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SCIENCE AND SERVICE NEWS UPDATES

AWAKE MENTAL REPLAY OF PAST EXPERIENCES CRITICAL FOR LEARNING; BLOCKING IT STUMPS MEMORY-GUIDED DECISION-MAKING IN RATS

Awake mental replay of past experiences is essential for making informed choices, suggests a study in rats. Without it, the animals' memory-based decision-making faltered, say scientists funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The researchers blocked learning from, and acting on, past experience by selectively suppressing replay – encoded as split-second bursts of neuronal activity in the memory hubs of rats performing a maze task.

Press Release: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2012/awake-mental-replay-of-past-experiences-critical-for-learning.shtml>

SAMHSA REPORT SHOWS TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE HELPS IMPROVE OUTCOMES AMONG YOUTH EXPOSED TO TRAUMATIC EVENTS

According to data released by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), children and youth participating in SAMHSA community-based programs who are involved in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems demonstrate improved outcomes after receiving trauma-informed services. This includes reduced behavioral and emotional problems, reduced trauma symptoms, reduced substance use problems, improved functioning in school and in the community, and improved ability to build relationships.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1205144852.aspx>

RESOURCES: PUBLICATIONS, TOOLKITS, OTHER RESOURCES

NIMH DIRECTOR'S BLOG: CITIZEN SCIENCE

NIMH Director Thomas Insel describes presentations at a recent meeting in San Diego which showed how new technologies are being used to change the culture of science, empowering patients, and fueling innovative research approaches. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2012/citizen-science.shtml>

NIH NEWS IN HEALTH ARTICLE: THE SORROW OF SUICIDE

This article discusses how NIH-funded research has helped to open up new avenues for exploring the underlying causes of suicide. While the biological details are still being worked out, scientists have uncovered many clues to identify people at greatest risk for suicidal thoughts and actions.

<http://newsinhealth.nih.gov/issue/May2012/Feature1>

NIDA NOTES: ARTICLES

HOME VISITS BY NURSES TO LOW-INCOME FIRST-TIME MOTHERS YIELD ENDURING BENEFITS

Home visits by nurses to low-income first-time mothers, starting during pregnancy and extending into the second year of their children's lives, have a positive and long-lasting impact on families. The latest findings indicate that the Nurse-Family Partnership program improves outcomes for mothers and children 10 years after its administration and saves the government money. The benefits of the program—now documented among three groups of low-income mothers and children—have led to the expansion of government funding and technical support for states to deliver the intervention. <http://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/nida-notes/2012/04/home-visits-by-nurses-to-low-income-first-time-mothers-lead-enduring-benefits>

ALLEVIATION OF POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER MAY IMPROVE ADDICTION TREATMENT

In a recent National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)-funded study, women responded better to substance abuse treatment after their post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) symptoms improved, but reductions in substance abuse did not ease PTSD severity. The 353 participants in the six-week treatment were patients in seven community-based substance abuse treatment programs in NIDA's Clinical Trials Network. The women received their programs' standard drug treatments, plus 12 group sessions of either Seeking Safety—a cognitive-behavioral therapy with components addressing both trauma and substance abuse—or Women's Health Education, which does not specifically address either problem. The study found that the two added therapies had similar effects. <http://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/nida-notes/2012/04/alleviation-posttraumatic-stress-disorder-may-improve-addiction-treatment>

SAMHSA RESOURCES

PARTNERING WITH YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TO LIVE HAPPY, HEALTHY, PRODUCTIVE LIVES

This archived webcast discusses mental and substance use disorders among teenagers and young adults and effective approaches to preventing underage drinking and use of illicit drugs. It examines the role of family, schools, and community in prevention, treatment, and recovery. <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA12-4674DVD>

CLINICAL DRUG TESTING IN PRIMARY CARE

This guide is for clinical practitioners who provide primary care in office settings and community health centers. The publication provides information that practitioners need when deciding whether to introduce drug testing in their practices, and gives guidance on implementing drug testing.

