment, caregiving and, perhaps one day, prevention of the disease. NIA has primary responsibility for basic, clinical, behavioral and social research in Alzheimer's disease (AD) as well as research aimed at finding ways to prevent and treat AD.

<http://www.nia.nih.gov/Alzheimers/Publications/ADProgress2008/>

SAMHSA: New Recovery Month New Media Newsletter

SAMHSA launches its new *Recovery Month New Media E-Newsletter*, a monthly e-mail to help explain trends in new media and how to successfully apply new media to organization or personal efforts online. Each e-newsletter includes new media news, updates from Recovery Month's new media efforts, a case study on recent innovations online and easy to implement tips related to the case study topic.

<http://www.recoverymonth.gov/Press-Room/New-Media-Newsletters.aspx>

SAFE-T Pocket Card Available

The *Suicide Assessment Five-step Evaluation and Triage (SAFE-T)* pocket card is for mental health clinicians and health care professionals. It provides protocols for conducting a comprehensive suicide assessment, estimating suicide risk, identifying protective factors, and developing treatment plans and interventions responsive to the risk level of patients.

Online: <http://download.ncadi.samhsa.gov/ken/pdf/SMA09-4432/SMA09-4432.pdf>

Order print versions: <http://nmhicstore.samhsa.gov/publications/ordering.aspx>

CDC: Surveillance of Certain Health Behaviors and Conditions among States and Selected Local Areas — Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, United States, 2007

The Behavioral Risk Surveillance System (BRFSS) is an ongoing telephone survey of U.S. adults on health-risk behaviors and the use of preventative health-care services related to the leading causes of death and disability in the United States. This report summarizes the results from the 2007 BRFSS.

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss5901a1.htm?s_cid=ss5901a1_e

AHRQ: Research Summaries

Medicaid Drug Restrictions May Lead to Adverse Events for Psychiatric Patients

Patients who suffer from depression, schizophrenia, or other psychiatric ailments often need medications to manage their conditions. However, to keep Medicaid drug costs low, many States employ cost-control strategies, including preferred drug lists, prior authorization requirements, mandated use of generic drugs, medication limits and step therapies. Yet these cost-control strategies can make getting medications problematic for patients with psychiatric conditions, causing them to experience sometimes-dangerous adverse events, finds a new study funded in part by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/feb10/0210RA15.htm>

Only One-Third of Adolescents are Screened for Emotional Health during Routine Physicals

Most mental health problems begin in adolescence, with half of all lifetime mental health disorders starting by age 14. Yet only about one-third of adolescents reported discussing their emotional health during well-care visits with their primary care providers, according to a new study funded in part by the AHRQ. This rate of screening for emotional distress is lower than screening rates for smoking, substance abuse and sexual activity.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/feb10/0210RA19.htm>

Many Unhealthy People Remain Happy Because They Adapt to Their Medical Conditions

Medical conditions that disrupt daily life, notably debilitating pain and urinary incontinence, are linked to unhappiness. However, less disruptive conditions do not necessarily sow discontent, according to a new study funded in part by an AHRQ grant.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/feb10/0210RA14.htm>

BJA: New Publication Reviews D.A.R.E. Program

In partnership with Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the Center for Court Innovation has released *Lessons from the Battle over D.A.R.E.: The Complicated Relationship between Research and Practice*. This publication provides an overview of the D.A.R.E. program and addresses the different viewpoints of researchers and practitioners on the program's effectiveness.

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/CCI_DARE.pdf

ONDCP Newsletter Addresses Issues Related to Substance Use

The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) announces the first issue of its monthly newsletter *ONDCP Update*. It highlights the forthcoming 2010 Drug Control Strategy, which describes an approach to the challenges faced from the production, trafficking and use of drugs. This issue also presents the results of the 2009 Monitoring the Future study.

<http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/update/>

Calendar of Events

Webcast: Guiding People Toward Change: The Spirit of Motivational Interviewing

February 25, 2010, 12:00 - 1:30 pm ET

This free SAMHSA Homelessness Resource Center webcast will provide insight into the philosophy and foundation of Motivational Interviewing (MI). The presenter will discuss the benefits of incorporating MI into an organization and its services.

<http://homelessness.samhsa.gov/Resource/View.aspx?id=47779>

Conference Call: Advancing a Public Health Approach to Children's Mental Health

February 18, 2010, 2010 1:00 – 2:30 PM ET

SAMHSA's National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health is sponsoring this teleconference to examine a public health approach to children's mental health. This call will present some promising practices in states and facilitate dialogue with early adopters and leaders to explore the concepts of a public health approach. Implementation activities will be shared.