<http://kap.samhsa.gov/general/news.htm>

SAMHSA BLOG POSTS

LGBT HEALTH: EFFORTS PROMOTING EQUALITY FOR THE LGBT POPULATION

SAMHSA Administer Pam Hyde reviews Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) activities and initiatives to designed to promote equity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered (LGBT) populations. <http://blog.samhsa.gov/2012/05/11/lgbt-health-the-health-and-human-services-departments-efforts-promoting-equality-for-the-lgbt-population/>

MAKING A COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING WOMEN'S PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

This blog post highlights the activities of National Women's Health Week. The week is a national effort led by an alliance of organizations and individuals to raise awareness about manageable steps that women can take to improve their health as well as help underserved women gain access to important preventative health care services. <http://blog.samhsa.gov/2012/05/11/making-a-commitment-to-improving-womens-physical-and-mental-health/>

RESOURCES FROM AHRQ

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER POPULATIONS IN THE 2011 NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES REPORT

LGBT individuals experience differences in receipt of healthcare services and are sometimes denied services. This fact sheet summarizes key findings from the *National Healthcare Disparities Report* related to healthcare for the LGBT population. <http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/nhqrd11/nhdrlgbt11.htm>

EVIDENCE LACKING ON EFFECTIVENESS OF ANTIPSYCHOTICS FOR CHILDREN

Little evidence exists that directly compares the effectiveness or safety of first- and second-generation antipsychotics for treating psychiatric and behavioral conditions in children, adolescents, and young adults, a new research review from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) finds. Mental health problems affect one in every five young people at any given time, and use of antipsychotics for children and adolescents has increased during the past 20 years. Two generations of antipsychotics have been developed since antipsychotics were first used, each with potential side effects. First- and second-generation antipsychotics were generally found to be superior to placebo on symptom improvement and other efficacy outcomes. Future high-quality, head-to-head comparisons are needed to determine the relative effectiveness and safety of various antipsychotics in children, adolescents, and young adults. The research review from AHRQ's Effective Health Care Program includes a paper for researchers and research funders to help improve the comparative effectiveness evidence of antipsychotic medications. <http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productid=835&PCem=EN>

NEWCDC GUIDE TO WRITING FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

This new guide from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) was written to provide guidance and share the lessons learned in more than three years of creating social media messages in CDC health communication campaigns, activities, and emergency response efforts. This guide provides information to help one write more effectively using multiple social media channels, particularly Facebook, Twitter, and mobile phone text messaging. The guide is intended for a beginner audience, although some readers with an intermediate level may find it useful too.

<http://www.cdc.gov/socialmedia/Tools/guidelines/pdf/GuidetoWritingforSocialMedia.pdf>

CDC PREVENTING CHRONIC DISEASE ARTICLES

PREDICTORS OF RISK AND RESILIENCE FOR POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AMONG GROUND COMBAT MARINES: METHODS OF THE MARINE RESILIENCY STUDY

The Marine Resiliency Study is a prospective study of factors predictive of PTSD among approximately 2,600 Marines in four battalions deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. The researchers found a moderate positive relationship between deployment history and PTSD prevalence in these baseline data.

http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2012/11_0134.htm

IMPLEMENTATION OF AN EVIDENCE-BASED DEPRESSION CARE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: PERSPECTIVES FROM STAFF AND FORMER CLIENTS

Although researchers develop evidence-based programs for public health practice, rates of adoption and implementation are often low. The qualitative study described in this report aimed to better understand implementation of the Program to Encourage Active, Rewarding Lives for Seniors (PEARLS), a depression care management program at a Seattle-King County area agency on aging.

http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2012/11_0250.htm

DCOE BLOG POST: HEALTHY COPING SKILLS FOR FAMILIES

This Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DcoE) blog posts provides a summary of a recent webinar about parental deployment and its impact on childrens' psychological health as well as the health of the non-deployed parent. Presenters acknowledged that it can be tough being a military child — adding the stress of a deployed parent increases the risk for adjustment problems as well as emotional and behavioral challenges.