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

Teleconference: SSA's Ticket to Work: The Role of Braided Funding in Mental Health Programs

February 18, 2010 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM ET

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is sponsoring this Ticket to Work Teleconference for mental health organizations currently participating in the Ticket to Work program as well as those interested in learning more about the role of braided funding in successful Program implementation. This teleconference will clarify the relationship between Ticket and Medicaid Funding as well as provide participants with examples of successful braided funding strategies currently at work in New York and Maryland.

<http://www.cessi.net/ttw/registrations/Default.aspx?MeetingID=52>

2010 National GAINS Center Conference

March 17-19, 2010 Orlando, Florida

The SAMHSA Center for Mental Health Services National GAINS Center Conference represents a unique opportunity for practitioners and researchers working at the interfaces of the criminal justice and mental health systems to network, learn and share knowledge on creating effective services for justice-involved individuals with mental illness.

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

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

April 22-23, 2010 Albuquerque, New Mexico

NIDA's 8th Blending Conference presents innovative, science-based approaches that have been proven to be effective in the prevention and treatment of drug abuse and addiction. The conference objectives are to: 1) discuss and disseminate science-based, drug abuse prevention and treatment practices across diverse populations and settings; 2) provide additional resources to enhance knowledge and skill development of science-based practices; and 3) appreciate the value of bi-directional communication to advance the exchange of ideas among drug abuse and addiction researchers and community treatment providers.

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

4th National Conference on Women, Addiction and Recovery

July 26-28, 2010, Chicago, Illinois

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

<http://SAMHSAWomensConference.org>

Calls for Public Input

NIH Basic Behavioral and Social Science Opportunity Network Seeking Input

The NIH Basic Behavioral and Social Science Opportunity Network (OppNet) is seeking input from the scientific community, health professionals, patient advocates and the general public about current and emerging priorities in basic behavioral and social sciences research (b-BSSR) that offer the greatest potential for improving the Nation's health and well-being. This input will inform the OppNet strategic planning process and help OppNet meet its mission of pursuing opportunities for strengthening b-BSSR at the NIH while innovating beyond existing investments.

Responses will be accepted until February 19, 2010.

<http://bbsrresponse.com/>

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

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

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

Application deadline: April 9, 2010

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

Funding Information

CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control Announces Funding Opportunity: Prevention of Suicidal Behavior through the Enhancement of Connectedness

The National Center for Injury Prevention and Control of CDC is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of "Healthy People 2010" and to measuring program performance as stipulated by the Government Performance and Review Act (GPRA). This RFA addresses the "Healthy People 2010" priority area(s) of injury and violence prevention and is in alignment with National Center for Injury Prevention and Control performance goal(s) to conduct a targeted program of research to reduce injury-related death and disability. Awards will be up to \$400,000 per year for 5 years.

Application deadline date is April 29, 2010.

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=jYRhLqvC5n8SwrMFm17JX4ZXphDL2JDQhV4NRcWhbpZwXhxWhb9z!-1179711943?oppId=51411&mode=VIEW>

BJA FY 2010 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program seeks to increase public safety through innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illness or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders who come into contact with the justice system. The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking applications that demonstrate a collaborative project between criminal justice and mental health partners from eligible applicants to plan, implement, or expand a justice and mental health collaboration program. This program is authorized by the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004 (MIOTCRA) (Pub. L. 108-414) and the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-416).

All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. eastern time on April 8, 2010.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10JMHCPsol.pdf>

Programmatic Funding

Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) FY 2010 Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking on Campus Program

<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/final-campus.pdf>

OVW FY 2010 Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Program

<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/fy10-final-transitional-housing.pdf>

OVW FY 2010 Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women Later in Life Program

<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/fy10-abuse-later-life.pdf>

OVW FY 2010 Grants to Enhance Culturally and Linguistically Specific Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Program

<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/fy10-culturally-linguistically.pdf>

OVW FY 2010 Education, Training and Enhanced Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women With Disabilities Grant Program

<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/disability-solicitation.pdf>

Research Funding Opportunities

Selected Request for Applications

Adolescent Medicine Trials Network for HIV/AIDS Interventions

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HD-10-015.html>

Recovery Act Limited Competition: Program to Enhance NIH-supported Global Health Research Involving Human Subjects

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

Recovery Act Limited Competition: Framework Programs for Global Health Signature Innovations Initiative

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

Institutional Clinical and Translational Science Award

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-10-001.html>



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