<http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/article.aspx?id=1&postid=363>

RESOURCES FROM REAL WARRIORS

SUICIDE PREVENTION TOOLS FOR WARRIORS

This Real Warriors article reviews resources to aid service members in crisis.

<http://www.realwarriors.net/active/treatment/suicidesigns.php>

REAL WARRIORS, REAL ADVICE PODCAST: RESILIENCE: ADDRESSING STRESS IN PROACTIVE WAYS

This podcast discusses steps that service members can take to build and maintain their psychological resilience. <http://www.realwarriors.net/podcasts/episode015>

REAL WARRIORS, REAL ADVICE PODCAST: HELPING FAMILIES COPE WITH PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH CONCERNS

This podcast discusses how service members can gain valuable insights from the similar experiences of others in the military community. <http://www.realwarriors.net/podcasts/episode016>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

MAY 2012

Mental Health Month was established in 1949 to increase awareness of the importance of mental health and wellness in Americans' lives, and to celebrate recovery from mental illness.

Statement of HHS Secretary: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/05/20120511b.html>

DCoE Mental Health Awareness Month Resources:

<http://www.dcoe.health.mil/MentalHealthAwarenessMonth.aspx>

2012 OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

MAY 2012

Older Americans Month is celebrated each May to honor and recognize older Americans for the contributions they make to our families, communities, and society. This year's theme, "Never Too Old to Play," encourages older Americans to stay engaged, active, and involved in their own lives and in their communities. http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Press_Room/Observances/2012/Older_Americans.aspx

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK

MAY 13–19, 2012

National Women's Health Week is a health observance coordinated by the HHS Office on Women's Health that brings together communities, businesses, government, health organizations, and other groups in an effort to promote women's health. The theme for 2012 is, "It's Your Time." National Women's Health Week empowers women to make their health a top priority. It also encourages women to take specific steps to improve their physical and mental health and lower their risks of certain diseases.

<http://www.womenshealth.gov/whw/>

WEBINAR: PAYING ATTENTION TO MENTAL HEALTH - BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER PREGNANCY

MAY 16, 2012, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition joins the HHS Office on Women's Health in celebrating National Women's Health Week with a webinar on the mental health needs of moms before, during, and after pregnancy. The webinar will offer an overview of this critical issue for maternal-child health, spotlighting the importance of prevention and awareness. Among the topics to be covered: minimizing the long-term effects of mental health problems, how mom's emotional wellness can enhance baby's first year of life, and helpful resources for both providers and parents.

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/359725096>

WEBCAST: CONNECTING WITH YOUR TARGET AUDIENCE USING SOCIAL MEDIA

MAY 16, 2012, 3:00-4:30PM ET

This HHS Maternal and Child Health webcast will provide attendees with an orientation to social media and e-learning technologies. Participants will learn how to leverage social media networks such as Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter in maternal and child health programs. Additionally, case studies which successfully demonstrate the influence of social media will be presented and discussed.

<http://learning.mchb.hrsa.gov/LiveWebcastDetail.asp?leid=289>

WEBINAR: TRAUMA SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT MEASURES FOR CHILD WELFARE

MAY 17, 2012, 12:00 PM ET

This National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) webinar in the Screening and Assessment for Trauma in the Child Welfare Setting Speaker Series will describe, compare, and contrast three specific trauma screening and assessment instruments that have been used extensively within child welfare settings: Trauma Screening Checklist, Child Welfare Trauma Referral Tool, and Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS)—Trauma Version.

http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php?view=day&cal_d=17&cal_m=05&cal_y=2012

WEBINAR: WORKFORCE IN CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH: CORE COMPONENTS TO ENSURE QUALITY

MAY 17, 2012, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

This National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health webinar will explore the status of core workforce strategies or components used by states to ensure quality in children's mental healthcare and present recommendations for increasing progress in this area.

<http://gucchdtacenter.georgetown.edu/resources/2012calls.html>

WEBINAR: HELPING WOMEN: WHAT DO WE KNOW AND HOW CAN WE HELP WOMEN WITH SUBSTANCE USE/MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS?

MAY 17, 2012, 3:00-3:30 PM ET

This SAMHSA Addiction Technology Transfer Network presentation will begin by reviewing data on the prevalence of substance use disorders in women of different ages, women from several cultures, and lesbian and straight women. The presentation will also review findings on consequences of substance use for women's physical and mental health, vulnerability to trauma, and familial and social consequences of abuse.

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/668576434>

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK

MAY 20–26, 2012

SAMHSA's National Prevention Week 2012 will help bring communities together through local events and celebrations that focus on the prevention of substance use and abuse, and the promotion of mental, emotional, and behavioral well-being. These local events will be part of a new national movement to raise awareness around these important behavioral health issues. Each weekday during National Prevention Week 2012 will focus on an important behavioral health issue:

- Monday, May 21 – Prevention of underage drinking;
- Tuesday, May 22 – Prevention of illicit drug use and prescription drug misuse and abuse;
- Wednesday, May 23 – Prevention of alcohol abuse;
- Thursday, May 24 – Prevention of suicide; and
- Friday, May 25 – Promotion of mental, emotional, and behavioral well-being.

<http://blog.samhsa.gov/2012/03/07/helpcelebratepreventionweek2012/>

National Prevention Week Participant Toolkit: <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA12-4687>

WEBCAST: GETTING TO OUTCOMES IN UNDERAGE DRINKING PREVENTION WEBCAST

MAY 21, 2012, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

The SAMHSA/Center for Substance Abuse Prevention will hold a live, interactive webcast about how communities are using Town Hall Meetings to engage individuals and organizations in the use of evidence-based environmental prevention of underage drinking. This webcast supports SAMHSA's National Prevention Week from May 20 to 26, 2012. Monday, May 21, is Underage Drinking Prevention Day.

<https://www.stopalcoholabuse.gov/TownHallMeetings/resources/trainings/webcasts/getting-to-outcomes/Default.aspx>

TELECONFERENCE: FREEDOM FROM TOBACCO: PROVIDING EDUCATION TO SUPPORT WELLNESS LIFESTYLE CHANGES

MAY 22, 2012, 3:00–4:30 PM ET

This SAMHSA's Wellness Initiative training teleconference will provide an overview of the magnitude of tobacco use among people with mental health and substance use disorders and the related morbidity and mortality; the effectiveness of a variety of smoking cessation interventions designed to replace tobacco use with tools for living well, including treating tobacco dependence as a chronic illness; and a peer initiative that is integrating "trauma-informed" and "wellness-informed" practices on both an individual and systemic level to save lives. <http://promoteacceptance.samhsa.gov/10by10/training.aspx>

WEBINAR: OPTIMIZING VISITATION FOR YOUNG TRAUMATIZED CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

MAY 24, 2012, 12:00 PM ET

This NCTSN webinar will address the important role that visitation plays for young foster children and their caregivers, and discuss ways to organize and improve the visit experience. Learn methods for transforming visitation from a frustrating to a therapeutic experience, including ways to manage children's behavior during and after the visit.

http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php?view=day&cal_d=24&cal_m=05&cal_y=2012

WEBINAR: TREATING DEPRESSION IN PRIMARY CARE

MAY 24, 2012, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

This DCoE webinar will discuss the prevalence of depression, screening tools, and interventions that can be used by healthcare providers treating patients in primary care settings.

<http://www.dcoe.health.mil/Training/MonthlyWebinars.aspx>

SAMHSA'S RECOVERY MONTH TWITTER CHAT: #RECOVERYCHAT

MAY 30, 2012, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

Those working with recovery-oriented support services can join SAMHSA to share insights and experience during the Twitter conversation—“Partnerships and Collaboration: Recovery Services, Systems, and Support.” <http://blog.samhsa.gov/2012/05/01/join-samhsas-recovery-month-twitter-chat-on-may-30-recoverychat/>

WEBINAR: SECONDARY TRAUMATIC STRESS AND PROVIDER SELF-CARE IN DISASTER AND TERRORISM SETTINGS

MAY 31, 2012, 2:00 PM ET

This NCTSN webinar in the Secondary Traumatic Stress Speaker Series will address the potential for secondary traumatic stress in disaster and terrorism settings, and outline some recommended actions for preventing and reducing the potentially stressful impact of this work on disaster mental health providers.

http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php?view=day&cal_d=31&cal_m=05&cal_y=2012

WEBINAR: ENSURING ACCESS AND INCLUSION IN HIGHER EDUCATION: RIGHTS, RULES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

JUNE 6, 2012, 3:00-4:30 PM ET

During this SAMHSA webinar, participants will learn about the administrative, legal, and personal issues related to access and inclusion in higher education for students with mental health and substance use problems and about one university that is leading the way in ensuring that students have the comprehensive supports they need to stay in school and pursue their vocational goals.

<http://promoteacceptance.samhsa.gov/teleconferences/archive/training/teleconference06062012.aspx>

WEBINAR: ADDRESSING TRANSITION ISSUES FOR YOUNG FOSTER CHILDREN

JUNE 7, 2012, 12:00PM ET

This NCTSN Zero to Six Speaker Series webinar will discuss the many transitions experienced by—and the challenges transitions pose for—young traumatized children in the child welfare system. Whether responding to the transition from the biological parents' home to a foster home, from foster home to foster home, or the changes accompanying reunification, those working in the child welfare system will benefit from understanding the effects of these transitions and the appropriate methods for facilitating them.

http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php?view=day&cal_d=7&cal_m=6&cal_y=2012

WEBINAR: PRESCRIBING MEDICATIONS TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOMELESS

JUNE 7, 2012, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

This SAMHSA Homeless and Housing Resource Network webinar will address strategies to engage homeless clients in treatment, help people to feel empowered in decision-making regarding taking medication, assist people to adhere to medication regimes, and maintain long-standing relationships with patients.

<http://homeless.samhsa.gov/Resource/View.aspx?id=54366>

WEBINAR: CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT IN MILITARY FAMILIES: COMMUNITY AND MILITARY PARTNERSHIPS

JUNE 19, 2012, 1:00PM ET

This NCTSN webinar in the Military and Civilian Partnerships Series will present current efforts by community-based organizations to support U.S. Military Family Advocacy Programs related to issues of child abuse and child maltreatment. This presentation will describe evidence-based interventions and coordinated models of care for addressing issues of child abuse in military families.

http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php?view=day&cal_d=19&cal_m=6&cal_y=2012

WEBINAR: THE NEED FOR TRAUMA-INFORMED SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT IN JUVENILE JUSTICE SETTINGS: STRENGTHS AND LIMITATIONS OF COMMONLY-USED INSTRUMENTS

JUNE 21, 2012, 1:00 PM ET

This NCTSN webinar in the Screening and Assessment in the Juvenile Justice System Series will discuss the need for trauma-informed screening and assessment in juvenile justice settings, while briefly comparing screenings and assessments. Following the overview, presenters will discuss the strengths and limitations of the MAYSI, and its sensitivity to trauma and traumatic stress. Presenters also will highlight the University of California – Los Angeles PTSD-Reaction Index and its utility in juvenile justice settings. <http://learn.nctsn.org>

5TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS; HEALTH, EMPOWERMENT, RESILIENCE, AND RECOVERY

JULY 17–19, 2012, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

SAMHSA, in partnership with Mental Health Systems, Inc., is hosting this conference to bring together a diverse audience with an interest in prevention, mental health, and addiction services for women and girls. Join with leaders, colleagues, and stakeholders to discuss the current research, innovations, and trends in serving women, girls, and their families. <http://samhsawomensconference.org/>

2012 NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH COMMUNICATION, MARKETING, AND MEDIA

AUGUST 7-9, 2012, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The National Public Health Information Coalition, SAMHSA, and CDC are pleased to announce the sixth annual National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media. This conference brings together individuals representing academia, public health researchers, practitioners from federal and state government, and the private sector, and provides a forum for collegial dialogue within and across these disciplines. The conference is an excellent opportunity to meet with colleagues and shape the future of health communication, marketing, and media practice. <http://www.cdc.gov/NCHCMM/overview.html>

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: INPUT ON THE NIH-INDUSTRY PROGRAM, DISCOVERING NEW THERAPEUTIC USES FOR EXISTING MOLECULES

On December 23, 2011, Congress created a new NIH center, the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS). One aspect of the NCATS mission is to focus on developing innovative new methods and tools to reduce or eliminate barriers to drug and diagnostic development. By developing new methods that can be adopted across the entire medical product development sector, NCATS will enhance others' ability to bring safe and effective products to patients. One important way that NCATS will do this is to develop innovative public-private partnerships with pharmaceutical companies and the biomedical research community. To this end, NCATS is developing the NIH-Industry Pilot Program: Discovering New Therapeutic Uses for Existing Molecules to match discontinued proprietary drug candidates (compounds and biologics) from pharmaceutical companies with the best ideas from the biomedical research community for new therapeutic uses. NIH seeks input from the biomedical research community, potential biotechnology and pharmaceutical company partners, and other members of the public on this proposed therapeutics discovery program and more broadly on how the government can partner with the private sector in this area. Responses will be accepted through June 1, 2012. <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-TR-12-002.html>

COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR AHRQ EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM REPORTS

The AHRQ 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 for:

CHILD EXPOSURE TO TRAUMA: COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERVENTIONS ADDRESSING MALTREATMENT (COMMENTS DUE MAY 30, 2012)

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/research-available-for-comment/comment-draft-reports/?pageaction=displayDraftCommentForm&topicid=298&productID=1056>

FUNDING INFORMATION

HUD ANNOUNCES AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT UNSOLICITED RESEARCH PROPOSALS

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Policy Development and Research has a new authority to accept unsolicited research proposals that address one of the following research priorities: (1) HUD demonstrations, (2) using housing as a platform for improving quality of life (including health), (3) the American Housing Survey data, or (4) housing technology. In accordance with statutory requirements, the research projects must be funded at least 50 percent by philanthropic entities and/or federal, state, or local government agencies. Proposals may be submitted at any time and will be evaluated as they are received. <http://oup.org/news/whatsnew.asp?id=799>

HRSA: MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EDUCATION AND TRAINING GRANTS

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=4ADFE828-290C-46A0-88CF-3A0D6F5BC827>

SAMHSA: 2012 CAMPAIGN FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION AWARDS

<http://promoteacceptance.samhsa.gov/CSI/awards/2012awards.aspx>

SAMHSA: PRIMARY AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE INTEGRATION

http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2012/sm_12_008.aspx

SAMHSA: IMPLEMENTATION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR EXPANSION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES PROGRAM

http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2012/sm_12_003.aspx

SAMHSA MINORITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

<http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1205113214.aspx>

RAPID ASSESSMENT POST-IMPACT OF DISASTER

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-180.html> (R03)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-181.html> (R21)

NATIVE AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTERS FOR HEALTH

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-182.html>

IDENTIFYING HEALTH OUTCOMES ASSOCIATED WITH CHANGES IN USE OF ILLICIT DRUGS

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-13-007.html>

OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH: FY12 YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (YEP)

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=169220>



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 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 about the program please visit: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partners>. To subscribe to receive the **Update** every two weeks, go to: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/subscribe-to-the-update.shtml>

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